

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUER



Holcomb Wants General Topics

It has long been my opinion that the contest in Extemporaneous Speaking is the most practical of the speech contests. I do think, however, that we should strive to make it really an extemporaneous contest and to give the students topics that are more interesting.

There were so few topics this last year that one had only to write out a few speeches and the chances were he would be able to draw one that he had prepared, word-for-word.

Also, I am opposed to the using of definite topics. I hold the conviction that more interesting general topics might be chosen and that new ones should be published in the LEAGUER right up to the time of the State meet.

My recommendation is that we no longer publish definite topics, and if we are to use general topics to select those that are more timely, and to increase the number.

Some have suggested that instead of publishing topics that we hold the students responsible for material in *Newsweek*, *Scholastic*, and *Time* magazines from January 1 until the time of the contest. The students would probably profit more from such a plan than from the use of topics as we have used them in the past.

Regardless of the plan used, a new set of subjects should be made up for each of the meets—District, Regional, and State. These suggestions come from one who feels that the University Interscholastic League is doing the schools and the boys and girls in these schools a great service in sponsoring contests in literary as well as athletic events.—John R. Holcomb, Speech Director, Reagan High School, Houston.

League Legislators To Confer Nov. 2

REPORT on new policies under discussion by the League will be presented by members of the Advisory Council at their annual session with League officials in Austin, beginning at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, November 2.

Among the problems which have confronted the legislative body of the University Interscholastic League are: reclassification, baseball, restoration of boys' and girls' debate in Conference AA, spring training and transfer rules, and girls' athletics.

Recommendations will be made by this group which will be forwarded to the State Executive Committee for final action. The conference will be held in an Austin hotel, adjoining before the Texas-S.M.U. game.

Schools Becoming More Film-Minded

THE use of films, slides and other visual aids has increased at a tremendous rate in public schools," stated D. W. McCavick, director of The University of Texas Visual Instruction Bureau.

In 1941 there were only 280 schools in Texas served by the Visual Instruction Bureau. In 1945, there were 623 schools and this year, 1021 schools are using the service.

Films are by no means a "filler" for a class period, Mr. McCavick pointed out, as there is emphasis on producing materials in the course which will be of special value.

Wilson Changes Schools

J. D. Wilson, superintendent of schools at Ballinger, has been named head of the public schools at Hillsboro.

The Hillsboro public schools and the Hillsboro College have recently been separated. L. M. Hartsfield, president of the college and city superintendent, will now give his full time to the college.

Bruce Roach Named New League Speech Director

BRUCE ROACH, former head of the Waco High School speech department where he directed two State Champion One-Act Play casts, is the new State Director of Speech Activities of the Interscholastic League.

Recently discharged from the Navy where he served with the Pacific Fleet as torpedo officer, ordnance division officer, public relations officer, as well as welfare and athletics officer, Mr. Roach has been on the speech faculty at North Texas Agriculture College, Arlington, during the summer session.

Taught Seven Years

He has been active in speech and drama work for seven years as a teacher, spending two years at Reagan High School, and the next five at Waco High School where he was in charge of all dramatic productions and Interscholastic League work. Coaching



Bruce Roach

students in League contests including Debate, Declamation, Extemporaneous Speech, and One-Act Play contests, he has sent a number of regional winners to the State Meet.

His direction of "Happy Journey" which won first place in the State One-Act Play contest in 1942 won him recognition among speech directors throughout the state. His record of bringing winning casts to the State Contest in 1941 and 1942 has never been broken.

Radio is another of his strong points. He directed the Radio

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Camera Club at Dayton Popular

Training in photographic composition, developing, printing and enlarging of films is being given to members of the Campus Clickers Club at Dayton High School.

"This photography work was begun at Dayton High School four years ago when a graduate of our school donated his personal equipment. Since that time we have been gradually adding to our stock until today we have a fairly well equipped darkroom," writes Hugh Dunagan, principal.

The club meets twice each week, with membership by election. Among the equipment purchased last year is a cycon automatic printer, a Federal enlarger, a Roto-print dryer and a circulating washer.

Clickers finance their activities by taking any photography job for nominal charges, making personalized valentines, post cards and other novelty items.

McAllen Names Principal

Mr. Don Irwin, faculty member for seven years, has been appointed acting principal of the McAllen High School.

LITERARY SERIES BROADCAST AGAIN

"Reading Is Adventure" will be substituted this year for the "Forward With America" series of programs broadcast daily by the Texas School of the Air.

The programs will follow the same schedule with "Reading Is Adventure" on the air at 11:15-11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The classroom guide may be secured by teachers if they will write their local Common School Superintendent, or City School Superintendent, or by contacting the Radio and Visual Division of the State Department of Education.

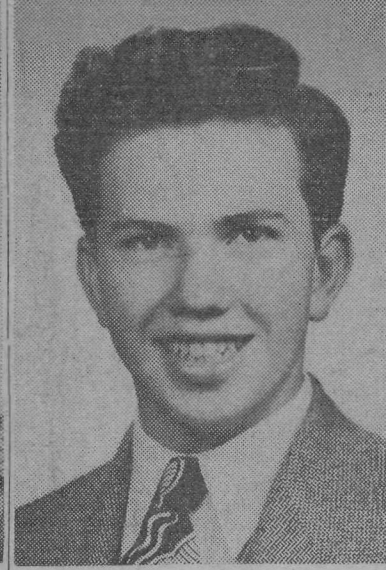
Extemporaneous Speakers Win State Championships



Dorothy McReynolds Reagan H. S. (Houston)

CHOSEN "the most representative girl" by her classmates, Dorothy Ann McReynolds of Reagan High School, Houston, winner of first place in the girls' division of the Extemporaneous Speech Contest, has an outstanding record of achievement during her high-school career.

Editor-in-chief of the school annual, secretary of the debate club, secretary of the Honor Society, winner of the American Legion and the D.A.R. citizenship awards, Dorothy Ann finished first in her class with a straight "A" record. She served as president of the sophomore class and as vice-president of the junior class, was the accompanist for the choral club, president of the Reagan Red Coats drill squad, and delivered the commencement address.



Rush Moody Reagan H. S. (Houston)

ADDDING to his forensic honors, Rush Moody, 15 year old junior at Reagan High School, Houston, received first place in Boys' Division of Extemporaneous Speech at the State Meet.

During his two and a half years in high school, Rush has made an outstanding record in his speech work and his records, being an all "A" student. He holds the office of vice-president and the first chair alto-clarinet in the band, and the degree of honor in the National Forensic League. A member of the National Honor Society, and Hi-Y Fellowship, he has been selected to work on the school yearbook staff next year as well as on the school debate team.

Last year in a city-wide contest based upon knowledge of government and the Constitution, Rush won the \$100 prize, competing against 2400 students.

Champions of '46 State Meet Listed By League

More Than 1,200 Delegates Attended the Thirty-sixth Annual Interscholastic League at Austin in May

THE annual Interscholastic League State Meet proved to be one of the most widely publicized meets held on the campus of The University of Texas with a state-wide radio hook-up during the finals and complete coverage by wire services and Texas dailies.

Entries for literary and tennis events totalled 365, track and field 338, approximately 250 students attended the Interscholastic League Press Conference, and scores of sponsors, coaches, and fans were at the meet.

Movie cameras caught the finals of the track and field show and the operators, Dr. D. K. Brace, and D. W. McCavick of the Visual Instruction Bureau made informal shots of the literary contestants. These films are available for schools requesting them.

Winners Listed

A complete list of winners in both literary and track and field contests which can be kept as a permanent record of the 1946 State Meet follows:

Literary Events

Boys' Declamation
1. John Wild, Austin

2. Max Randolph, Abilene
3. A. G. Power, Sunset (Dallas)

Girls' Declamation

1. Mary Ann Bennett, Sunset (Dallas)
2. Billye Jean Jones, Midland
3. Mary Ruth Boone, Woodsboro

Boys' Extemporaneous Speech

1. Rush Moody, Reagan (Houston)
2. Jack Yonge, Abilene
3. Harry Smith, Austin

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State Directors Report Problems

Kidd Finds League Questions Identical With Other Associations'

COMMON problems that confront each state in carrying out its interscholastic program were discussed at the first annual summer conference of the executive officers of state associations June 27-29 at Blaney Park, Michigan.

R. J. Kidd, acting director of the University Interscholastic League, reported the highlights of the session were the informal discussions on baseball, girls' athletics, music, amateur rules, all-star games and the "philosophy on athletics," all issues of importance to the League.

Baseball Discussed

"The group spent considerable time on the topic of incorporating summer baseball into the state associations' programs as the League plans to carry out this year," stated Mr. Kidd.

"Minnesota has set up a baseball league which will open in the summer of 1947, closing with a State Championship race. This program will be financed largely out of basketball receipts. Players eligible at the close of the school term in the spring will be eligible as far as the graduate rule is concerned until the close of the tournament," he continued.

"Iowa had a baseball plan in operation this summer with 100 teams competing in the state race. As in Minnesota, the coach must be a full-time employee and players must be eligible under the State Association rules."

Girls' Athletics Disapproved

"Illinois and Oregon have organized girls' athletics," the acting director reported. "The Illinois High School Association employs a full-time secretary to direct and supervise the program which includes golf, tennis and archery interschool contests. Competition is not on an interschool basis in Oregon but is conducted as an intramural activity."

"By a large majority, the group expressed disfavor with the idea of building a high-powered athletic program for girls."

"Illinois has a very successful band and music plan, Mr. Kidd brought out," which has been in operation since 1939 and has worked out to the satisfaction of both the music educators and the school administrators. Oregon and Kansas also sponsor music contests.

"All of the representatives present were interested in working out an amateur rule that will be generally acceptable to the majority of the states," Mr. Kidd said.

All states have different amateur rules; however, none considered it a violation if trips were provided to college football games by the school. A number prohibit outside organizations from giving high-school athletes any kind of an all-expense trip.

