

Bluford Hestir Named Director of Journalism

Bluford Hestir has been appointed State Chairman of the Interscholastic League's journalism activities and began service as the first full-time paid director of this work on September 1.

Mr. Hestir is well known to advisors of Texas high-school papers as he served during 1946-47 and 1947-48 as assistant director of the Interscholastic League Press Conference.

Appointment of a full-time director of journalism activities is an indication of the growth and increasing importance of journalism activities in the high schools of the state. The ILPC was organized in 1928 as a service to high-school editors. Until 1939 it was directed entirely as a voluntary project by members of the Journalism faculty of the University, with assistance from the secretarial staff of the League. By 1939 the volume of work had so

Schools Will Select 9 Council Members

Ballots for Nominating Going Out This Month

Nine new members will be elected to the Advisory Council of the League this October. The nominating ballots are being sent out to member schools in September. The five persons receiving the greatest number of votes in each class in each region will be listed on the final preferential ballot submitted to the schools.

In case there is a tie in the nominations, nominees shall be reduced to five by lot.

The following jobs are to be filled on the Council:

1AA—R. B. Norman, Amarillo, 4-year term expires.

2AA—W. C. Blankenship, Big Spring, 4-year term expires.

3A—W. B. Alexander, Bowie, 4-year term expires.

4A—E. L. Moffett, Center (elected in 1948 to fill unexpired term of D. T. Loyd, East Mountain School, Gilmer).

4AA—R. B. Sparks, Baytown—4-year term (5AA, which he formerly represented) expires.

5A—T. J. Ferguson, Navasota. (Elected in 1948 for 4-year term, but resigned May 23, 1949).

6B—J. Milton Edds, Academy School, Temple, 4-year term expires.

7B—Walter Coers, Orange Grove, 4-year term expires.

8B—Leland L. Martin, Crane. Served two years, filling unexpired term of B. A. Copas, Iraan.

Ballots with the nominees' names will be mailed to member schools early in October. If for any reason a school does not get a nomination ballot or the final ballot, call or write the State Office. In the past, only about a third of the member schools vote on League questions. Only through the pages of the League can the State Office give the member-schools notice of ballots, official interpretations, and other major developments regarding League affairs, so it is essential that member-schools watch "Official notices" in this paper carefully.

Last year 2,482 schools joined the League and registered for participation in its contests. There are over three hundred committees functioning in the state whose duty is to organize districts, arrange contest and enforce eligibility rules.

The League is mailed to all these special committees as well as to all the school administrators and contest directors. On page 5 of the Constitution and Rules members will find a statement to the effect that notices appearing in the League are official and that schools are bound by them.

Beginning with this thirtieth year of the League may we resolve to read each issue of the League and submit ideas and suggestions for publication.

Rep. Homer Thornberry Furnishes Debate Data

The League is indebted to Representative Homer Thornberry of the 10th District of Texas for supplementary materials on the current debate question. To date Rep. Thornberry has provided the following items:

Reprints of the speech by former Congressman Lea of California;

Hearings before a sub-committee of the judiciary on a proposal to amend the Constitution in regard to electing the president and vice-president.

Senate and House Reports on the above mentioned hearings.

Senate and House Joint Resolutions on the proposal.

These materials will be included in the debate packages being made up by the League Office and will not be distributed separately.



STATE CLASS AA BASEBALL CHAMPIONS—JUNE 6-8, 1949. Front Row—Kneeling: Left to right: Carlos Macias, Alfonso Lopez, Javier Holguin, Jose Corona, Fernando Gomez, Gustavo Sombana, Antonio Lora.

Back Row—Standing: Coach Nemo Herrera, Ruben Rodriguez, Trini Guillen, Lorenzo Martinez, Jose Galaraza, Ramon Camarillo, Ruben Parras, Ernesto Guzman, Andy Morales, Eddie Ramos, manager. The Bowie game record reads: Bowie 5, Stephenville 1, Bowie 4, Waco 3, and Bowie 3, Austin 2.

Number Important Changes Made in Rules for the League

A number of important changes in League rules are found in the new Constitution and Rules for 1949-50, all of which should be studied at the beginning of the year to avoid any misunderstanding at contest time. Some of these changes were brought about by suggestions from district and regional contest directors throughout the state.

During the past year a great deal of difficulty was caused by late receipt of entries at the contest centers, particularly at the regional meets. To remedy this situation, a rule has been added which requires that all entries must be in the Regional Director's office on Monday preceding the day of the meet. Although the rule is not stated to include district entries, it will eliminate much confusion and last-minute adjustment if the rule is observed throughout all the meets.

The age rule applying to Junior Declaration has been unsatisfactory to many teachers. There has been an overlapping of ages in Junior Declaration and the sub-junior declamation as found in the Grade School Meets. The rule is now clearly defined to place a pupil 11 and under 14 years of age on the first day of the preceding May in the Junior Division, and all below age 11 are considered sub-juniors eligible to compete only in Grade School Meets.

Article VIII, Section 8, the Amateur Rule, has been changed in several respects commencing with the 1949-50 school year. The sports or games have been listed in which teaching, officiating or participating will be construed as a violation of the Amateur Rule. This makes the rule much more specific than has been the case in interpreting what activities shall be considered as games or sports. The State Executive Committee may add additional games and sports to this list by giving one year's notice to member-schools.

Another important change in this rule is that the forfeiture of eligibility for violation shall be for one year from the date of the violation. In the past violation of the Amateur Rule has meant forfeiture of all remaining eligibility in the tournament.

Another new clause in the Amateur Rule will not become effective until the 1950-51 school year. This specifies that anyone who for valuable consideration has allowed his name to be used for the promotion of any product, plan, or service, will be in violation of the above mentioned rule. All other phases of the Amateur Rule remain in effect.

Six-man Advances to Region

The State Executive Committee has authorized Six-man Football to be extended to a regional championship for the first time this fall. Another change relative to Six-man and B football is that any school with as many as 75 high-school students may apply to the State Executive Committee for assignment to a B football conference, or if they desire they may participate in Six-man Football until their high-school enrollment totals 100 students.

Teletasting

The member-schools voted to authorize the State Executive Committee to negotiate contracts for telecasting the football and basketball games in the State play-offs on the basis of competi-

tive bids. This becomes effective in the 1949-50 school year.

Spring Training Restored

Spring football training is restored in the City, AA and B Conferences beginning with the 1949-50 school year. In those conferences fall football practice cannot begin until September 1, effective with the school year of 1950-51. No conditioning camps of any kind will be allowed prior to September 1, 1950. Conferences A and Six-man voted against restoring spring football training and they will continue to start their fall practice on August 15.

Beginning with the 1950-51 school year, the football training period must be held on the campus of the local school or on a site controlled by the school board and lying within the boundaries of the school district. This rule will not prevent teams leaving their campuses for scrimmage as defined in the Football Plan, Rule 13, provided they do not stay overnight on such trips.

Breach of Contract Penalty

Rule 27 of the Basketball Plan specifies that any school that fails to carry out its complete tournament schedule shall automatically forfeit its rebate privileges and shall be suspended from basketball for a period not to exceed one calendar year. This breach of contract, of course, is subject to review by the State Executive Committee or the Regional Committee. A team may be excused from fulfilling its tournament schedule if valid reasons are presented.

In Track and Field, Rule 2 now requires that entries to the Regional Meet be filed five days in advance of the meet, and in the Baseball Plan the penalty for breach of contract in not fulfilling the tournament schedule is similar to that of Rule 27 of the Basketball Plan mentioned above.

Rule 20 of the Baseball Plan specifies that gate receipts shall be prorated to the contesting teams on the basis of ten cents per mile one way. Any remaining balance shall be divided equally among the schools participating in the tournament.

City Conference's Tests of New Speech Contests Prove More Work Needed Before General Use

Although plans were made this year to include three new speech contests (Radio Newscasting, Original Oration, and Interpretative Reading) in the contest program, it was found that more work needs to be done on these contests before they are offered to schools generally.

At the City Conference Meet last year the three new contests were included by the City schools on a try-out basis. It was found that procedures and aims and objectives needed to be revised and re-tried. It was therefore decided by the Executive Committee of the Interscholastic League to revise these contests and give them another trial run in the City Conference again this year.

Since the City Conference is small and compact, last-minute changes can be made without difficulty, whereas if the contests were offered to all the schools at this time, small changes would entail a tremendous amount of secretarial mailing and handling,

Playoffs in Baseball Entirely Successful

636 Schools, 9,920 Schoolboys Compete

The 1949 baseball season is now history, with the crowning of the various district, regional and state champions in their respective conferences.

