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NHE SCHOOL YEAR of 1947-48 will be known in the
history of the Interscholastic League as the year of
the Great Transition. No such revolutionary changes in plan
and program have occurred in any other year of its thirty-
eight-year history, barring the year 1912 when the so-called
literary contests were merged with an organization which
was conducting track and field meets on an invitation basis.

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The sound principle of placing in competition, one with
another, schools of the same size and organization has during
this year been put into actual practice. No longer is a school
of a 100 enrollment compelled to compete with a school of
1000 enrollment. No longer is a big city system with six or
seven large high schools forced into competition with systems
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and patience to work this plan into smooth functioning. The
principal beneficiaries of this change from a one-conference
State Meet to a four-conference State Meet are the small
eliminated almost entirely when they encountered Con-
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LATELY we had a conference with the State Board of the present time, this school is not eligible for membership
under Article III, Section 1. The soundness of this qualifica-
tion for membership, however, was attacked quite vigorously during this conference. It developed, however, that, if the eligibility requirements of Article VIII were applied to its
pupils, it would have taken nine players from an already small squad. Then the argument shifted to making excep-
tions in the eligibility rules in favor of this school. Throw out the "composite team" rule since there were many pupils
in the grades old and large enough to play football on a "high
school" team. were over the age-limit; hence, it was contended that we
should throw that rule out in favor of this school. Next the that it could also be thrown into the discard. In short, it soon appeared that this school could not compete in the
Conference that some of its out-af-school advocates want it
to compete in unless a considerable number to compete in unless a considerable number of eligibility
rules were abandoned in its favor. It was intimated by
proponents of this change (not, by the way, its own admin-
istration) that the State Committee was out of accommodations of the rules would be made. The contentions
arine made well illustrate the importance of a principle that the
Interscholastic League has maintained throughout its existtained on an educational basis only between schools of the
same kind. The public school is an institution of one kind; kinds of pupils, handicapped in one way or another, or
preparing for some special vocational career, or religious schools, or demonstration schools-in short, all schools of
this type are different in kind from the public schools and cannot maintain profitable competitive relations with them.
Many of these special-type schools are knocking at the door.
 and a general deterioration of rules is inevitable. It is no
best for either type of school to yield to sentimentalism in
this matter which runs absolutely counter to facts. "Same
s kind, same size"-these are the conditions of successful inter-
thool competitions.

III Effects of Smoking Described by Physician


IN LAST month's column we indicated that the complete statistical story of this year's eligibility lists would apskip farther down before reading.
To begin with and to make it sound good, we have a $66.1 \%$

Adamson Speaker
Places in Finals


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## Crozier Tech, Mt. Vernon, Maydelle Win Titles



Lufkin, East Mountain, Johnson City Win 2nd

Milby, Dimmitt Milby, Dimmit

Teachers Invited
To Nature Camp
Highlights of '48 Tournament Filmed


Bruce Barnes to Aid Penick At Annual UIL Tennis Clinic $\mathrm{B}^{\mathrm{RULCR}}$

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| is clinic during the |  | cells become ruptured and the |  |
|  |  | Injuries most common in trackand field training are shin splints, and field training are shin splints tendons, boils, stone bruises, blis-ters, and sprained ankles. ters, and sprained ankles | his year. <br> Cramer, an expert on treat ment of athletic injuries, has been conducting first aid clinic |
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| tions and to add to the discussion as much as they like," Dr. Penick |  |  |  |
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| thirty-second time that Dr. Penick |  |  | the spring in the ab the football practice," |
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