All-Star Games Vetoed

The question of all-star games was one of the leading topics for discussion. It was the unanimous opinion that all-star games should be prohibited, and no high-school coach or high-school facilities should be allowed to have a part in the promotion or sponsorship of such games. It was also pointed out that in many of the states any boy who took part in an all-star game forfeited his eligibility rights for any further participation in interschool contests.

"In a few states," Mr. Kidd explained, "all-star games are permitted provided the state association received all the money, in order to discourage the promotion of these games. Schools are not even permitted to lend their uniforms and equipment for all-star play."

LEAGUERS TO BREAKFAST

The Interscholastic League Breakfast will be held in the assembly room of the Y.M.C.A. in Houston Saturday, November 30, at 7:30 a.m. during the general convention of the Texas State Teachers' Association November 29-30.

School Administrators Prefer League Supervision of Music

Beginning September 1, Clinics, Festivals, Band and Orchestra Contests Will Be Held Under The Direction of the League

AS A RESULT of a poll of school administrators and teachers which showed an overwhelming preference for the move, music activities are incorporated in the University Interscholastic League program starting September 1, 1946.

Masonic Home Chief Retires

Tom Fletcher Seeks Rest After 25 Years' Service As Superintendent



Thomas Fletcher

TOM FLETCHER, who has been friend, father, and teacher to hundreds of girls and boys at the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth, retired from his office as superintendent after 25 years of service.

News of Superintendent Fletcher's leaving the Home appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in December, 1944, but until July 1 of this summer he was still on the job.

Back in 1911, when the Interscholastic League needed friends to promote the idea of competition on an organized basis among Texas schools, one of the most enthusiastic workers was this head of the Home for Masonic children who was then at The University of Texas.

Taught at Sul Ross

Mr. Fletcher came to the Masonic Home from Sul Ross State Teachers' College at Alpine, which he had helped to build and for which he organized the first faculty. He succeeded the late Walter Acker as president.

From 1911 to 1919, Mr. Fletcher was assistant to the president of The University of Texas. During World War I he was on the University examining board for applicants for officer training camps.

Active in all Masonic bodies since coming to Fort Worth, he served one year as president of the Rotary club and as vice-president and director of the Trinity State Bank and its forerunner, the Morris Plan Bank. In 1934 he was president of the Masonic Home Executives of the United States. He had been the reigning officer of the Red Cross of Constantine and has received the honorary 33rd degree for Scottish Rite work.

Bids "Children" Goodby

Over a year ago Tom Fletcher told his "children" goodby at a farewell dinner attended by more than 200 ex-students. But this summer, the big, good-natured man, now 68 years old, says, in a letter to the League headquarters, "I'm tired and need a period of rest and relaxation." Apparently he means it now, as Mr. Harvey Williams, former principal of Austin High School, has taken over Mr. Fletcher's duties.

360 Texans Will Walk to Death

This year approximately 360 Texans will "walk themselves to death," predicts the Texas Safety Association. For the most part, they will walk with the traffic and will come from behind parked cars to be struck down. Others will meet death while crossing at intersections against the signal and while crossing diagonally across the street. These predictions are based on totals for the first six months of this year in consideration of newly developing tendencies in the pedestrian accident field.

"For a number of years, Texas school administrators have been urging that music contests in public schools be administered by the University Interscholastic League," Dean T. H. Shelby of the Division of Extension and chairman of the League executive committee, reported.

Confer in Austin

"At a conference of the Texas Association of School Administrators and the Texas Music Educators' Association in Austin, June 14-15, the group decided to send a ballot to school administrators containing a general plan which was to be voted yes or no.

The returns showed that 176 schools favored League supervision of music contests and only 13 opposed it. Thus 93.2 per cent of the schools participating in the poll were favorable to the proposal.

From the School Administrators and the Music Educators' organizations, a committee of five from each group will confer with League officials on rules and regulations.

Director to be Selected

General plans specify that clinics, festivals, contests of public school activities such as bands, orchestras, and choral clubs, be placed under the direction of the League. A full-time music director will be appointed, who will direct the music activities from the League headquarters.

"The extension division of The University of Texas is very pleased that the school men of the state have asked us to take over the music contests in public schools," Dean Shelby said. "This cultural activity will aid in rounding out the League's program."

League Restores Choral Singing

NOT a newcomer but merely an absentee, Choral Singing appears once more on the League program this year for the first time since 1942-43.

This contest, always a favorite among rural and grade school students, is undertaken in cooperation with the State Department of Education through the State Director of Music, Miss Nell Parmley.

Entries are classified into two divisions: choirs of less than twenty students and choirs exceeding twenty students.

Music for the contest this year includes selections chosen for their charm and variety, ranging from French and Italian folk tunes to compositions by Schubert, Chopin and Liszt. All songs appear in the "Interscholastic League Song Book," 1946-47, published by the League, and are arranged in groups for unison and two-part singing.

Bloomburg Takes Meet by Storm

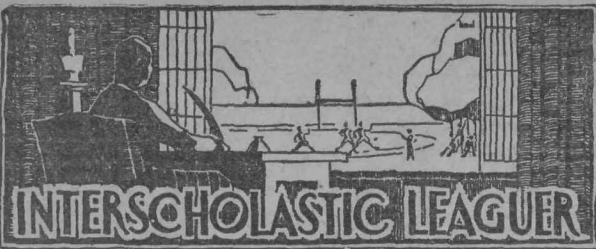
SUPERINTENDENT of Bloomburg Public Schools, J. Wilmot Fite, is "bustin' out all over" with pride over the remarkable record his League contestants made in the district meet, and we don't blame him.

They entered twenty-one events and won fourteen first places, three seconds and three thirds.

First place in these events: high-school arithmetic, grade school arithmetic, 5th and 6th grade spelling, shorthand, high-school ready writer, grade school ready writer, senior girls' declamation, senior boys' declamation, senior boys' volleyball, junior boys' and junior girls' volleyball, and girls' division of extemporaneous speech.

Second place in the following events: grade school junior girls' declamation, junior boys' volleyball, and senior girls' play-ground ball, and senior girls' spelling and typing.

Third place winners in high-school spelling, 7th and 8th grade spelling and typing.



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WHEN SOME discouraged superintendent opens the door to his classroom this fall, stares wistfully at the empty desk before some 30 youngsters, and yearns for the "little woman who isn't there," perhaps he can gather some comfort from the fact that there are four of his fellow schoolmen who have no teachers at all.

Just how bad is the teacher shortage? The best answer is found in the results of a survey conducted in July by the Texas State Teachers' Association. The over-all shortage picture is—12.6 per cent vacancies with a sadder outlook. Figures for rural schools show 17 per cent vacancies in their faculties.

Before September 1, there were 4,266 vacancies out of 33,681 positions available in the state, Mr. Charles Tennyson, director of public relations for the Association, reported. Out of 1250 questionnaires mailed, he received 804 replies on which he based his report.

The survey covered these questions: How many positions are available? How many vacancies do you expect by the time school opens? What are your salary increases?

The big cities seem to be suffering the least. Houston, for example, out of 2500 positions had only 50 vacancies. Dallas, out of 1735 positions, reported only 20 jobs to be filled, and also showed salary increases from 10 to 15 per cent.

In the smaller towns from the oil fields of East Texas to the most northern border towns, the story seems about the same. Brownsville with 81 positions, needed 15 teachers, even with a 20 per cent increase in pay. Kingsville raised their teachers' salaries 8 per cent and lacked 21 teachers to round out their staff of 110. Wink needed 5 more teachers and had granted a 15 per cent pay-hike. Gatesville agreed on a 5 per cent increase and lacked 4 teachers out of a faculty of 48.

Results of the poll showed 50 per cent of the schools, excluding Equalization schools, of course, had given their faculty some sort of living adjustment. Increases ranged from 5 to 40 per cent.

There is no mystery . . . no secret . . . why superintendents of State Aid schools have been traveling this summer throughout the State for teachers for their 1, 2, 3, 8 teacher schools, or for the consolidated schools. Their salaries are fixed by law. Maximum salary for a schoolman or woman with 10 years of experience and a Ph.D. degree is \$1485; ten years and a M.A. degree brings only \$1458. And the salary for the newcomer, who has one year college training, is \$1215.

There are 2900 schools operating under the Equalization (Rural Aid or State Aid) plan, who have 16,062 teaching positions. Last year there were 478,000 scholastics in these schools. Next year's census will doubtlessly show even more. Any relief in sight? No, not for 10 years, says Miss Miriam Dozier, secretary to the teachers' appointment committee at The University of Texas. Our teacher "crop" is short also. Usually 1,000 register for jobs. This year only 300 were on Miss Dozier's files.

Superintendents have had a long, hard summer. One traveled over 700 miles to fill four positions, and admitted he was whipped. "I used to interview the teacher-prospects. Now they put me through a third degree, and then decline!"

Today's Johnny doesn't have to dream of burning down the schoolhouse, especially if he lives in a farm community. He knows the teacher will have her hands so full trying to teach five grades instead of one that she won't notice him. And there's always the chance that maybe SHE won't come back next year.

CONCERT PIANISTS, judges, and taxidermists are just a few of the interesting careers Interscholastic League State Meet winners have carved for themselves since they, somewhat nervously perhaps, took part in the finals in Austin during their "teens."

In preparing a special section of the yearbook, which the League will publish during the coming year, requests for biographical sketches were mailed to hundreds of winners who had taken top honors as far back as 1911. Answers came back from all corners of the continent, several from

The University Interscholastic League Directory

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Region V: Mr. J. O. Webb, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Houston.
Region VI: Mr. Pat H. Norwood, Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos.
Region VII: Dr. S. W. Bass, College of Arts and Industries, Kingville.
Region VIII: Mr. Wm. F. Webb, College of Mines, El Paso.
*Absent on Leave until February 1, 1947.

Japan, and one from Canada, written by top-flight executives, clergymen, artists, teachers, coaches, architects, oil men, doctors, lawyers, politicians, housewives, college students, and men who had served in all branches of the service. Letters were also received from mothers and fathers, telling how their sons had died during the war.

While limited space will not permit the full account of the experiences of these ex-Leaguers—and many of them are rich and colorful—an effort will be made to show what has become of these League winners.