The first state and regional baseball championships sponsored by the League were great successes from a competitive, educational and financial viewpoint. There were 636 schools which fielded baseball teams in 1949, as compared with 599 in 1948. The total number of boys participating in 1949 was 9,920, which was 1,094 more than participated in 1948.

The City Conference was represented by 19 schools, the Conference AA by 77, Conference A by 75, and Conference B by 364 schools. Incidentally, the past season was marked by the building of many night facilities for the playing of baseball. This trend is desirable, as it will increase attendance and reduce the loss of school time.

The Adamson High School team from Dallas won the first City Conference baseball tournament by defeating Paschal of Fort Worth 6-2 before 1,800 fans at Burnett Field in Dallas. Carter—(Continued Page 4, Col. 1)

UT Training Bureau's Staff Aids Canadians

Texas methods of oil well drilling-mud control, as taught by The University of Texas Industrial and Business Training Bureau, have gone international.

The recent oil boom in Western Canada caught drillers there with a scarcity of trained workers, so the University of Alberta, Edmonton, asked the Bureau for help and paid the expenses of a Texas specialist to inaugurate a training program.

James E. Conway, Bureau petroleum industry technical instructor, taught four classes for Canadian oil well drilling personnel in drill-mud control.

Annual Delegates' Meetings Draw 217 to Rules Discussion

The Annual Meeting of Delegates was held at the Driskill Hotel in Austin on May 7, 1949, with Dean T. H. Shelby presiding over the meeting. All parts of the state were represented in the total of 169 attending. The invocation was given by Superintendent J. R. Griggs of Huntsville.

The first matter taken up was the report on Athletic Insurance by the committee which had been set up to study the athletic insurance plans of other states for the purpose of bettering the plan in Texas. In the report given by Superintendent Walter C. Coers of Orange Grove, it was disclosed that 21 of the 27 states studied used the commercial companies, and that the majority were losing money. The committee made a number of recommendations for improving the athletic insurance plan in Texas so as to give maximum coverage and simplify the filing of claims. Motion was made and adopted to accept the report.

Safe-Driving Contest Studied
Next matter of business was a report on plans for a Safety Driving Contest to be sponsored jointly by the University Interscholastic League, the Texas Safety Association, and the State Depart-

ment of Public Safety. The report was made by Mr. George Clark, Managing Director of the Texas Safety Association. Suitable rules for the contest and selection of contestants, judges, and equipment were discussed at length. Motion was made and carried that the proposed safe-driving contest be studied by a special committee before any adoption of the plan.

Superintendent Walter Hinds of Galena Park presented a report on reclassification of schools for all League activities. The report indicated that two-thirds of the schools of 500 to 1,000 favor a new classification for those schools having enrollment within those figures for the last four grades. Motion was made that the report on reclassification be tabled and further study made on the question.

Referendum Items Discussed
Mr. R. B. Norman, Principal of Amarillo High School, gave a short discussion on the results of the "Referendum on Items Recommended by the Legislative Advisory Council," and the results of the balloting on the item concerning the Amateur Rule.

Following this discussion Dean T. H. Shelby reported the balloting on other items mentioned in the referendum. Several questions on eligibility under the Amateur Rule were raised from floor and discussed.

The results of the debate balloting were disclosed in which first place in the voting went to the question: "Resolved, That the President of the United States should be elected by direct vote of the people." Second was "Federal Aid to Higher Education," third, "The Tidelands Ownership Question," fourth, "Water and Soil Conservation," and fifth, "Unicameral Legislation."

Age, Semester Rules Considered
Discussion was held on desirable aspects of increasing the Age Rule to 19 years. Many delegates expressed themselves in favor of the increase in age limit. Motion was made that the matter be studied by a special committee and recommendations be made to the Advisory Council.

Mr. Claud Kellam, San Antonio, recommended that an exception be made to the eight-semester rule so that basketball players could finish out the season without becoming ineligible under the Semester Rule. The motion was lost.

Delegates Offer Suggestions
Delegates were asked to submit suggestions in regard to rules, contests, or any other matters pertaining to League activities. Lack of space prevents publication of the entire list of comments, but below are suggestions representative of the general trend.

W. C. O. Harris, Coach, Plainview: "We have no P.E. class for football players. I note some difference in opinion as to activities that can be carried on legally in these classes. I have seen teams engaged in dummy scrimmage this spring and have been told that some schools are using equipment other than a ball. A clearer definition is in order. Give the boys who are superior mentally a chance. All rules at present favor the average or retarded pupil."

Bob Short, Coach, Junction: "Permit boys to participate in athletics through 19 years of age. Qualify two relay teams from Regional to State in Conferences A and B."

Herbert Hopper, Coach, Freepoint: "I would like to see the age limit raised."

Hansel Mangum, Coach, Wharton: "Apply the Amateur Rule to every student, athletic and music student alike."

Alton Crewelwe, student, Fredricksburg: "I would like to have more than one judge, at least two, in tennis."

R. E. Mattingly, Coach, Bowie: "Why give literary contestants awards, ribbons, etc., in Region and not athletes? When are we going to raise Age Rule to fit 12 year system? Why give basketball, etc., in tournaments and meets and not allow all-district football players to receive footballs? At State Meet, basketball"

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Place: Kilgore Junior College
Director: Dr. B. E. Masters, President, Kilgore Junior College
Theme: Leadership Training Through Student Activities
8:45-9:00 General Assembly
9:00-12:00 Debate — Bruce Roach, University Interscholastic League
Drama—Loren Winship, Chairman, Department of Drama, University of Texas
Ready-Writers — Dr. Powell Stewart, University of Texas
Journalism—Bluford Hestir, University Interscholastic League
Student Councils—Dean T. H. Shelby, University of Texas Extension Division
12:00 Luncheon
1:00-2:00 Declamation—Loren Winship, University of Texas
2:00-3:00 Extemp Speech—Bruce Roach, University Interscholastic League
3:00-3:30 Speech: Question and Answer Period—Bruce Roach and Loren Winship
Note: Student Councils, Journalism, Ready-Writers will arrange continuations of their morning sessions at those sessions.

Place: University of Houston
Director: J. O. Webb, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Houston Public Schools
Theme: Leadership Training through Student Activities
8:45-9:15 General Assembly
9:25-12:45 Debate: Demonstration Debate, Panel on Techniques —Bruce Roach, University Interscholastic League, critic
9:25-11:45 Journalism— Bluford Hestir, University Interscholastic League; N. S. Patterson, University of Houston
Ready-Writers and Essay—Dr. Powell Stewart, University of Texas, chairman
Drama — Demonstrations and Discussions on High School Drama Problems—James Moll, Department of Drama, University of Texas, chairman and critic
9:25-12:00 Declamation: Demonstration and Discussions on both Junior and Senior Declamations—Mrs. Davis, University of Houston, critic
Student Councils—Dean T. H. Shelby, University of Texas, Extension Division
W. I. Stevenson, Milby High School, Houston
11:45—Luncheon will begin at 11:45 and will be staggered to accommodate everyone.

1:30-3:00 Radio—Dr. W. W. Cook, University of Houston, chairman, with Pat Flaherty, Director News and Special Events, KPRC, assisting.
Extemp Speech—Miss Esther Eby, University of Houston, critic
1:30-4:00 Journalism (Continuing morning program)
1:30-4:30 Drama (Continuing morning program)
3:10-4:30 Interpretative Reading—Bruce Roach, University Interscholastic League
Note: Registration will be held in each morning session at the beginning of the program.

The program for the East Texas Student Activities Conference, Kilgore, is as follows:
Time: 8:45 a. m., October 29, 1949.
Place: Kilgore Junior College
Director: Dr. B. E. Masters, President, Kilgore Junior College
Theme: Leadership Training Through Student Activities
8:45-9:00 General Assembly
9:00-12:00 Debate — Bruce Roach, University Interscholastic League
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There is a good deal of overlapping in the Senior Declaration Contest as it now stands and the proposed new Original Oration contest. At the present, original orations may be given in the Senior Declaration Contest—in fact they are strongly encouraged. A survey of recent winners reveals the fact that a high percentage of Senior Declaration winners used their own original orations in the contest. Since declamation is the most widely entered contest in the Speech field, it would seem that present procedures, aims and objectives are fairly satisfactory in that field.