One point was definitely established in this wide-ranged correspondence—whether with a former track star who is now selling steel pipes, an ex-tennis champion now mothering five children, or an ex-debater now presiding over a court—they are all very sentimental about their League honors. And through the column in the LEAGUER and in the pages of the Yearbook, they will learn the League is equally proud of them.

DIRECTORS of all meets are urged, begged and beseeched to read the newly revised 1946-47 issue of the League's Constitution and Rules which we hope is in a more or less handy spot on your desk. Every year we find strong evidence indicating that this section of the "little gray book," which is the Bible of the League, has been neglected like a doctor's bill.

Among the warnings included in the Introduction appears that concerning the closing date for payment of fees. When administrators of schools fail to observe the deadline of January 15—regardless of the excuse—there are no exceptions.

Interscholastic League Calendar 1946-47

- September 1.—Fees for 1946-47 accepted—Constitution and Rules available for distribution. Keep membership receipt on file. NOTE.—Grade schools and junior high schools need only register. No fee required.
- September 15.—Last day for filing acceptance of Football Plan.
- September 18.—Last day for meeting of District Football Committee, to be called by Temporary Chairman.
- November 15.—Last day for filing acceptance of Basketball Plan and district organization.
- November 30.—Last day for certifying District Football Champions.
- January 15.—Last day for paying membership fee.
- February 2.—Last day for filing entry in One-Act Play Contest.
- February 15.—Last day for organizing District Meets.
- February 22.—Last day for certifying Conference AA, A, and B District Basketball Champions.
- March 1.—Regional Basketball play-offs for Conference A and B, and Bi-district Basketball play-offs for Conference AA.
- March 6, 7, 8.—State Basketball Tournament.
- March 14 and 15.—First week-end for holding Conference A and B District Meets.
- March 28 and 29.—Last week-end for holding Conference A and B District Meets.
- April 5.—First week-end for holding Area Meets. These meets are arranged by the State Office.
- April 12.—Last week-end for holding Area Meets.
- April 12.—Last week-end for holding Conference AA District Meets.
- April 19.—Regional Meets.
- May 2 and 3.—State Meet.*

*Beginning with 1947 the State Meet will be held on Friday and Saturday.

Adoption of Public Relations Program in Schools Urged

ATHLETICS in almost every high school get the lion's share of publicity in the local press. In the average football-conscious community, the majority of the team's fans can reel off names and positions of every man on the squad and probably their weights and strong-points. But what about the other activities and services of the school which are too often bypassed?

Every personality in the public eye knows the value of "controlled" publicity today. Every industry realizes its gross receipts are closely aligned with the amount of "good copy" turned out by its public relations staff. Churches, civic organizations, and sponsors of various causes and drives, keep the public well informed of their programs. They know it pays.

Schoolmen becoming aware of what about the most vital factor in our social system today—education? Colleges and universities know the importance of public relations. And now, following their example, high-school administrators are becoming aware that their towns and cities must be told about the school, about special courses, extra-curricular activities, the accomplishments of the students, their interests and talents . . . while it is news. And schoolmen know that they have an avidly reading public hunting for just these items.

Williams Urges Program Rhea Williams,* assistant to the director of the University Interscholastic League, has completed a study on the importance of "Interpreting Your School to Your Community."

"If our communities are to support a forward looking program of free public education, they must be told what the schools are doing for the students. They must be told, not once a year in a formal report, but day after day, week after week, from September to June and in vacation time. They must be told through every voice the school can command. They must be made to see as well as hear. They must feel pride in the achievements of the schools," comments Mr. Williams.

*Two more articles will follow in later issues of the Interscholastic Leagueur by Mr. Williams on "Media" and "Techniques" for public relations in public schools.

"Any good public relations program is based on an effort to get the whole public to feel that they are partners in the enterprise which your school is conducting," Mr. Williams points out. "A functional public relations program grows out of the activities of the school and soon permeates every activity in the school," he continues. "The pupils and their activities provide the program, through assemblies, athletic contests, exhibits, music, declamation, shorthand, typing, spelling, demonstrations, etc. Is your school using these features of your program for public relations? Does your school inform the public that typing and shorthand are available for all students and that the best students yearly represent the school in the Interscholastic League contests? Patrons should be told of all educational aspects of the program, not merely that John Jones will represent his high school in League contests. That's news—but it's not all the news."

Information Brings Results A steady flow of educational information on the needs of the school, possibilities of a new building, news on other features of the school plant might well determine the passing or failure of a bond election to finance the new plant. "The public information program keeps patrons and citizens sufficiently educated in school affairs to win their active interest and enables them to participate intelligently in them; it stimulates self-criticism on the part of education," reports Mr. Williams, "and promotes effective cooperation between home and school."

Schools are waking up to this weakness of their general pattern. Special courses in public relations are being offered to school personnel and they are taking advantage of these.

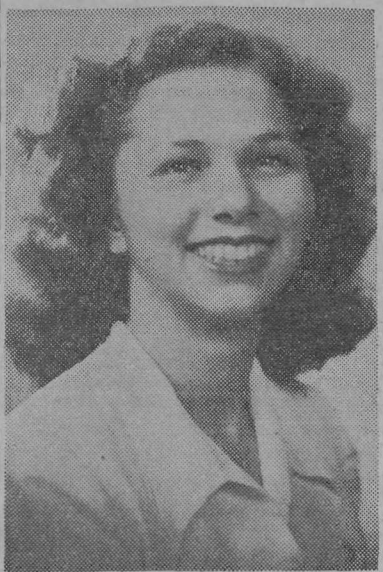
National games and sports may be no index to the character of a nation, but some are linked closely enough with certain countries to be called "characteristics." Here are 12 examples:

- United States—baseball.
- England—cricket.
- Russia—soccer.
- Ireland—soccer.
- Argentina—soccer.
- Spain—bull fighting.
- Mexico—bullfighting.
- Cuba—baseball or jai-alai.
- Japan—baseball.

—N. Y. Times Magazine.

Talented Writer Wins 2nd Place

Houston Journalist Aspires To Drama Critics Post For Life Work



Jeanine Eminian
Stephen F. Austin High School
Houston

GRADUATE of Stephen F. Austin High School, Jeanine Eminian, Houston, won first place in the feature story writing and third place in reporting at the State Meet, which qualified her as second ranking contestant in the Journalism Contest.

With a scholarship standing of A, Jeanine was second high honor graduate in her class, senior class poet and editor of the school paper in 1945. She was a member of the Colonial-Scottish Brigade, president of the Speech Club in 1945-46, winner of first place in the Pillsbury Contest, a member of the National Honor Society, captain of the Bowling League, secretary of Quill and Scroll, and a delegate to the I.L.P.C. in 1945.

U.T. Bound The University of Texas is her destination this fall where she will continue her journalism studies which she hopes will ultimately prepare her for a career as drama critic. While at the University, she will be correspondent for the Houston Post. Her plans for the future include a master's degree at Columbia University.

Jeanine has a wide collection of interests, including music with Gershwin, Chopin, and Victor Herbert heading her list of favorite composers, besides plays, light opera, reading, swimming, bowling, tennis, horseback and bicycle riding. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Eminian, 1910 Jean Street, Houston, Texas.

League Appoints Speech Director

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House at Waco, conducted the Radio Speech class, and studied in this field at Baylor University and the University of Southern California.

During his college career at Baylor, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1935, he took leading parts in radio and dramatic work on the campus where he developed a good radio voice and stage presence for all dramatic acts. While studying at the University of Southern California, where he received his Master of Arts degree in 1938, he did special work at the Pasadena Playhouse and the Southwest Summer Theater.

Popular Speaker During his stay in Waco, he gained a wide reputation as an interesting speaker in religious, club and university circles. He conducted a men's class in a Waco Baptist Church, and was a member of the choir. In 1941 he won the Golden Gloves Championship title. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

In the League Mr. Roach will have charge of the One-Act Play contest, the promotion of debate, extemporaneous speech and declamation activities. He is filling the vacancy created by the resignation of F. L. Inship, former speech director.

Texas Highway Maps Ready

The Texas Highway Department has announced that limited quantities of its first post-war color travel map have rolled off the presses. The post-war edition carries a small-scale map of the United States, the usual large-scale insets of Texas metropolitan areas, strip maps of the main Texas travel routes and the Pan-American Highway into Mexico. It gives mileages between towns and carries a supplementary mileage chart. The highway marking system is explained with illustrations, and there is a column of miscellaneous facts about the nation's largest State. Twenty-six color pictures depict typical Texas scenes.

PERSONALITIES IN THE LEAGUE

THERE could be no greater winner selected to lead off this list of League star's biographies than Johnny Sprague, who won the Discus Throw Contest in 1933, representing Adamson High School, Dallas.

Johnny, later Captain John Sprague of the 36th Division, died a hero's death at Salerno, Italy, September 13, 1943, according to a news story, "dying on the battlefield exactly as he had lived on the football field . . . blocking for a teammate, Capt. Sprague dived in front of a buddy to protect him from the surprise spray of a hidden German machine gun."

A member of the "greatest football family in Texas," he was captain of the football and track team at Adamson High School, was co-captain of the S.M.U. squad which played in the Rose Bowl in 1936, and enlisted in the National Guard and later the Army in 1940-41.

Sportswriters and gridiron fans, remember Johnny as a big blonde back on the Mustang team which went through 12 games without a loss. Men of the "Fightin'" 36th Infantry Division remember him as "one of the greatest guys they had ever known," who was the third man to hit the beach at Salerno, and who incited in his men the custom of saying grace before meals.

His eldest brother, Mortimer, (Bud), a graduate of The University of Texas, went to West Point, and is now vice president of the Home Insurance Company in New York City. He attended the Yalta conference.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sprague, his parents, 319 East 12th Street, Dallas, received Johnny's posthumous citation for valor, the Silver Star.

May Reo Harrison, now Mrs. Merton R. Bell of Abilene, who was active in speech and journalistic circles in Abilene High School before graduating in 1933, was a member of the cast winning the One-Act Play Contest in 1930.

While at Abilene Christian College she assisted Mr. Don H. Morris, who was then head of the speech department, and later taught in schools in Brownfield, Denison, Dallas and Abilene. She did extensive radio work over Station KRBC, Abilene. She and her husband and sixteen month old son are contemplating moving to San Diego, Calif., soon.

F. A. Hardman, winner of State Debate, boys' division, in 1926 with Will C. Morris, representing Brackett High School, attended the San Antonio Junior College for one year and then left for the Mediterranean and England with the Merchant Marine.

Returning to San Antonio he took up his father's business, taxi-drome, which he operated until 1943. During the war he served in the Pacific as a tugboat operator.

After receiving his discharge from the army, Mr. Hardman is back with his animals, writing fiction during his spare time. He has had stories in Story Magazine, Esquire and Frontier. His present address is 804 Pleasanton Road, San Antonio, Texas.

Larry Wolf, winner of the 440-yd. dash at the 1940 State Meet, outstanding athlete at Highland Park High School, Dallas, was another League star killed during the war.

Serving with the 358th Bomber Squadron of the 303d Bomber Group in England with the 8th Air Force, Larry lost his life while on a strategic mission over Frankfurt.

His Captain wrote this to his parents, "Larry made a perfect bombing of the objective and while the crew was rejoicing over the results, from out of nowhere forty German planes attacked them. Larry shot down two, but was instantly killed a few seconds later." He is buried in the West Cemetery at Rheims, France.

During his high-school days, Larry rung up a fine record of achievements: President of his class, president of the National Honor Society, member of the football and track team; he was co-captain of the 1941 track team, and received the Four Year Linz pin and the Seay Memorial Trophy for football.

Low Film Cost Shown

"Cost of film now runs \$6.00 per reel and from 12 to 14 reels are needed for the average football game," D. W. McCavick, director of the Visual Instruction Bureau at The University of Texas, figures.

The next few months should see considerable improvement in the availability of cameras.

Denton Awarded I.L.P.C. Title

Versatile Bonham Journalist Is Familiar With Editing And Printing



Larry Denton
Bonham High School

LARRY DENTON, Bonham high-school graduate who won highest honors in the Journalism Contest in the State Meet, not only excels in editorial writing, headline and news story writing, but can also operate a linotype.

He won first place in editorial writing, first place in reporting and third place in headline writing to make himself an easy "first" for the title of outstanding journalism contestant.

"For as long as I can remember," he says, "I have been interested in newspapers and printing. For the past four years I have run a linotype and done odd jobs in a local newspaper office. To me the mechanics of putting out a paper are as fascinating as the process of news gathering."

He served as editor of The Bonhi in 1945-46 and as junior editor the year before, and helped edit the high-school literary magazine. He played trumpet in the band for four years and was also a member of the orchestra his senior year. Other organizations in which he was active included the Spanish Club, Pirot Club, National Honor Society, and was president of his junior class. His scholarship standing was "A."

This fall Larry is entering Texas Christian University where he will major in Journalism. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Denton, 402 West 10th Street, Bonham.

A BOY

After a male baby has grown out of long clothes and triangles and has acquired pants, freckles, and so much dirt that relatives do not dare to kiss it between meals, it becomes a BOY. A boy is Nature's answer to that false belief that there is no such thing as perpetual motion. A boy can swim like a fish, run like a deer, climb like a squirrel, balk like a mule, bellow like a bull, eat like a pig, or act like a jackass, according to climatic conditions.

He is a piece of skin stretched over an appetite. A noise covered with smudges. He is called a tornado because he comes at the most unexpected times, hits the most unexpected places and leaves everything a wreck behind him.

He is a growing animal of superlative promise, to be fed, watered, and kept warm, a joy forever, a periodic nuisance, the problem of our times, the hope of a nation.

Every boy born is evidence that God is not yet discouraged of man. Were it not for boys, the newspapers would go unread and a thousand picture shows would go bankrupt. Boys are useful in running errands. A boy can easily do the family errands with the aid of five or six adults. The zest with which a boy does an errand is equaled only by the speed of a turtle on a July day.

The boy is a natural spectator. He watches parades, fires, fights, ball games, automobiles, boats, airplanes, with equal fervor, but will not watch the clock. The man who invents a clock that will stand on its head and sing a song when it strikes will win the undying gratitude of millions of families whose boys are forever coming to dinner about supper time.

Boys faithfully imitate their dads in spite of all efforts to teach them good manners. A boy, if not washed too often, and if kept in a cool, quiet place after each accident, will survive broken bones, horns, swimming holes, fights, and nine helpings of pie.—The Comma.



ONLY one change of importance appears in the new Rules and Regulations governing the I.L.P.C. for the coming school year. Before the war the rules required that a school paper publish eight issues before March 1 to be eligible for the League journalism contests.

Because of the difficulties of war years, that number was changed to six issues. Since the war is over, the directors of the I.L.P.C. believed that some impetus should be given to getting school papers back on a pre-war schedule of publication; therefore the rule has been changed to require six issues before February 1. Be sure to note that this change will require more frequent issues during the fall than the minimum of last year.

Where Are the Teachers? Most striking news from the teacher-front is the lack of journalism teachers. From the remarks of superintendents it seems that journalism teachers are not numerous enough to go around this fall. A hopeful result of this condition reflects itself in the salaries being offered for teachers: the salaries we have heard quoted are considerably above those of a few years ago. We would like to urge all journalism teachers to give some consideration to working out uniform standards in regard to journalism teaching. How much should sponsoring a school paper count on the teacher-load? How many courses should the sponsor of a school paper be required to teach? What should be taught in a one-year high-school journalism course? What qualifications should a high-school journalism teacher have? If the journalism teachers themselves do not work out suitable standards, their jobs are likely to be much on a "hit-or-miss" basis, as they have been in past years.

Bond Gets College Job Miss Dorinda Bond, who has taught journalism at Amarillo High in recent years, has been appointed journalism teacher and publicity director at West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon.

Miss Laura Sheridan, journalism teacher at Newman High of Sweetwater, reports that she will offer two full-year courses in journalism beginning this year. She spent several weeks this summer in a curriculum training school at The University of Texas working out plans for the new senior course.

Condensed History High-school journalism students need a historical perspective of the profession in order that they may clearly understand the functions of journalism in society; yet they cannot be expected to read numerous books on the subject. Most of the summaries of journalism history that have appeared in journalism textbooks have been jumpy and disorganized. To fill the need for a condensed and yet continuous summary of journalism's history, the I.L.P.C. has prepared a mimeographed pamphlet for distribution in September. If you would like a free copy of this pamphlet, drop a note to DeWitt Reddick, c/o the Interscholastic League.

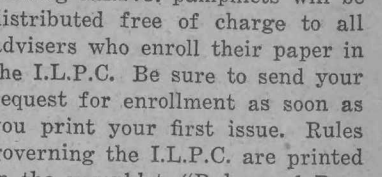
Another pamphlet in the process of preparation will give suggestions and instructions in regard to the writing of personality columns. This pamphlet and all succeeding I.L.P.C. pamphlets will be distributed free of charge to all advisers who enroll their paper in the I.L.P.C. Be sure to send your request for enrollment as soon as you print your first issue. Rules governing the I.L.P.C. are printed in the pamphlet, "Rules and Regulations of the Interscholastic League, 1946-1947." If your principal does not have a copy for you to read, write to us and we shall send one to you.

The Noisless Tenant For many years, Harvard's Professor Charles Townsend Copeland occupied a couple of dingy, cramped rooms on the top floor of Hollis Hall. His associates repeatedly urged him to move into more comfortable quarters, but he persistently refused.

"This is the only place in Cambridge where God alone is above me," the professor explained. "He's busy—but He's quiet."

Definition of worry: A circle of inefficient thoughts whirling about a pivot of fear.—Northwestern National News.

Martin Mills Suspended Martin Mills is suspended from basketball during the 1946-47 school term for violation of eligibility rules.



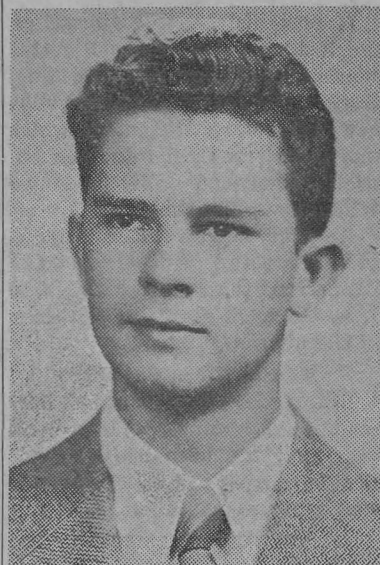


TEACHERS' GUIDE TO GOOD PLAYS
By Mrs. Mae Ashworth

THROUGHOUT the school year this column is conducted for the purpose of acquainting directors of dramatics with the new plays available through our library. This library has been in existence for many years and we have accumulated most of the plays of the major publishing companies. Any responsible adult in the state may order material from us for examination purposes for a period of seven days, the only cost being for postage both ways. A fine of 5c per day is levied on material kept out over time, and lost plays must be paid for before additional copies will be lent. Production copies must be ordered direct from the publishing companies whose addresses appear on the plays. Royalties must also be paid to these companies.

Declamation Won By Austin Boy

John Wild, Debater and Declaimer, Interested in Petroleum Engineering



John Wild
Austin High School

A **DEBATER** and declaimer, John Wild, graduate of the Austin High School this Spring, took top honors at the State Meet in Boys' Declamation.

John was runner-up in the debate intramurals held in Austin High School in 1944, was a member of the executive council of the Debate Club in 1945 and served as president of that group in 1946. At Sonora he was winner of the "Best Speaker" award at the debate tournament held there this year. He was also president of the Calhoun Debate Society both his junior and senior years.

Plans Big Future
"My plans for the future," predicts John, "include majoring in Petroleum Engineering at The University of Texas."
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wild, 2803 Woolridge Drive, Austin.



A Treasury of American Folklore
B. A. Botkin: Crown Publishers, New York.