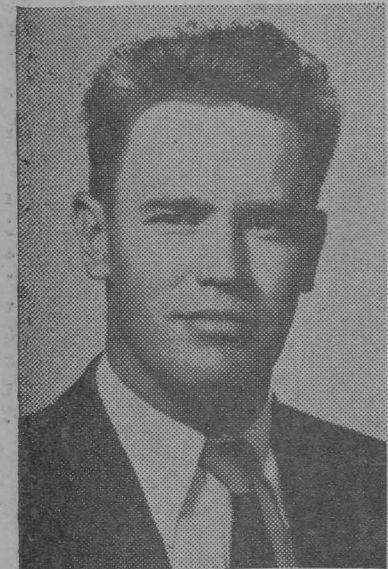
The question has been advanced as to the advisability of inaugurating a new contest which is more or less taken care of by an already existing contest. Perhaps what schools should do if they really want the Original Oration Contest is to encourage their students to enter the already flourishing Declaration Contest with

as many original orations as possible. Original Oration offers students opportunities in research, planning, writing, and delivery whereas a declamation culled from an outside list offers training mainly in delivery. At any rate, before an Original Oration can truly take its place as a distinct contest, the above problems must be solved. Thus, this new contest must also be delayed for the time being.

Interpretative Problems
Interpretative reading is a widely used classroom procedure. Reading from the book or manuscript has excellent carry-over values for the student. The ability to interpret the printed page to an audience is an asset to be valued by everyone. Thus, there is a demand from schools that some sort of program be inaugurated in the League to supply this need. The Interpretative Reading Contest was organized and tried.

Unfortunately, in the first confining Declaration Contest with

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increased that provision was made to employ an advanced journalism student as a part-time helper; and thus was created the position of assistant director.

From 1928 until 1947 DeWitt Reddick, professor of Journalism, served as director of the ILPC on a voluntary basis, doing the League journalism work in addition to a full-time teaching job. In 1947-48 an Executive Committee was organized for the ILPC to meet the increasing demands. Dr. Reddick resigned as chairman of this committee to take over new duties in regard to the student publications of The University of Texas, and Norris Davis, assistant professor of journalism, served as state chairman last year. The appointment of Mr. Hestir as a full-time employee of the League fills a long-felt need for someone who can give more complete attention to the rapidly expanding journalism activities in the high schools of the state.

Mr. Hestir comes to his job from many years of journalism experience. In San Angelo High School he worked on the school paper. He edited the literary magazine of San Angelo-Junior College and worked on the paper. At The University of Texas he was active in journalism circles and was graduated with a Bachelor of Journalism degree with highest honors in 1940. For more than a year he edited The Steering Wheel, weekly publication of the Texas Motor Transportation Association, then served as wire editor and make-up editor of The San Angelo Evening Standard. In the Army he was assigned to write the history of the Ordnance Board and to write various manuals on procedure and procedural orders. In 1943 he was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Returning to The University of Texas after the war, he received his Master of Arts degree in 1947. While continuing work toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree, he worked as assistant director of the ILPC and at the same time was a teaching fellow in the Department of English. Since March, 1948, he has worked full time as a copy-editor and assistant to the night editor of The Austin American.

U. S. GOVERNMENT LEADS IN MONEY FOR RESEARCH

The United States Government is reported by the Commerce Department to be the biggest research agency in the world. Last year government expenditures for research made up 54 per cent of all American research expenditures. Industry had 39 per cent, schools and other institutions the remainder.



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Additional revenue to operate the League Office is going to be necessary if the League is to maintain the contest program as now in operation. The membership fee has remained at the present figure for approximately 20 years. Several years ago the basketball fee and membership fee were combined in one assessment. This eliminated the requirement of schools paying a special basketball fee. In our opinion the membership fee could now be increased without placing too heavy a burden on any one school.

The schools have requested many additional services from the League during the past 10 years. The League now has a full-time director of speech, full-time director of Music, and has recently added a full-time director of Journalism. Cost of printing, labor and many other services that it takes to carry on the League Office has increased 100 per cent.

At the present time, the League is carrying on a State Meet in four conferences and paying rebate to four times as many contestants as it did prior to the war. This is being done with the same membership fee that the League had when it only had one State Meet.

During the past State Meet the League paid in rebate to the schools taking part in the meet more money than was received from the member-schools in League membership fees. The time has come when the League must either stop the rebate payments or increase the membership fees in order to carry on the many services that the member-schools want the League to perform.

The State Office intends to recommend to the State Executive Committee and the Advisory Council that the membership fees be increased a reasonable amount beginning with the 1950 school term.

The League Office is submitting another ballot to the member-schools for the purpose of filling vacancies on the Advisory Council. When the balloting is over and the election is closed, some superintendents and principals will write in and say that they did not get their ballots. Some one else will say that the State Office got its own volition placed the men on the Council. Through the pages of the *Leaguer*, the public press and letters to each member school we try to put all on notice of the coming election.

It is the duty of the Advisory Council to consider and study all proposed legislation and recommendations submitted at the November and May meetings of member-schools and to recommend to the State Executive Committee legislation that it considers vital to the best interests of the League.

Each region and each conference in each region has an elected representative on the Council. District Executive Committees should get their recommendations to their representatives on the Council during the early part of October in order that they may in turn inform their regions concerning matters that will be up for discussion.

The leadership on the Advisory Council thus far has been outstanding. Elect your best man for membership on this important board.

Since Texas is not a member of the National High School Athletic Federation, it has become a rich field for promoters of national high-school sports events. In recent months Texas high-school youths have been invited to take part in several different types of national athletic meets. In each instance the contest has been promoted by organizations not directly connected with the schools. Usually the contest is sponsored as an advertising medium to add to the prestige or profit of the individuals or organizations promoting the event.

For self protection, the member-schools should adopt some regulation on athletic participation on teams outside of school organizations; otherwise we will find that commercial organizations will continue to cash in on the reputation that the schools have built up.

The school administrators of Texas have on numerous occasions expressed their objections to national meets of all types for high-school contestants. We now have in Texas a national all-star high-school football game. This game will be promoted largely on the high-school records of the participants, with the income going to promoters or organizations outside of the school. Such is the case with practically all the athletic events that are now being promoted at national meets.

If League rules permit organizations outside of the school to provide all-expense trips to national meets for contestants still having remaining eligibility, without allowing the same privileges to its own member-schools, high-school contestants will soon find it more profitable to quit the high-school teams and join the so-called local amateur athletic teams.



JANET WHEELER
Bonham High School

Bonham Journalist Takes Top Honors

Janet Wheeler One Of 100 in UT Plan II

Janet Wheeler of Bonham High School added another to her long list of honors when she won the first place individual award in Conference AA Journalism at the State Meet in Austin. While in high school she was secretary of the National Honor Society, vice-president of the Horizon Club, and member of the Spanish and dramatic clubs. While a sophomore she participated in the district tennis matches. She was chosen "Junior Class Favorite" and Band Sweetheart. During her senior year she served as editor of the high school paper, *The Bonhi*.

Miss Wheeler has been accepted as one of the 100 freshmen at The University of Texas to register for Plan II, which is open to only the highest ranking high-school graduates, courses being available under this plan which are not open to other freshmen. She became eligible for this offer as salutatorian of her class.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben K. Wheeler who now reside at 203 West 33rd Street, Austin.

24,000 Students Receiving Driver Education, Training

The number of Texas high schools offering courses in driver education and training is growing at a phenomenal rate.

A survey by the Safety Division of the Department of Education reveals that 24,000 students received driver education work last school year, representing 31 per cent of the eligible students.

The number of schools offering behind-the-wheel training jumped from 54 the previous year to 147, for an increase of 172 per cent. This brought to 365 the number of schools offering one or the other type of traffic safety course.

In the larger schools these courses are no longer part-time or extra-curricular activities. The courses are rapidly becoming a part of the regular high-school curriculum.

The evidence that driver training reduces traffic accidents as much as 50 per cent has done much to overcome the many arguments which formerly prevented the inclusion of driver education and training courses in the high-school curriculum.

In many cases, teachers already had a crowded schedule and any driver training would have to be handled outside of school hours. In other instances, people who were interested in instituting a course had no teachers who had received special training in this subject.