A delightful treasure chest which may be delved into time and again by young and old is B. A. Botkin's collection of the best in American folklore, which he includes in his book, "A Treasury of American Folklore."

Now in its 14th printing, the book will interest and intrigue the high-school student because of its vivid presentation of folk stories, legends, traditions, ballads, and songs. As supplementary reading in history, English, or as outside reading unrelated to any special subject, the volume will be valuable.

For clarity Mr. Botkin groups his folklore into six sections: Heroes and Boasters; Boosters and Knockers; Jesters and Liars; Folk Tales and Legends; Songs and Rhymes. He includes tall tales, proverbs, homely sayings, and music of America.

Texas will be familiar with the tales of Davy Crockett, of Judge Roy Bean and his unique conception of justice, and of Big Foot Wallace. Equally interesting to high-school boys and girls will be the stories of Paul Bunyan, of Honest Abe Lincoln, of Stormalong, the deep-water sailor, and "Old Sense" of Arkansas.

In his introduction to the book Carl Sandburg says "This is nothing less than an encyclopedia of America. There have been small fry collections of folklore we might say, but this one is a big shot. . . . It will give you something of the feel of American history, of the gloom chasers that have moved many a good man who fought fire and flood, varmits and vermin, as region after region filled with the settlers and homesteaders who proclaimed, 'We are breaking sod for unnumbered millions to come.'"

Five hundred stories and 100 songs make up this prodigious volume of lore. One reading will not do for the book, nor will two. It is a book to be read over and over, and savored each time for its freshness, philosophies of life, and delightful presentation of folklore in the realm of American literature.

A. L. S.

League Amends Age Limit Rule

Directors Urged to Note All Policy Changes for 1946-47 Season

CHANGES in League policies concerning eligibility and award rules, the addition of Conference B Regional play-offs, important dates, methods of conducting contests and other details are set out in the 1946-47 edition of the *Constitution and Rules* now being distributed.

All director generals, coaches, teachers and students who intend to participate in League activities this year are urged to familiarize themselves with the new rules.

Age Rule Amendment
The important age limit amendment which allows 18-year olds to enter State Meet contests for which they were not eligible last year, reads as follows:

"No one shall take part in any contest in this League who, on the first day of May preceding the contest has reached or passed his eighteenth birthday."

"A contestant who is eligible under this rule at the beginning of any Interscholastic League season remains eligible throughout the season."

Award Rule Changed
The amendment to the award rule which formerly limited awards to \$7.50, or the equivalent in value, per year now reads:

"No member-school of this League shall be permitted to issue an award in inter-school competition in excess of \$10.00, or the equivalent in value, per year, except in the last year of a given pupil's participation, up to \$15.00. Enforcement of this rule shall rest with the State Executive Committee, and violation of the herein provision may be used as grounds for suspension."

"This rule shall not be interpreted to prohibit the acceptance of medals and cups as token of achievement to contestants in meets or tournaments provided the awards are made by the organization conducting the meet or tournament."

Changes in the football plan include the raising of Conference B play-offs from a bi-district championship to a regional championship. Regional championships are scheduled not later than the second week-end after the determination of district winners.

Deadline Moved Up
Of interest to Journalism contestants will be the notice that Dr. DeWitt Reddick, director of the Journalism Contest, has moved the deadline for publication of six issues of school papers from March 1 to February 1.

The discontinuation of records at Regional Meets in Typing will be noted by the directors of this contest. One-Act Play directors should review the list of plays presented at the 1946 State Meet which will not be eligible for production in 1947.

Interscholastic League seasons are defined in this manner: Fall Season: September 1 to January 1; Winter Season: January 1 to March 10; Spring Season: March 10 through the State Meet.

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LET US SPEAK
Thomas A. Rousse
President, Texas Speech Ass'n,
Professor of Speech, Chairman,
Department of Speech,
The University of Texas

"It will be a banner year in speech," says a friend of ours who has watched the development of speech in Texas for over twenty-five years. And we agree with him, if the reports emanating from every section of the state are true.

Texas Speech Ass'n
Over fifty speech teachers, representing every section of the state, met in Austin, May 2, 1946, and "re-activated" the Texas Speech Association. The "old" officers were retained and charged with the responsibility of preparing a program for the annual meeting which will be held in Houston, November 28-30, 1946. Professor P. Merville Larson, A. & I. College, Kingsville, Texas, was named Secretary-Treasurer in which capacity he will serve until Professor Hugh F. Seabury returns from the Army. Miss Wilhelmina G. Hedde, Vice-President, and yours truly, as President, have received many helpful suggestions and best wishes.

T.S.A. Program Chairman
Miss Hedde, of course, will be in charge of our annual program. She can, and she will call upon the various chairmen of our standing committees for help and participation in the program. Don't be reticent, send your suggestions to Miss Hedde, 3636 Armstrong Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Rumor has it that we will have an outstanding speech "personality" for our main guest. Furthermore, exceptional "local" talent is available for the various topics and, we hope, the two-day program will contribute to your information and pleasure.

Incidentally, J. R. Holcomb, John Reagan High School, is the chairman of Local Arrangements, and the Texas State Hotel will be our Headquarters for the meeting! We are sure that a large number of speech teachers will attend the first annual meeting since the fall of 1941. Houston was the host city at our last meeting and our colleagues did a grand job at that time. We are looking forward to a repeat performance!

T.S.A. Standing Committees
In order to secure continuity of effort and place our speech work on par with the national association, your officers have decided to increase the number of standing committees. Consequently twelve standing committees have been set up and the individuals listed here-in have been asked to assume the active chairmanship of their respective groups. Each chairman is expected to name not less than three and not more than five members for his committee. The main functions of each group will be to study its problems, offer recommendation on possible solutions through written reports or oral presentations at our annual meetings or in our T.A.S. publications. Furthermore, the INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUER is always available for short articles, not to mention the *Texas Outlook* and the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*!

In addition to his other duties, each standing committee chairman is expected to serve as first assistant to our Annual Program Chairman. Have we assigned enough work?

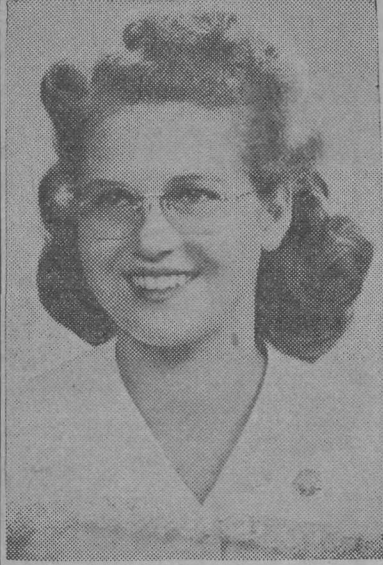
The Standing Committees and their respective chairmen are:
Speech in the Elementary School, Jewett Curtis, Elementary School System, Dallas.
Speech in the High School, Florence S. Horton, Pasadena Junior and Senior High School.
Speech in the College, Sara Lowrey, Baylor University, Waco.
Teacher Training Speech Teachers, Conrad W. Freed, West Texas State Teachers, Canyon.
Radio Speech, Joe Ann Whitmire, University of Texas, Austin.
Speech Correction, Mary K. Sands, TSCW, Denton.
Discussion and Debate, N. Edd Miller, The University of Texas, Austin.
Interpretation and Drama, Annah Jo Pendleton, Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Contests, L. Bruce Roach, Director of Speech Activities, Bureau of Public School Service, The University of Texas, Austin.
Fundamentals of Speech, Jeston Dickey, Brackenridge High School, San Antonio.
Ways and Means Committee, P. Merville Larson, A. & I. College, Kingsville.
Program Committee, Wilhelmina G. Hedde, W. H. Adamson High School, Dallas.
Coordination Committee, T. A. Rousse, The University of Texas, Austin.
Publications Committee, J. Clark Weaver, TSCW, Denton.
Placement Service, P. Merville Larson, A. & I. College, Kingsville.

Other Activities
We are confidently expecting the various speech districts of the state to arrange fall and spring meetings. If you will send us your

Idalou Debater Takes 1st Place

Bonnie Ruth Harrison, Honor Student, Is Interested in Music and Writing



Bonnie Ruth Harrison
Idalou High School

BONNIE RUTH HARRISON of Idalou High School who won first place in Conference A Debate at the State Meet with her partner, Doris Hardcastle, was a high ranking student throughout her high-school career. She was valedictorian of her class.

The wide scope of her interests is reflected in the number of organizations in which she took an active part. She was a member of the Home Economics Club, presiding officer of the Idalou Music Club and played basketball and tennis. She holds the state award in Junior Music and is now working on her Senior Music.

Writing has always held a great attraction for Bonnie Ruth, who has had several of her poems published locally. She plans to enter Texas Technological College this fall where she will major in Journalism.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harrison, Route 1, Lubbock.

Junior High School Competition Probed

WHERE shall the junior high school compete in Interscholastic League competition? Is there a need for the competition? How far should the race toward the State Meet be carried and in what events should we participate?

These are questions discussed by S. V. Neely, superintendent of the San Benito Public Schools, who favors a plan to work junior high school competition in conjunction with regular conference Interscholastic League Meets. He feels that competition should be between the same school members that are already in the conference.

According to the rules of the League, Mr. Neely brings out, the junior high school pupil cannot compete on the same team with the high school, since a composite team would be formed, which is not permitted.

"It is apparent that the junior high school unit existing in a given school system, for example, classified as Conference AA school, cannot be assigned to Conference AA to compete against the older pupils. But it is assigned to Conference A high schools in which it is expected to compete in the same series of events against pupils of an older age mentally and physically," he argues.

Congress has appropriated \$17,500,000 to be used for loans or advances to school systems and other public agencies planning post-war public works. The Federal Works Agency will supervise the program.

views about such gatherings, we'll publicize them through the LEAGUER.

Speech, drama and debate institutes should return to their pre-war popularity. We are planning a Debate Institute at the University for the week-end of December 13-14, 1946. The League Debate Question, as you know, is, Resolved: That the Federal Government Should Provide a System of Complete Medical Care Available to All Citizens at Public Expense.

Let Us Speak!
We talk constantly about the "power" and value of speech as an instrument in the solution of problems in our daily activities and profession. Isn't it time for us to practice the ideas we propose to teach? Should not the speech teacher attempt to solve some of the numerous problems of the speech profession through the use of his vocal skills? To ask such a simple question is but to answer it. Let us speak!

Raymondville Develops Complete Awards System

RAYMONDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL has worked out a system of awards for all accomplishments, athletic and scholastic, which has been commended by the League and is now passed on to other members.

This standard which W. J. Box, principal, has submitted, has the following provisions:

- A. Football—(lettered by coach) not to exceed 20 letters per season.
- B. Basketball—(boys only—lettered by coach) not to exceed 10 letters per season.
- C. Track—must place 4th or higher in district meet or make 10 points in county and other meets, other than dual meets and must enter district meet.
- D. Tennis—must participate in semi-finals in district meet.
- E. Literary Events—must place 3rd or higher at district meet, except One-Act Play cast must win first place to letter.
- F. Scholastic achievement—two highest students from each grade in high school. Grades in music of any type will not count on scholarship since letters are given in music.
- G. The head cheer leader elected each year by student body.
- H. Judging teams—(Home economics and vocational agriculture) place at state meet.
- I. Music—(all lettered by directors).
- 1. Band—Best students—not to exceed 10% enrollment for that scholastic year on January 10.
- 2. Orchestra—same basis as band except based on strings only.
- 3. Chorus girls—(not to exceed 4) Best students.

Congressmen Enjoy Freedom of Press

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Whisper: Where Are We Going to Get the Money?
"In the old days, members made sure that (Applause and Laughter) appeared at appropriate intervals in their speeches."

"The actual debates on the floor of both houses are transcribed with great skill and speed by the official reporters. The dean of the Senate's staff is James W. Murphy, who has been at it for half a century. The reporter sits near the senator who is speaking. At the end of ten minutes, he is relieved by another reporter and retires to dictate his notes to a recording machine. If the senator doesn't send for his remarks they go to Murphy and then to the Government Printing Office."

Record Kept Dignified
"The shorthand experts for both houses have to see that parliamentary forms are followed in print. Members, for instance, mustn't use one another's names or use unmanly words against a fellow member."

"So, although a member may refer to 'you so-and-so' it appears in the *Record* as 'the gentleman from Mississippi' or 'the senior senator' from some other state."

"Congressmen's copy reaches the printer in all shapes. Sometimes it's a quotation from a valuable book that must be photostated before it's set. It may be a page from a newspaper with an item circled, or a handwritten letter or speech. Once a Pennsylvania senator sent in something in Welsh."

"If the *Record* has no editor to cope with all this, it, at least, has a publisher—the Hon. Augustus E. Giegengack, who, as public printer, presides over 8,000 employees at the GPO. In 1941 he suggested reducing the columns in width and setting three to the page—which saved \$150,000 a year."

Both houses are now required to submit an estimate of cost of printing when more than two pages are to be inserted in the *Appendix*. Mr. Giegengack remembers that the elder Senator La Follette once dropped into a public printer's lap 350 pages of material on railroad rates.

Length Varies
No one ever knows how long the *Record* on a certain day might be—two or maybe 300 pages. But the paper hasn't missed its 8 a.m. deadline in years.

"At one time or another every subject under the sun has been discussed in the *Record*. It is a rich storehouse of American folklore, brought from the farthest corners of our country to the national crossroads at Capitol Hill. There, spread before us, are all our virtues and all our faults."

"There's no question about how Congress feels about the *Record*. It obviously likes what it gets. But what do we taxpayers get? An accurate account of Congress in action, for one thing. Even Congressional motives appear between the lines. Further, we get

Illinois Bans All-Star Games

ASSOCIATION TO CONTROL USE OF EQUIPMENT AND ATHLETES FOR POST-SEASON SPORTS

ALL-STAR and out-of-season games met sudden death as far as the Illinois High School Association is concerned when the board of directors banned all such contests last March.

The following statement appeared in a recent issue of *The Illinois Interscholastic*, official organ of the Illinois High School Association:

"A sanction agreement affecting all-star and out-of-season athletic contests has been reached at a joint conference of the Athletic Directors of the Western Conference and of the State Executive Officers of those National Federation member states in the Western Conference area."

"It is agreed that the best interests of the school and athletic programs and of participants in such programs will be promoted by control over all-star and out-of-season contests involving high school students or the school name."

To stimulate that control, conference athletic departments will not permit use of their facilities or athletic manpower in any all-star or out-of-season contest unless such contest is first approved by the state high-school association.

Committees Report To State Delegates

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Baseball Favored
The report on the activity of the committee on baseball was made by Superintendent W. T. Hanes of Cameron in the absence of Superintendent Irby Carruth of Waco.

The committee on the restoration of separate divisions in debate for boys and girls reported there seemed to be a tendency favoring the separation. Mr. J. R. Holcomb, speech teacher from Houston, spoke in favor of the two divisions.

There was no report from the committee on spring training. Members of that group were not present.

No definite recommendations were made by the committee on girls' athletics, according to the report by Superintendent H. A. Moore of Kerrville. The chairman invited suggestions on this problem.

The committee on transfer rules failed to report.

Bowl Games Allowed
The recommendation that schools be allowed to send their squads to championship and bowl games was carried. This motion was made by Superintendent C. W. Bingham of South Park, seconded by Mr. Claud Kellam, director of health and physical education, San Antonio, and amended by Coach Berry of Paris.

Several who spoke on the subject advocated liberalization or change in the awards rule and the amateur rule.

As a further part of the discussion on awards, a motion was made by Coach Howard Lynch of Amarillo, seconded by Principal Walter Reed of Big Spring, that the group recommend the changing of the awards rule as it now stands. This motion carried.

Music Contest Urged
The question of the music contest under the direction of the League was brought up by Principal R. B. Norman of Amarillo. Dean Shelby said that the Texas Music Educators' Association had conferred with the Texas Association of School Administrators in regard to making the recommendation that the League take over the music contest. Superintendent R. L. Williams, Sweetwater, president of state school administrators' organization, stated that a meeting would be held in Waco to discuss the proposal of asking the League to sponsor this contest.

People in southern India have been known to die of starvation rather than eat grain, a food with which they are unfamiliar. (Have you a little Indian in your home?)

—The Comma.

a broad picture of our country and our times—and a lot of amusement," is the opinion of Editor Jones.—(Reprinted by permission of *Liberty Magazine*.)

DEBATE FORUM

By Edd Miller

THE 1946-1947 debate season is under way. Now that school has started again, the time has arrived once more to begin working on the debate question of the year. This year, as most of you know, the topic is, "Resolved: That the Federal Government Should Provide a System of Complete Medical Care Available to All Citizens at Public Expense." There can be no doubt that this question not only is an extremely controversial one of long standing, but that it is also a very important question—of importance to all the citizens of this country in every walk of life.

Material Plentiful
You have only to read the daily newspapers or current magazines to discover the controversial aspects of the question. Doctors, statesmen, politicians, and laymen all take positions on this question. And the controversy is an old one. So, the problem of gathering material is greatly simplified. A wealth of material published during the past twenty or thirty years will provide excellent background for the study of this question, and contemporary articles in magazines, newly published books, and stories in the daily newspapers will give you an excellent coverage of current feeling and arguments on the topic. Few debate questions in recent years have had available so much good material, both affirmative and negative, as this year's question.

Getting Started

The chances are that a great many of you would like to get started as soon as possible in your study and work on the medical care question. I suggest, therefore, that you make the selection of your squad early. Get all who are interested in either the question or in debating, or both, to come around to a meeting in the next week or so. Advertise the meeting in your school paper, by posters, by word of mouth. Get a large, active group out and begin work on the question. As soon as your group has gathered, start accumulating material. As the material grows and more and more of it is brought out, pool the information so it may be available to all the debaters. Have a series of informal discussions on the topic, make out bibliographies of what seems to you to be the best sources of information you have gathered. In this way, each prospective debater will be given a wide background of information on the question early in the season, and the problem of gathering more specific evidence will be made easier.

Some of the members of this early group will probably be unfamiliar with the general procedure of debating. It might be wise, therefore, to include in your informal discussions some discussion of the general methods of debate. Or, perhaps, the debate coach will give two or three short talks explaining the procedures of Interscholastic League debating. It won't be necessary at this stage of the game to go into matters of strategy or the more minute points of technique. Those things can come later with more experience in debating.

Plans for "Debate Forum"

The "Debate Forum" intends this year, as in the past, to make itself as useful as possible to you debaters. In this column will be discussed some of the many problems of debating and of debaters that may arise in the course of the year. For example, here are some of the things that might be discussed with profit in the column: (1) Evaluation and criticism of sources of material on the question as they come out during the year; (2) analysis of the question, considering definitions, background, statement of main issues, etc.; (3) some problems concerned with building the case, both affirmative and negative; (4) some of the techniques involved in rebuttal and refutation, and general strategy in the rebuttal speeches. These and many other matters will be discussed from time to time in this column. But let me remind you that this is your column and discussions in this column will depend to a great extent on what you, as debaters, want discussed. So, if you will keep me posted and drop me a card or letter on whatever you want discussed, I promise you it will be taken up here. Let's look on this column as a sort of "clearing house" for ideas on debate. So, let me hear from you during the year. Just write: Edd Miller, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

"A Coach's Best Friend Is His Camera" Bible Thinks

There isn't anything more valuable today in the way of a coaching device than the use of films, which allow the coach and his team to see their errors as well as their successful plays.

This was D. X. Bible's enthusiastic comment on the relation of motion pictures and today's streamlined coaching methods recommended for high-school athletic staffs.

The Athletic Director of The University of Texas went on to say, "From the standpoint of instruction, scouting, entertainment and good will, a good football film just can't be beat."