Today, parents, educators and the public now generally realize that the benefits of driver training justify its cost. Eight hundred teachers in Texas already have taken intensive teacher training courses on driver education and training methods. Numerous teacher training colleges are now instituting courses in driver education

HIGH SCHOOL PRESS

Last year, after 20 years of operation under one set of rules, the Interscholastic League Press Conference functioned under a reorganized program. This year, the rules are largely unchanged from last year, but the situation under which they will be administered from the League office has been altered.

For the first time in League history, a Director of Journalism has been named, and will be the acting State Chairman, Journalism Division, mentioned in the Journalism Contest Rules as published in the League Constitution and Rules.

On page one of this issue of the *Leaguer*, the Director, Bluford B. Hestir, is formally introduced. In this column it is hoped that the part he will play in your League and ILPC activities will be made clear.

Services to Be Broadened
The creation of the Director of Journalism position with the League will, it is hoped, permit a much broader service both to journalists in all League schools and to members of the ILPC.

Last year Norris Davis, State Chairman, aided regional meets and had charge of final contests and conventions. This year, these services will be performed by the Director of Journalism, who will also have charge of the critical services rendered through the Press Conference.

These critical services, as always, will be offered only to enrolled members of the Press Conference. Never, in the past, have ILPC headquarters staff members been able to prepare written criticisms on all papers enrolled because of the time required for such preparation. But this year, we hope, it will be different. Also bulletins on subjects of general interest to high-school journalists will be sent from time to time to members of the ILPC, and we shall mail out periodically mimeographed critical sheets of com-

ments on a number of member papers at a time.

Regional Conferences
Non-member papers will not receive the special services offered Press Conference enrollees, but since the Director will function on a League level as well as on an ILPC level, he will attempt to answer specific questions and aid with presented problems from any paper published by a high school which is a member of the Interscholastic League.

Under the new administrative setup, it will be possible for the League offices to give journalism teachers and sponsors more help in organizing and presenting Student Conference programs. Already, as explained in a story on page one of this issue, two such programs are scheduled, both including journalism sections. Other dates are tentatively listed, but do not necessarily have journalism sections included. It is not the desire of the League staff to insist on journalism being included in such programs until sponsors feel that they and their students can profitably include the conference in their program. Where sponsors indicate a desire for a journalism section, organization of the program for the section will be planned.

Rules Unchanged
There have been a few minor changes in the rules governing the journalism activities and contests, but they are chiefly designed to insure a clearer understanding of the meaning of the rules. Again this year the high-school papers of the state will be divided into two groups, the Four City High School Press Division and the Lone Star High School Press Division. Once again there will be no elimination contest for the Four City Division, but all schools may send two contestants directly to the state Four City Division contests. There will be regional contests, as last year, for the Lone Star Division, and winning journalists will compete in Austin in the state contest. There will be two state conventions and contests, with winners being selected in each of the two divisions.

Deadline for enrollment in ILPC is January 15. Deadline for registration for contest purposes is one month prior to the contest date. However, a paper which enrolls after January 15 will not be entitled to receive the normal Press Conference critical and bulletin services, so it is advisable for any paper contemplating entry into regional or city competition to enroll early in the ILPC in order to receive full benefit of the enrollment.

No enrollment for contest purposes will be accepted after March 22, one month before the regional contests.

Mailing Directions
High-school papers are urged to enroll as early as possible in the Press Conference. Blanks for this purpose will be sent to all papers which have been members of the Conference in the past. Those which have not been members should write for enrollment blanks. Criticisms will be prepared in the order in which enrollments are received in League offices, provided copies of this year's publications are available for criticism.

Requests for blanks, and returns of completed forms should be sent to Director of Journalism, Interscholastic League, The University of Texas, Austin. Copies of all issues of your paper should be sent promptly after publication to the same address, to insure that criticisms are based on the latest issues and so that the requisite file of your paper is in the hands of the League.

For those of you who have worked with and come to love Dr. Reddick during any part of the 20 years in which he served as Director of ILPC, let it be known that the creation of a League-level directorship does not mean that Dr. Reddick will no longer be associated with the Press Conference. As stated in the Constitution and Rules, the ILPC will be governed by an Executive Committee, including the State Chairman (Director of Journalism for the League) and two members of the University of Texas School of Journalism faculty. Dr. Reddick will be one of those members of the University of Texas experience the Director will rely very heavily. Fortunately, two years as assistant to Dr. Reddick in the Press Conference work has given the Director invaluable background information for his new job.

Norris Davis, who last year was the State Chairman, this year is on leave of absence for further work toward completing a Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Wisconsin.



ETTA DELORES HOWARD
Fabens High School

Etta Howard Wins Typing State Title

Fabens Girl Captures Conference B Award

State winner of Typing in Conference B was Etta Delores Howard of Fabens High School. In addition to her interest in commercial subjects, she is active in public speaking, band and pep squad in her school. Following graduation in 1950, she plans to attend college and major in Business Administration.

Miss Howard is active in the Order of Rainbow Girls, having held the stations of Service Musician, Faith, Hope, Charity, and will become Worthy Advisor in January. Hobbies in which she is interested are tennis, dancing, swimming, and souvenir collecting.

She makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders, Fabens.

Music Committees Complete Bulletin

Three committees and nearly a hundred individuals have completed their work during the summer and the bulletin containing the prescribed lists of music for use in the regional competition-festivals will be ready for distribution in a very short time.

The committee charged with the responsibility of selecting music to be used by orchestras and string orchestras met in San Marcos on the campus of the Southwest Texas State College on June 16, 17, and 18. This committee, headed by G. Lewis Doll, and composed of Edna Brooks, Durward Howard, G. H. Carson, Anton Bek and Mrs. J. W. Owens, selected nearly two hundred titles to be used during the school year 1949-50.

Euell Porter and Hardin-Simmons University were hosts to the vocal committee composed of Marie Hill, Mary Lee Franklin, Clyde Wolford and Robert L. Day on June 23, 24, 25 in Abilene. This group selected music for mixed, boys' and girls' choruses.

The band music committee met at Lubbock with Dr. D. O. Wiley as host on June 30, July 1-2. This committee surveyed the entire field of new music for bands and constructed the final lists for all classifications. This committee was composed of Lyle Skinner, Don Hayes, Wilbur Gregg, John Buchanan and Jack Mahan.

In addition to these committees, nearly a hundred individuals assigned as committees of three submitted lists of prescribed music for soloists and ensembles.

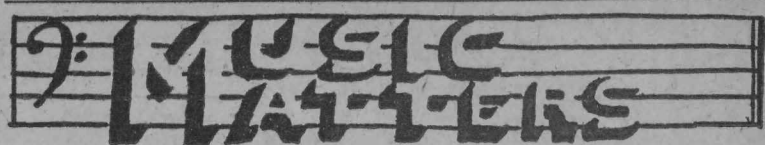
"Our bulletin was full of errors last year," states F. W. Savage, director of Music Activities, "and we intend to avoid as much of this as possible in the current bulletin. It may delay the distribution a few weeks, but I believe it will be worth it."

The bulletin will be almost twice as large as the 1948-49 issue due to its cumulative nature and represents a wide sampling of the available music in all fields. Due to the increased cost of printing the sale price has been raised to 50 cents per copy.

"This bulletin is so complete that it can be used as a bibliography of teaching material in almost any phase of music," Savage noted. "I think it would be a valuable addition to your professional library even though you do not participate in League activities," he continued.

Although the bulletin has not been received, the State Office is taking orders in advance. A limited number was printed this year and orders will be filled according to the date of receipt.

Savage praised highly the work of the committees and the individuals stating, "I don't believe it is possible to have a more cheerful and hard working group. Each person worked sincerely and thought only of the interests of the music program as a whole."



By F. W. SAVAGE
Director of Music Activities

As usual it seems pertinent to begin the year with a reminder concerning the requirements for participating in music competition sponsored by the University Interscholastic League.

Only two things are necessary to make your school eligible. One, your school unit must be registered as a member of the University Interscholastic League, Article III of the Constitution and Rules explains in detail the procedure for becoming a member. You will note that you must be registered by January 15, 1950, in order to participate in Music Competition-Festivals occurring during the current school year.

Second, your school unit must file an acceptance card with the State Office. This card is a routine matter stating that your school is interested in participating in Music competition and will abide by all the rules and regulations thereof. Acceptance cards will be mailed from the State Office by February 15, 1950 in order to become eligible for regional competition-festivals during the spring.

Each School Must File
Please note that each individual school unit must file an acceptance card if organizations from that school intend to participate. This means that your elementary school, junior high school and senior high school must file separate cards. Filing a card for your high school does not make your elementary school eligible.

While a part of our job consists of compiling statistics, we are not interested in cluttering up our mailing list nor those of the regional directors with the names of schools who have no intention of participating in music competition. Do not file an acceptance card if you do not intend to participate. Neither is this card necessary if you intend entering only the choral singing and musical appreciation contests held in conjunction with the grade school meets. Membership in the League is the only prerequisite for participation in these events.

Official Notice
In trying to find things to say which may be helpful to your program during the year, it seems in order that we explain just what official notice means in University Interscholastic League terminology. Since there are certain deadlines and certain rule changes which become effective on certain dates, the League has ruled that two publications comprise official notice to the member schools.

The first and most important from a long range viewpoint is the Constitution and Rules. This is the guidebook for all League competition. The second, and one of a more current nature is this newspaper, *The Interscholastic Leaguer*. This paper is published monthly during the school year. You are encouraged to secure a copy and read the portions dealing with your activity.

During the year you will receive circular letters from either this office or the offices of the



Arp High School was suspended in football for the 1949 season by the State Executive Committee for failure to submit to the State Office a correct and complete list of football contestants. Arp filed five game reports and certified on the game reports certain ineligible contestants as being eligible.

Glen Rose High School was suspended in football for the 1949 season because of mistreatment of game officials in the Glen Rose-Valley Mills football game on November 19, 1948.

Paschal and Arlington Heights High Schools of Fort Worth have been placed on probation for the school year of 1949-50 for violating certain provisions of the Awards Rule.

Maypearl High School was suspended in basketball for the 1949-50 school term for failure to pay League membership fees and failure to file a season report giving the names of the basketball players for the 1948-49 season.

Member football schools shall use the 1949 NCAA football rules with interpretations and mechanics as practiced by the Southwest Conference. Member schools should note that in case of disputes concerning the color of jerseys the home team has the choice of color and it is the visiting team which must change jerseys. In disputes over the type of football to be used, the game referee shall make the choice prior to the game.

regional contest director. Such letters do not constitute official notice, but are merely sent as a courtesy to you. It is and must remain your responsibility to determine deadlines and secure entry blanks and such. Failure to receive them in a "courtesy letter" does not constitute failure in receiving official notice. Your job and that of the regional chairman will be much more pleasant if you understand this procedure completely.

Marching Contests
Most of the regions seem to be setting dates for the marching events in the fall just after football season. Since this date precedes that for filing membership and acceptance cards for music competition, your school may become eligible for marching by merely addressing a letter to this office indicating your intention of participating and abiding by the rules and regulations. This does not concern those schools which filed cards last year since they are eligible automatically.

Resolutions
Most people make resolutions on or about January 1 each year. Our activity year begins on September 1 so we think it fitting and proper to make our resolutions in the first copy of the *Leaguer*.

FIRST of all, we hereby resolve to do everything in our power to accomplish the prime objective of music competition as sponsored by the University Interscholastic League. In case you aren't familiar with this objective, may we state it in a nutshell: to assist the public schools in enriching their music curriculum by offering controlled interschool activities.

SECOND, we resolve to attempt to get as many schools as possible to realize the benefits inherent in this program and participate therein.

THIRD, fully realizing that this music competition could become a very artificial and synthetic thing by simply securing the contest music at the first of the year and concentrating on nothing else, we hereby resolve to use every means in our power to discourage this practice and expose those individuals involved in it.

We believe that the instructor should teach music of all types industriously all year and use the music competition festival as a culminating activity for the entire year's work.

FOURTH, cognizant of the fact that judging standards set the tenor for accomplishment in all fields, we again resolve to work to improve and standardize these procedures and techniques.

FIFTH, since attitudes of both directors and students are integral parts of the major essentials of the competition-festival relative to the inspirational and social features, we hereby resolve to assist in maintaining the present high level of pleasant relations. While a sense of competition is necessary in order to achieve the good in this type activity, we believe that a happy sense of rivalry is possible and we intend to make it and keep it so.

SIXTH, human nature seems to resent change in any form, but we hereby resolve to make such changes in the methods or procedures of music competition which seem in our opinion to be of benefit to the program and which are within our power to make.

SEVENTH, since in our opinion, music education in the public schools is designed to give many students a taste of good music both in performance and appreciation, we shall continue to insist that this music activity is for the average and normal school pupil and while there are many worthy exceptions, this program shall continue to regard them as exceptions.

EIGHTH, being fully convinced that teaching is a profession, we shall continue to exhort music teachers to maintain their professional bearing and teach accordingly.

NINTH, we resolve to be very pleasant and hold our tempers when you literally "climb down our throats" concerning some individual concern of yours. We shall try to assist you in solving your problem, but refuse to take sides. See?

It is fairly evident that this thing could go on forever, but are reminded that there are several more issues of this column this year and we must reserve some of our thunder.

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE CALENDAR 1949-1950

- September 1.—Fees for 1949-1950 accepted—Constitution and Rules available for distribution. Keep membership receipt on file.
- NOTE.—Grade schools need only register and are not required to pay a fee.
- September 15.—Last day for filing acceptance of Football Plan.
- September 17.—Last day for meeting of District Football Committee, to be called by Temporary Chairman.
- November 6 and 7.—Annual Meeting of Legislative Advisory Council, Austin, Texas.
- November 15.—Last day for filing acceptance of Basketball Plan and district organization.
- November 15.—Organization of Districts for Spring Meet.
- November 19.—Last day for certifying Conference A and 6-Man District Football Champions.
- November 25.—League Breakfast, State Teachers Association Meeting, Texas Hotel, Fort Worth.
- November 26.—Last day for certifying District Football Champions, Conferences AA, City and B.
- January 15.—Last day for paying membership fee.
- January 15.—Last day for filing entry in Journalism Contest.
- February 1.—Last day for organizing District Meets.
- February 15.—Last day for filing entry in One-Act Play Contest.
- February 15.—Last day for filing acceptance cards in Music Contests.
- February 18.—Last day for certifying Conferences AA, A, and B District Basketball Champions.
- February 25.—Regional Basketball play-offs for Conferences A and B, and Bi-district Basketball play-offs for Conference AA.
- March 1.—Last day for filing acceptance of Baseball Plan.
- March 2, 3, 4.—State Basketball Tournament. Last day for certifying City Conference District Champions and runners-up.
- March 10 and 11.—City Conference State Basketball Championship.
- March 10 and 11.—First week-end for holding District Meets.
- March 15.—Last day for organizing baseball districts.
- April 15.—Last week-end for holding District Meets.
- April 17.—Last day for filing entries in Regional Meet.
- April 22.—Regional Meets.
- May 4, 5, 6.—State Meet.
- May 6.—State Meeting of Delegates, Austin, Texas.
- May 11 and 12.—City Conference State Meet.
- May 12.—City Conference State Meeting of Delegates, Houston, Texas.
- May 13.—Last day for certifying District Baseball Championship in Conferences AA, A and B.
- May 27.—Last day for certifying District Baseball Championship in City Conference.
- June 5, 6, 7.—Conference AA State Baseball Tournament.
- June 8 and 9.—City Conference State Baseball Tournament.



By Bruce Roach

At the beginning of each school year we have many requests for lists of plays on which speech and drama classes can start to work. Directors write in asking for plays that have "a strong part for a boy" or "a good part for a girl who can do character parts" and the like. This month, to start off the play reviews for the year, we have chosen a number of plays and listed them according to the leading roles and types. If you would like to look over any of these plays, send your request to the Interscholastic League Drama Service, and we shall be glad to send review copies to you which you may keep for nine days. The only cost to you is the postage both ways.

Elderly Characters

"The Sisters McIntosh" by Richard Corson. French, 1m2w, comedy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. The Sisters McIntosh are two old maids who frighten away a man who appears and claims he is their nephew. They do this by pretending to be insane—but the act takes little pretense.

"On Vengeance Height" by Allen Davis. French, 2m2w, drama, Roy. \$5, 1 act. Gram, past 60 and blind, carries on the feud in the stark atmosphere of the Tennessee hills. Excellent character parts not only for the old lady but for a mountaineer girl and two mountaineer men as well.

"Gray Bread" by Jean Lee Latham. Row Peterson, 4w, comedy-drama, Roy. \$5, 1 act. Riga, 80 years old, gives some wise advice to a girl who is having her first love affair.