Football has been the most widely filmed sport at The University of Texas because of the drawbacks of lighting night basketball games properly. Track and field shots work out successfully also. The first Longhorn squad to receive part of their training before a camera was in 1937, when Mr. Bible first took over.

At The University of Texas, as in all Conference athletic departments, great emphasis is placed on films.

"Immediately after a game," Coach Bible explained, "in normal times, we air-exposed the film to the processor, and had it ready for our regular Monday Morning Quarterback luncheon where it always attracted a capacity audience. Nothing draws a crowd as quickly at a convention or any public meeting like word that film of a popular game will be shown."

"Then at the gym the film is run in slow motion, stopped, started, stopped again for comment and explanation. When Joe or Bill or Butch can see his own error through the telephoto lens of the camera, it's much more powerful criticism than anything the coach can say. And the same thing holds true for the successful play."

"While its unethical for a team to run films of an opponent's plays during the current season before they have met on the grid-iron, it's highly practical for the coach and team to study films of last year's vintage, provided the coach is the same. The camera makes an A-1 scout."

All the benefits which are recognized universally by varsity coaches should be available to high-school teams. Schools could start on a small scale, filming just a few games at first, and then expand their program to all athletic events.

"The amount of money spent is well worthwhile," figures Mr. Bible. He also suggested that if the school administration couldn't finance the camera and necessary equipment, perhaps some sports-minded organization would provide it for the team.

The movies of the Highland Park-Waco Championship game last season filmed by the Interscholastic League and distributed now through the Visual Instruction Bureau to high schools received the highest praise from Coach Bible.

"I just can't stress films enough," the coach concluded. "They are instructive . . . ideal for scouting purposes . . . and entertaining. We just couldn't get along without them."

Talco Violates Age Limit Rule

BILLY GIBSON of Talco High School, winner of the 880-yd. run at the State Meet, was found to have violated the 18-year age limit and was ruled ineligible by the State Executive Committee of the University Interscholastic League.

Documentary evidence in the League's State office, based on the census roll at the State Department of Education, gave Gibson's age as 16 years prior to the September 1, 1934-35 school year. Further proof of his ineligibility were football blanks received during the 1943-44 season giving his date of birth July 25, 1926, while Nov. 3, 1927, and Dec. 3, 1927, appeared on eligibility blanks received by R. J. Kidd, acting director, during the 1944-45 and 1945-46 seasons.

Based on these records, the State Executive Committee ruled that Gibson had reached his 18th birthday before the 1946 track and field season. Talco High School is disqualified from participation in the 1947 track and field meet only. Superintendent J. Lyndal Hughes of Talco attended the hearing, representing Gibson.

"There were no marathon races in Greece," Will Durant. The Greeks believed in "nothing overmuch." It has remained for the modern to carry the long races to extremes.



D. X. Bible

101 AA Football Teams Are Set

Conference AA Membership Now Complete; Two New Schools Listed

ONE HUNDRED and one schools—two short of last year's total—will compete for Conference AA championship in the football race this year. The official list will be released after September 15.

Four schools dropped to Conference A, while two were added to the AA list. Olney, Athens, Livingston and the Masonic Home in Ft. Worth will play Conference A football, while additions to the AA line-up will be Conroe and Pasadena.

While all figures for Conference A are not final until September 15, to date 270 schools are listed for this season, a gain of one over last year.

Last season 171 Conference B teams played and 93 six-man teams participated in the League program. Since Conference B teams will now meet for Regional titles, four new districts have been added. Before the dead-line for registering, considerable increase in six-man competition is expected.

Statistics for the 1945-46 football season showed 638 schools participating in the four classifications, with a total of 17,347 boys playing.

Martin Mill Barred From '46 Basketball

BECAUSE of the ineligibility of Billy Black, one of its 1945 players, Martin Mill is disqualified for regional basketball competition during the 1946-47 season.

Testimony given at the hearing before the State Executive Committee February 20, revealed that A. M. Anderson, superintendent at Martin Mill, had signed a certificate of graduation for Billy Black which stated he had earned 18 credits from the Martin Mill High School on May 10, 1945.

A statement from the registrar of the North Texas Agricultural College showed that Billy Black enrolled September 26, and withdrew October 1, 1945. After withdrawing from college, Black was allowed to re-enter high school and played on the Martin Mill basketball team in inter-school games with League members.

The committee ruled: "Since the basketball eligibility blank signed by Superintendent A. M. Anderson on Jan. 14, 1946, failed to furnish a true and correct statement of the number of credits earned by Black, it is resolved that Martin Mill be suspended from League basketball for one year."

Basketball Districts To Be Announced in October

If attendance at the basketball sessions of the Texas High School Association Coaching School is an indication of interest, the League should have one of the finest basketball years in its long history, says R. J. Kidd, acting director.

The tentative assignments to basketball districts for the 1946-47 season will be released early in October.

It is the responsibility of each school to see that they are properly assigned to a district. The only way the State Office has of knowing the plans of a school is for the school to advise the Athletic Director by letter of their plans to participate.

No school will be allowed to participate in basketball unless its acceptance card is on file in the State Office by November 15th. Last season's eligibility blank and season report must also be on file.

Now is the time to read carefully the rules and regulations of the Basketball Plan and avoid regrets and disappointments.

Injury Report Given by Kidd

Faulty Equipment Is No. 1 Cause; 16- and 17-Year Olds Lead in Accidents

GOOD leadership plus adequate facilities and equipment can prevent about 50 per cent of all high-school football injuries," R. J. Kidd, acting director of the University Interscholastic League, said after the release of the 1945-46 injury report.

The League prepared a detailed report on injuries which occurred in Texas high schools during the past season, based upon the seventh annual survey, which shows the number of boys injured in each age bracket, types of injuries, places accidents most frequently occur, possible causes and cures.

For the past seven years many of the schools of the state have been filing with the League office a record of all athletic injuries that occur in football. These reports have enabled the Coaches' Association to make a detailed study each year of the type of injuries and the predominating cause for each type.

Injuries Reduced As a result of this work there has been a gradual reduction in the number and severity of injuries, thus making the game safer for contestants, more attractive to the spectators, bringing about a reduction of insurance rates, and an increase in benefits.

This study has also resulted in keeping constantly before the coaches the hazards of football and the importance of all safety devices.

Sprains-Fractures Lead "Sprains and fractures are the most common injuries among football players," Mr. Kidd says. "Last season 397 sprains were reported, representing 38 per cent, and 270 fractures reported, representing 25 per cent of the injuries reported."

During 1945, 670 injuries were reported in games and 290 reported in practice. The number of injuries occurring in games in 1944 totaled 771 with 383 reported in practice.

Body injuries reported were: Abdomen 15; arm 47; back 35; chest 3; chin 17; collar bone 48; elbow 34; eye 22; fingers 34; foot and ankle 140; hand and wrist 40; head 58; hip 36; kidney 11; knee 176; leg 95; lip and tongue 18; neck 8; nose 35; pelvis 9; rib 36; shoulder 76; spine 1; teeth 25; thigh 10.

The age distribution of injured boys revealed by the survey showed that 71.62 per cent of all injured players are 16 and 17-year olds.

21% Hurt in Schools School buildings are the scene of 21 per cent of all pupil accidents, the director brought out, with 7 per cent in the gyms, and 16 per cent occurring on school grounds.

Seven per cent are due to participation in unorganized and unsupervised activities with 3 per cent due to participation in football. One-third of these accidents are caused by poor leadership.

Coaches Must Report Mr. Kidd emphasizes, "It is important that schools report their injuries. 'Coaches failing to participate in the voluntary reporting indicate a lack of interest in one of the most important aspects of the game. After all, the welfare of the individual boy should be one of the major concerns of the coach.'"

An English statesman of classical training upon hearing report of Hitler's death said, "I do not believe it. When the first report of Alexander the Great's death the orator Demades exclaimed, 'It cannot be true; if Alexander were dead, the whole habitable world would have smelt of his carcass.'"

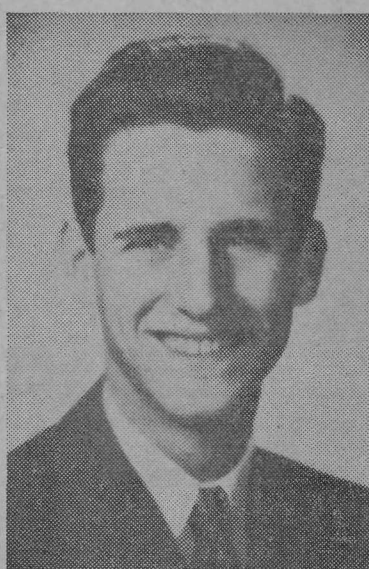
Win 440-yd. Relay for Stephen F. Austin



(Left to right) John Thomas, Leonard Moore, Donald Leach and Bill Delahoussaye, Stephen F. Austin relay team which won State Championship in '46 Track and Field Meet.

High Jumps for New UIL Record

Vern McGrew, Lamar Track and Letterman, Prepares for Medical Career



Vern McGrew Lamar High School Houston

VERN MCGREW, Lamar High School track star, gave future League tracksters something new to aim at when he jumped 6 feet 5 inches at the '46 Track and Field Meet, breaking the State record.

This fall will see Vern a pre-medical student at Rice Institute where he expects to perform for the Gray and Blue this season.

Lettering in both basketball and track, ranked as one of the finest hurdlers in the state, Vern graduated from Lamar High School in June at 16 years of age. He was a member of the National Athletic Honor Society, a Ramal, and Hi-Y member, and was selected by the Houston Post for the all-city basketball second team. Last spring he broke the Texas Relay high jump record also. He was captain of the Lamar track team.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. V. V. McGrew, 4834 Austin Street, Houston.

Curriculum Expert Assists Dean Shelby

A FORMER public school teacher and coach of League contests, Dr. R. C. Hammock has been appointed assistant to Dean T. H. Shelby, dean of the Division of Extension.

For the past two years, Dr. Hammock has been acting director of the Extension Teaching Bureau. He is also an associate professor of curriculum instruction at The University of Texas, and has been associated with the Division of Extension since 1941.