"Heritage of Wimpole Street" by Robert Knipe. Baker, 2m3w, drama, Roy. \$5, 1 act. Elizabeth Barrett Browning's father, between 70 and 75, meets his grandson for the first time. Also has excellent parts for a child around 11 and for two women around 25 to 30 years of age.

"Joint Owners in Spain" by Alice Brown. Baker, 4w, comedy, \$5, 1 act. Two old ladies who are room-mates in an old ladies home settle their differences. Excellent character parts in a well-written play.

"The Bishop's Candlesticks" by Norman McKinnel. French, 3m2w, drama, Roy. \$5, 1 act. A dramatization from an incident in "Les Misérables." The elderly bishop shows the convict that there is still benevolence in the world. Also an excellent part for a hard-bitten convict (about 35 years of age).

"Sparkin'" by E. P. Conkle. French, 1m3w, comedy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. Granny teaches a bashful boy how to court his girlfriend. Rural characters.

"Birthday Greetings" by Herbert S. Nusbbaum. Longmans Green, 2m5w, Roy. \$5, 1 act. When Grandma's paintings turn out to be valuable, all of the grasping relatives try to beat her out of them.

"Goodnight, Please" by Peter Daggert. French, 4m3w, comedy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. Father is tired of working at the bank and decides to stay in bed for an indefinite period. The whole household is upset.

"I, William Holloway—" by Isabella Holt. French, 4m3w, comedy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. An elderly man is shown the error of his way and makes a will which leaves his money to the right people.

"Quiet Please" by Howard Buermann. Dramatists Play Service, 3m4w, comedy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. Two elderly men living on opposite sides of a room nearly patch up their difficulties, but not quite. Reminiscent of "Joint Owners in Spain."

"Teen-Age Characters"

"Three's a Crowd" by S. S. and E. C. McCarty. Row Peterson, 3m2w, comedy, non-roy., 1 act. Madeline, a teen-ager, takes her young sister along on a very important date. The boy friend is fit to be tied—until little sister shows she has age-old feminine intuition.

"Bobby Sox Brigade" by Alice Bigelow. French, 2m5w, comedy, non-roy., 1 act. Penny, head of the hobby-soxers, gets even with her older sister who insists on lording it over her.

"The Princess Marries the Page" by Edna St. Vincent Millay. Baker, 6m1w, fantasy, Roy. \$10, 1 act. A young princess and page fall in love in a tower room of the castle. Charming interlude written in poetic style.

"Three Pills in a Bottle" by Rachel Field. French, 4m3w, 1 child, fantasy, \$10, 1 act. A little sick

boy from his window sees the souls of people who pass by. Excellent part for a little boy or girl. Part can be played by a young teen-ager.

"Who Gets the Car Tonight?" by Christopher Sergel. Dramatic Pub. Co., 3m2w, comedy, non-roy., 1 act. Two teen-agers vie with father and mother to get the family car. The scenes between the brother and sister are particularly amusing.

"Antic Spring" by Robert Nail. French, 3m3w, comedy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. A group of high-school students go on a picnic. Six chairs represent a car. All action is in pantomime.

"Birthday of the Infanta" by Vail Motter (from Oscar Wilde's story). Longmans Green, 6m2w, drama, Roy. \$5, 1 act. A grotesque dwarf falls in love with a princess. When he realizes why the princess has looked at him, his heart breaks in sorrow.

"Sugar and Spice" by Ryerson and Clements. French, 2m3w, comedy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. An adolescent girl learns that more boys are caught with sugar than vice versa. Excellent parts for two teenage girls and a teen-age boy.

"The Perfect Gentleman" by Anna B. Joder. French, 2m3w, comedy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. A high-school girl prepares dinner for her chemistry teacher—with the aid (?) of her younger brother.

"The First Dress Suit" by Russell Medcraft. French, 2m3w, comedy, Roy. \$10, 1 act. An adolescent boy goes through the trials and tribulations of ordering and wearing his first dress suit.

"Noble David" by Louise Harper. Row Peterson, 3m3w, comedy, non-roy., 1 act. A young man learns that there are values in losing a contest as well as in winning.

Leading Male Characters

"The Finger of God" by Percival Wilde. Baker, 2m1w, drama, Roy. \$10, 1 act. A strange girl appears to a man who is about to commit a crime and shows him himself as he really is.

"Bumbo the Clown" by Lawrence Gibson. French, 3m1w, fantasy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. Bumbo, a very sick man himself, helps bring about the recovery of a sick child by his charming foolery.

"One Who Came to Gettysburg" by Robert Knipe. Baker, 4m2w, comedy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. Abraham Lincoln talks to a young man and a young woman about loneliness and peace of mind. The entire Gettysburg address is skillfully woven into the play.

"I'm a Fool" by Christopher Sergel (from Sherwood Anderson's story). Dramatic Pub. Co., 4m4w, comedy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. A stable hand messes up his chances with a new girl friend when he pretends to be somebody he is not.

Leading Female Characters

"Rosalie" by Max Maurey. French, 1m2w, comedy, non-roy., 1 act. Rosalie, the maid, refuses to open the door to a guest of wealth and power. The resulting confusion completely upsets her master and mistress.

"Suppressed Desires" by Glasspell and Cook. Baker, 1m2w, comedy, Roy. \$10, 1 act. A young wife goes in for psychoanalysis and interprets a weird dream in such a way that a divorce nearly results.

"Enchanted Rose" by Mary Lawrence. Dramatic Pub. Co., 1m5w, comedy, Roy. \$5, 1 act. Three grandmothers from the past help a young wife make an important decision.

"Undertow" by Anne Weatherly. Row Peterson, 9w, drama, Roy. \$5, 1 act. An older sister, aged 38, almost wrecks the life of a younger sister before her motives are found out.

"So Wonderful in White" by Richard Nusbbaum. French, 9w, drama, Roy. \$5, 1 act. A young nurse learns disillusionment and despair in a hospital, but evolves a mature person.

JUSTICE JACKSON STRESSES DANGERS FROM EDUCATION

"It is one of the paradoxes of our times that modern society needs to fear little except men, and what is worse, it needs to fear only the educated men. The most serious crimes are committed only by educated men and technically competent people . . . If education is to be the instrument of our improvement, it should be constantly aware of its mission."

—Robert H. Jackson, Justice, US Supreme Court.

Debate Question On 'Direct Vote'

Information Sources For Subject Listed

The Interscholastic League Debate Question for this year is that being used nationally: Resolved, That the President of the United States Should Be Elected by Direct Vote of the People.

The League Office has available the following materials for debaters:

NUEA Handbook, Vol. I. This contains an extensive analysis of the question, and some 200 pages of original articles written especially for this year's question. Price 75c.

NUEA Handbook, Vol. II. This second volume contains almost 300 pages of articles and quotations from authoritative sources and much bibliography material. Price 75c.

Direct Election Brief. This mimeographed pamphlet contains an analysis of the question; extensive brief on the Introduction, Affirmative, Negative; and an exhaustive bibliography of references prepared by the League Director of Speech Activities, Price 15c.

In addition, each order for the above will contain a number of free items mainly from the Government Printing Office. The free material includes a good deal of reference to the Lodge-Gossett Amendment.

Send your money or check made out to the University Interscholastic League along with your order. The address is Box H, University Station, Austin.

Many Debate coaches and individual debaters may want to order some of the following direct from the publisher. Latest prices and publishers' names and addresses are given along with a description of the materials. The League office DOES NOT have any of these. Make your orders to the publishers:

Direct Election Debate, The Reviewing Stand. This will be a pamphlet issued by the Reviewing Stand of a radio debate on the current question. This debate will originate in Chicago on November 13 (Sunday morning) and will be carried on the Mutual Network. See your local Mutual station program for the exact time. Among the participants will be Norman Thomas and Ed Gossett. Representative Gossett of Texas is co-sponsor of the Lodge-Gossett Amendment. Full details of this radio debate are given in Volume I of the NUEA Handbook. Address orders to Mr. Robert Buchanan, The Reviewing Stand, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Presidential Elections, Reference Shelf. The Reference Shelf volumes are always excellent sources of material. This volume on the current question will be published early in September. It will contain briefs, analyses, articles and bibliography. Publisher's list price is \$1.75. Cheaper when several copies go to the same address. Order from H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, New York, N. Y.

How to Predict Elections, by Louis H. Bean. Here is a book that contains a wealth of statistical and other data concerning political behavior and trends in elections. Good for both the affirmative and negative. List price is \$2.50. Can be bought for less when more copies are ordered. Order from Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 501 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

Congressional Digest, Debate Issue. The Digest devotes its August-September issue to presidential elections. The list price is 75c. Bulk orders are less. If you are interested in this publication, order at once, as copies are limited. Send your order to: Congressional Digest, 1631 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Editorial Research Reports. The Reports give a complete analysis of presidential elections, bring the question up-to-date. The list price is 75c. Much cheaper when a number are ordered. The address to order from is Editorial Research Reports, 1205 19th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Spelling, for Australians Can Be Painful Chore

Texas students who have strained to recall the spelling of difficult words and place names during various Interscholastic League contests should thank their lucky stars they don't hail from Australia.

Thanks to the aboriginal origin of many Australian names, spelling "down under" is a nightmare worse than American Indian names could ever create. Young as Coccooboomah, Moombooldool, Gulgambone and Mookerawa. But its horrors like Lake Kardiwalluraycurkururriparlantoo, Murrucummulah that give them chills. That Kardi . . . etc., name means "The Starlight shining on the waters of the lake."



BENJIE HOLBROOK
Lindale High School

Lindale Girl Wins Two First Places

Class B Victor Excels in Speaking, Writing

Two first place awards went to Benjie Holbrook of Lindale High School in the B Division of the 1949 State Meet, for being the best speaker in Girls' Extemporaneous Speaking, and for writing the best essay in the Ready Writers' Contest. In Extemp she chose as her topic "What is Happening to Religious Freedom in Europe?" and for Ready Writing the topic selected was "What is Done (or Should Be Done) to Provide Cultural Entertainment in My Home Community." Last year she placed second in Declamation in the District Meet.

Miss Holbrook is scheduled to graduate in 1950. During the first three years of high school she has held the offices of vice-president of the Student Council, president of the Student Council, assistant editor of the Annual, and was a member of the Speech Club. In 1949 she had the highest scholastic average in her class and was chosen "Student of the Year." In addition she represented her home town as "Miss Lindale" at the Gilmer Jamboree.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holbrook of Lindale.

3 Speech Contests Need More Work

City Conference Plans Further Experimenting

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test held in this activity, students did very poorly on the extempore reading selection, indicating that basic techniques in reading had not been stressed as preliminary training for this contest. In addition the selections chosen by the Interpretative Reading Committee received a good deal of criticism, indicating that a great deal more sampling and try-out should be done in choosing the type of material to be used. Here again, students and teachers must all be made acquainted with uniform basic procedures, standards of judgment and definite aims and objectives before this contest can be offered on a statewide basis. For these reasons, it was felt that this contest, like the other two new contests, was not quite ready for full participation by all schools.

Now, what can you do as a speech teacher to encourage these activities in your school? The writing and giving of original orations; the use of radio, not only in news casting, but in radio drama, announcing, and allied activities; the training of students in learning to read and interpret the printed page—all should be an integral part of every basic speech class. In some schools, teachers offer several units in speech and drama. Since these activities have definite proved value a whole unit might valuably be spent on any one of them.

In the meantime, the State Office is hard at work to iron out the snags in the new contests. They will be tried in the City Conference again this year with revised and corrected rules. But the State Office needs the assistance of every Speech Teacher in the State. Try out these activities in your own school and send the State Office your suggestions and views.

Annual Delegates' Meetings Draw 217 to Discussions

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winners and track winners receive medals, but no footballs are given."

Tom Tipps, Coach, Pampa: "The Eight-Semester Rule is being violated by enrolling freshmen in only two high school subjects, thus evading the spirit of the rule."

Raymond Moyer, Director, Physical Education Society: "Schools should be declared ineligible for not providing proper protection and safety to visiting teams."

John G. Prude, Superintendent, Fort Davis: "You have arranged a great meet for us. Could Number Sense Contest be scheduled for morning period rather than 3 p. m.?"

Floyd G. Betts, Superintendent, Wharton: "I would like to see Driver Education and Driver Training developed. Have been teaching this course myself, and I am very interested. I would like to see a new region formed in Houston and Gulf Coast area for band and music."

City Delegates Hold Meeting
Forty-eight delegates attended the annual luncheon and meeting of the City Conference of the Interscholastic League held on May 13, 1949, at Brown's Restaurant, San Antonio. The meeting was opened with O. E. Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Schools in San Antonio, presiding. Mr. E. B. Comstock, Assistant Superintendent in charge of high schools, Dallas, gave the invocation.

The Safety-Driving Contest was the first matter brought up before the delegates. A proposal had been made that this contest become a regular contest sponsored by the League. A motion was made and carried that the matter be referred to the Advisory Council for further study.

ROTC Competitive Drill
Colonel Eldridge of San Antonio outlined briefly the plan of including ROTC drill as a part of the Interscholastic League program. A brief statement was made by Colonel Sanders of Fort Sam Houston relative to the value of this competitive drill. After considerable discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the Advisory Council.

Balloting on the 1949-50 debate question was explained by Thomas A. Rouse, Head of the Speech Department, University of Texas, and announcement was made that the national question on the Electoral College would be used for



Safety in Sports—Don Cash. Seaton. Prentice-Hall, Inc. New York City, 1948, pp. 415. Price \$4.50.

"Safety in Sports" fills a very definite vacuum which has existed in literature relative to interschool athletics, intramurals and physical education. There are many isolated articles on safety education, and several books in the field, but none touch specifically on the field of safety in sports. The author has covered the field of sports thoroughly, and his suggestions and points are made so casually and interestingly that you feel you are conversing personally with him. Adequate diagrams and illustrations are provided to insure complete understanding of any principle relative to safety discussion in the treatise.

All persons concerned with any phase of a physical education or interschool athletic program should own this book and become fully informed about the safety items therein discussed.—RW.

Topics for Extemp Speech Announced

The Extemp Topics for the 1949-50 school year will fall in these categories:

- 1. State and National Politics
- 2. Labor Problems
- 3. Economic Problems
- 4. Outstanding Foreign Events
- 5. Foreign Relations of the United States
- 6. Men at Home and Abroad Who Make the News.

In addition to a good daily newspaper and any of the current news magazines and pamphlets, basic sources for material are as follows:

Time, Time and Life Bldg., 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.

Newsweek, 152 W. 42nd, New York 18, N. Y.

Vital Speeches, 33 W. 42nd St., New York 18, N. Y.

Our Times, 400 S. Front St., Columbus, Ohio.

Scholastic, 220 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y.

U. S. News, 24th and N. Sts., N. W., Washington 7, D. C.

United Nations World, 385 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

Current History, 108 Walnut St., Philadelphia 6, Pa.

Speech Director Talks On Festivals, Contests

By BRUCE ROACH

Every year there are a few directors who find fault with the speech contests, with the judging, and with the idea of contests in general. Some of these directors say that they would be glad to take part in interschool activities if such activities were conducted on the festival level.

Now, I have no fight with festivals. In some states the festival plan has worked well. In others, the plan has failed. The whole point is that these directors who cry for a change to another system have failed to take into consideration the fact that an activity program must suit the needs of the area to which it is indigenous.

In Texas our program is too big, and covers too much territory for us to stop at the festival level. Directors demand that there be an elimination to a higher meet. In the play contest, for example, certain states, such as Virginia, can have all the Distinguished or Superior rated plays come to a state festival from the district festival because the number of original entries automatically limits the final festival number. In our state where there are approximately 500 entries each year, a state festival, such as that conducted in Virginia, would bring to Austin at least 75 to 100 one-act plays. Obviously, such a number playing at one time is impractical. And so by sheer necessity of utilizing facilities to best advantage, the contest system is the best for us.

But even if our physical set-up did not demand the contest system, our section of the country would. We are still the adventuresome Southwest. Our cities have exerted their best efforts to be better than their neighboring cities. Our frontier spirit makes us want to excel in whatever we undertake. In short, our section of the country is founded on, and continues to grow and thrive on the healthy competitive spirit of our people.

"A contest is not good or bad in itself. It is good or bad according to the spirit in which it is conducted and the kind of leaders which it brings to the front." This statement is made in Education and Government by Arthur T. Hadley. Mr. Hadley's keen insight has given us the clue to making our contests better—not a reason for doing away with contests.

Speech In Texas Schools

THIS column belongs to Texas Speech teachers for discussion of speech problems and news concerning speech activities in Texas high schools. Communications should be sent to Mr. Bruce Roach, Box H, University Station, Austin, Texas, who is editor of this column.