Dr. Hammock taught in the public schools at McLean, Quitaque, Port Neches and at South Park High School, Beaumont. During this period a number of his students came to the State Meet to enter the finals for Declamation, Debate, Extemporaneous Speech, One-Act Play and Ready Writing contests.

He attended high school at Bonham, his home, received his B.A. degree at North Texas State Teachers' College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at The University of Texas. Active in radio work, Dr. Hammock was a script writer on the staff of Radio House, appearing in radio productions also.

ONE OF THE chief reasons why Stephen F. Austin, Houston, won the 1946 Interscholastic League Track and Field Meet was the performance of the four boys on the 440-yd. relay.

Austin fooled all the experts, who had picked Woodrow Wilson of Dallas and then Lamar of Houston as the winners of the meet. Final tallies were: Austin 46 points, and Lamar second with 30 points.

Bill Delahoussaye, called "Blazing Bill," a three-letter man in track, also won first place in the 100-yd. dash, in 10.2 seconds. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kemp, 3913 Harrisburg Blvd., and will graduate in 1947.

Donald Leach will finish high school in 1949, lettered in track, and won third place in Region II meet in the 220-yd. dash. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Leach, 4421 Polk.

Captain of the track team and a two letter man, Leonard Moore, finished high school last May. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Daniel, 4019 Broadway.

Captain of the football team for two years, with three letters in football, John Thomas finished Austin High School in May. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomas, 6301 Stratton.

League Dash Star Ties World Record

SPEEDY CHARLEY PARKER of San Antonio, holder of the League record for the 100-yd. dash and the 220-yd. dash, tied the world mark for 100 meters in 10.2 seconds at an Army meet in Kyoto, Japan, June 22.

Lt. Parker is athletic and recreation officer for general headquarters in Tokyo where he has been stationed since January.

He has had considerable opportunity to sprint since his arrival in Japan, winning the 100 and 200 meter dashes as a representative of the 8th Army track field at the 8th Army Invitational Meet in Tokyo in July.

In commenting upon his time at the Kyoto race, he says, "The track was the official length. I measured it after the race." On July 26th, he was planning to enter the 100 meter and 200 meter dash at the Allied Inter-command Track Meet.

Lt. Parker is an ex-student of The University of Texas and while representing Thomas Jefferson High School won the 100-yd. dash and 220-yd. dash in 1942; 100-yd. dash and 220-yd. dash in 1943, for a new record of 9.5, and won the 100-yd. and 200-yd. dash at the State Meet in 1944.

He was at one time connected with the State Department of Education and was on the faculty of North Texas State Teachers College, and has been active for the past few years in the teacher training program.

JERSEY NUMERALS

At the meeting of State Executive Committee on April 10, 1946, the following action was taken regarding the size of numerals on playing jerseys for football season of 1946:

Due to scarcity of materials, and the cost item, it was moved and carried that no League member should be penalized during the 1946 season for failure to equip their football team with jerseys with the new regulation size numerals attached.

Two Records Broken at 36th Annual Track and Field Meet

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Girls' Extemporaneous Speech
1. Dorothy Reynolds, Reagan (Houston)
2. Frances Bell, Austin (El Paso)
3. Vera Mabel Ferguson, Amarillo

Ready Writers
Conference AA
1. Walter Clemons, Lamar (Houston)
2. Norwin G. Ray, Forest Avenue (Dallas)
3. Pete Williams, San Angelo

Conference A
1. Jeannine Mathis, Mesquite
2. Albert Marsh, Rio Grande City
3. Chere Livingston, Marfa

Conference B
1. Mary Cumble, Abernathy
2. Wayne Bennett, Victoria
3. Joyce Mueller, Poteet

Typewriting
1. Kathryn Fleming, Mt. Pleasant
2. Mary Martha Sivalls, Midland
3. Mary Ruth Cherry, Hearne

Shorthand
1. Ava Maria Chavarria, Laredo
2. Gladys Garnett, New Braunfels
3. Dorothy Brown, Big Spring

Slide Rule
1. Bryan Covington, Mathis
2. Billy Adair, Lubbock
3. Margaret Cone, Austin (El Paso)

Number Sense
1. David Gavenda, Rio Hondo
2. John Shelton, La Vega (Bellmead)
3. Flora Hunter, Woodsboro, tie
Cornie Mifflon, San Saba

Debate
Conference AA
1. Reagan (Houston)—Kenneth Reed and Raymond Langford
2. Austin—Meredit Long and Mark Smith

Conference A
1. Idalou—Doris Hardcastle and Bonnie Ruth Harrison
2. Mathis—Laverne Longino and William Hayes

One-Act Play
1. Abilene, Act II, "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. Cast: Kenneth Jones, Winston Williamson, James Wheeler, Alma Honea, Mary Len Smith, Bob Kuykendall, Billy Crier, Jr., Bob Miller, Jeannette Griffin, Annette Haney. Director: Ernest Sublett.
2. Amarillo, "This Night Shall Pass" by Dorothy Clarke Wilson. Cast: Wendell Miller, Norma Hoyt, Matt Champion, Ted Lokey. Director: Mrs. N. N. Whitworth.

All-Star Cast: Nancy Ann Jennings, El Paso; Bobby Lauher, Reagan, Houston; Pat Lane, Longview; Kenneth Jones, Abilene; Jeannette Griffin, Abilene; Matt Champion, Amarillo.

Best Actress: Jeanette Griffin. Best Actor: Matt Champion.

Tennis
Boys' Singles
1. Jingles Morton, Lamar (Houston)

Conference 'B' Moves to Region

New Names Included in League District Set-Up For Coming Season

CONFERENCE B football teams will compete for Regional Championship titles during the 1946-47 season, R. J. Kidd, acting director has announced.

Last year Bi-District winners were: Rochester, McCamey, Robert Lee, Baird, Grandview, Frisco, Forney (by forfeit), Hawkins, Hubbard, Early, Rogers, Thornedale, Eagle Lake, Deer Park, Crystal City, Port Lavaca, and Banquete (on penetrations).

District Added A new district will appear on the League's Conference B roster consisting of Beckville, Cushing, Garrison, Joaquin, Shelbyville, new members, and Tenaha, which was transferred from another district. Chairman will be Dana Williams of Tenaha.

Another new member, Alpine, will compete with Marfa and Sanderson this year with Supt. J. E. Gregg of Marfa as chairman of the district.

Entries Close Sept. 15 Before the closing date of September 15, many other schools who have not been active in the League during the last few years are expected to report.

"Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children. Now I have six children and no theories."—Lord Rochester.

Tennis Talk

By Dr. D. A. Penick
Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles for the Leaguer written by Dr. Penick, tennis director of the University Interscholastic League, often called "Ace Tennis Coach of the Southwest." Questions on tennis form and sportsmanship will be answered in this column if submitted to the Leaguer before the 15th of each month. An acknowledged expert in this sport is ready to assist you, so send in your problem.

IN a recent issue of the San Antonio Light, an article by William C. Barnard sent out from Dallas June 8 gave a graphic account of tennis matches by members of the Tilden Tennis Tours and some startling statements by some of the players.

Frank Kovacs is quoted as follows: "What this game needs is zip and color! We need to raise professional tennis to the level of organized baseball. Give the crowds something to get their teeth into and they'll come back. Let 'em holler and boo! Let 'em throw pop bottles! We have gotten away from the formalities of amateur tennis that are nothing but a pain in the neck anyway. When I play tennis I want to be myself."

Van Horn contributed his share of color by slinging his racquet twice, stamping disgustfully after mis-fired shots, and crying out in anguish over lost points.

Tilden, the game's great dramatic figure, put on an act after a linesman called one against him. He carefully laid his racquet on the ground and stood for a time with his hands on his hips, radiating disgust.

Wants to Bemoan Decisions Kovacs (whose wife is still a prominent amateur) said departures from the etiquette of amateur tennis are here to stay, explaining: "We're playing for money now and money talks. When a linesman calls a bad decision on me, it costs me dough. If baseball players argue with the umpire, why shouldn't I?"

These statements and comments shock the sensibilities of the lovers of amateur tennis. They are given here as an example to the young tennis players of Texas of what they should not do.

Courtesy Counts What are some of the points of tennis etiquette? The players should not footfault. It is taking an unfair advantage of his opponent. It is against the rules.

The player should never question the decision of any official. Umpires and linesmen do make mistakes, but probably the player would make more mistakes if calling his own points.

If there is no umpire or no linesman, the player on one side of the net should call the points on his side and say nothing about the points on the other side.

All players should remember that a ball is out if it touches the line, even its outer edge.

Spectators Have Rules, Too Spectators should be at least 30 feet from the court.

There should be no coaching of players by any one.

Only good plays should be applauded. It is discourteous and unsportsmanlike to applaud errors. Booing and razzing are bad tennis manners.

Do not disturb the match by asking the score during play. Listen to the umpire or keep up with the score.

UIL Winner Scores With One-Act Play

ROGER M. BUSFIELD, JR., of Austin, talented speaker, playwright, and actor, has had his one-act play, "The White Lawn" accepted by the Eldridge Entertainment Company and published in July.

Roger won the Boys' Extemporaneous Speech contest in 1942 at the State Meet while a student of Austin High School. Another honor he has received was the "outstanding actor's" award in 1944 at the Texas Intercollegiate One-Act Play Contest at Houston for his portrayal of Peter in "Dust of the Road." He is listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" in the 1945 edition.

1-Mile Relay—Paschal (Ft. Worth)—Paul Novey, Horace Maddux, Greg Cherry, Gerald Willingham. Time 3:26.5.
440-Yd. Relay—Stephen F. Austin (Houston)—Bill Delahoussaye, Donald Leach, John Thomas, Leonard Moore. Time 43.7.
Pole Vault—Chadly Lipscomb, Bryan. Height: 11' 4".
Running Broad Jump—Arturo Ochoa, Laredo. Distance: 21' 9 3/4".
12-Lb. Shot Put—Kenneth Jackson, Austin. Distance: 51' 7 1/2".
Discus Throw—Randall Clay, Pampa. Distance: 153' 1 1/4".