Reports from all over the state tell us that speech teachers spent an enjoyable and profitable summer. There have also been some changes and additions to speech staffs in various schools and institutions. We are sorry to lose the friends who have gone to other states to accept positions, but we extend a big welcome to the newcomers to our ranks here in Texas.

Plans are pretty well along for the coming Texas Speech Association Convention to be held in Fort Worth, November 25 and 26. The Speech Department at Texas Christian University has graciously invited us to use their facilities for the convention. These facilities include the new \$1,750,000 Fine Arts Building. The staff of WBAP-TV is planning a special section of the program on television. Other new features of the program include special sections on drama, radio, interpretation, debate, and speech correction. Dr. E. L. Pross, TCU, Chairman of Local Arrangements, is also making arrangements for the TSA luncheon to be held at the T.C.V. Cafeteria.

Many Speech teachers went to school this summer. Reports from some of them are as follows:

Miss Elisabeth Geer, Wichita Falls High School attended the University of Southern California.

Miss Jessie Mercer, Amarillo Northwestern University Summer Institute.

Mrs. Maurine Amis, University of Texas, attended the University of Denver, as did Crannel Tolliver, West Texas State College, Canyon.

Miss Wilhelmina Hedde, Adamson High School of Dallas, taught at East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce.

Miss Ann Whately, Kilgore High School, took a bus load of twenty-nine students to the National Drama Conference, University of Indiana, Bloomington, and won the certificate for bringing the largest group to the conference. After her return from Indiana, Miss Whately spent two weeks in Mexico City.

Dr. W. W. Cook took an extended tour through the South before returning to his duties at the University of Houston.

Dr. Harold Weiss of Southern Methodist University, spent the latter part of the summer in New York City and on the East Coast.

Bruce Roach, University Interscholastic League, made the circuit of 40 of the Summer Theatres in the East from the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia, to the summer Playhouse in Skowhegan, Maine.

Roger Busfield, Jr., who has been teaching at Southwestern University, has accepted a position at the University of Alabama. Mr. Busfield was a state meet winner in Extemp Speech in 1942.

W. W. Wendt, for a number of years head of the Speech Department at Sonora High School, has accepted a position with the Health Service in Galveston. While Mr. Wendt was at Sonora, he brought many representatives from his school to the state meet in Debate, Declamation, One-Act Play and Journalism.

Junior College Group Moves Home to Texas

Research and editorial offices for the nation's 639 junior colleges officially opened at The University of Texas July 1. Offices were moved from the University of Chicago where they were established three years ago by the American Association of Junior Colleges. Texas was chosen as the site because of the gains the junior college movement has made in the state, officials said.

Dr. C. C. Colvert, University professor and consultant in junior college education, is research director and Dr. James W. Reynolds, junior college education professor, is editor of the Association's publication, the Junior College Journal.

Initial issue of the Journal from University of Texas offices will be in September.

Joining the staff as associate editor is Jean Elvins, former marketing lecturer at the University. Harold Bright, former registrar and mathematics instructor at San Angelo College, will become assistant research director.

We hear a great deal about the fact that too much emphasis is placed on winning a decision. But if the exercises offered by our schools are to resemble life situations, then we cannot ignore the decision. Life is made up largely of attempts to win decisions of one sort or another. We live in a competitive world. It is up to us to use the tools we have at hand to help our students live in that world.

We have at hand contests already set up and proved worthy in service. Let's use those contests not only to bring home the silver cups, but far greater in importance, let us use contests in school to prepare our students for the contests in life.

Track and Field Meets Register 17 New Marks

The 1949 track season produced its usual fine crop of athletes, and many outstanding records were established in the various conferences, both individually and on the team basis. Perhaps the most outstanding team record was that of the Conference B champion, White Oak of Longview, which won the State championship with a total of 72 points, as compared to the runner-up team, Rising Star, with 28 points.

The outstanding individual performer in this conference was Sonny Mitchell of White Oak.

Bowie Takes First Playoff in Baseball

'Adamson High Defeats Paschal for City Title

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Riverside of Fort Worth won third place by defeating Sunset of Dallas 4-0. In the City Conference each city was represented by their first and second place teams.

The San Antonio public schools were not represented as they do not sponsor baseball.

Bowie of El Paso won the State Conference AA championship by defeating Austin 3-2 before a fan-packed house of 2,800 spectators at Disch Field in Austin. Denison won third place by defeating Waco 6-5.

The first State Tournament at Austin drew a total paid attendance of 6,800, and play was excellent, considering the fact that this is only the third year of baseball in Texas for school boys.

BASEBALL 1949 City Conference

The six City Conference district winners were: Sunset and W. H. Adamson of Dallas; Carter-Riverside and Paschal of Fort Worth, and Lamar and Stephen F. Austin of Houston.

In the City Conference Tournament held in Dallas June 8, 9 and 10, Adamson defeated Paschal for the state championship by a score of 6-2. Third-place winner was Carter-Riverside.

Conference AA
In Conference AA district winners were: Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Lamesa, Bowie of El Paso, Denison (Bye), Highland Park (Dallas), Stephenville, Marshall, Waco (Bye), Jacksonville, Beaumont, Robert E. Lee (Baytown), Austin, Robstown.

In the bi-district matches the following won the right to be represented in the State Tournament: Lubbock, Bowie, Stephenville, Marshall, Beaumont, Austin, Denison and Waco were admitted to the State Tournament on the drawing of a bye, Denison representing District 5, and Waco representing District 9.

At the State Tournament held in Austin June 6, 7, and 8, Bowie of El Paso won the state championship over Austin by a score of 3-2. Denison won third place.

Conference A
Districts 1, 5, 11 in Conference A did not participate in baseball. District 18 did not certify a winner. The following are the district winners reported to the State Office: Wellington, Spur, Post, Hamlin, Ballinger, Ranger, Archer City, Henrietta, Carrollton, Farmersville, Hooks, Winnsboro, Leverett's Chapel (Overton), Athens, Gatesville, Hearne, Rosebud, Fredericksburg, New Braunfels, Alvin, Jasper, El Campo, Cuero, Sinton, Mission, South San Antonio, Hondo, Giddings.

Regional winners were: Wellington, Ballinger, Carrollton, Farmersville, Hearne, New Braunfels, Jasper, Hondo.

Conference B
In Conference B Districts 6, 25, 30, 31, 33, 42, and 47 did not certify a champion. Winners from the other districts were: Stratford, Mobeetie, Vega, Petersburg, Shallowater, Marfa, Sonora, Silverton, Roaring Springs, O'Brien, Bronte, Richland Springs, Mozelle (Fisk), Gordon, Flat, Meridian, Anna, Deport, Fulbright, Hallsville, Beckville, Big Sandy (Livingston), A. & M. Consolidated, Midway (Hewitt), Thrall, Hallettsville, Somerville, Cypress-Fairbanks and Sealy (co-champions, District 39), Sweeny, Lolita-Laward, Sam Houston (San Antonio), La Coste, Asherton, Mathis, La Joya.

Conference B bi-district winners reported were: Stratford, Vega, Marfa, Silverton, O'Brien, Mozelle (Fisk), Flat, Abbott, Cayuga, Whitewright, Anna, Deport, Fulbright, Thrall, Hallettsville, Sweeny, Lolita-Laward, La Coste, La Joya.

In Conference A, Falfurrias had a hard time winning the championship from Phillips, the runner-up, and Brady, the third-place winner. The total points scored were: Falfurrias 40, Phillips 36, and Brady 35 1-5. The championship in this conference was in doubt until the final event, the one-mile relay, which Falfurrias won to cinch State honors in Conference A track and field.

Corpus Christi, always a threat in track, came through in grand style to win the Conference AA championship from the runner-up Amarillo, and third place winner Kerrville. Their total points were, respectively: 62 1-2, 45, and 44 1-3. Bobby Dean led the Corpus Christi team to its championship with a well-balanced crew which won only two first places, but placed men in nearly all events.

The City Conference track meet held in San Antonio was nip and tuck from beginning to end. John H. Reagan of Houston finally emerged the winner over North Side of Fort Worth by a margin of 2 points, the final totals being 53 to 51.

This meet produced the only over-all new State Record when Darrow Hooper of North Side (Ft. Worth) threw the discus 170 feet, 10 1-2 inches. This throw set a national record at the time, but since then Clyde Gardner of Newton, Iowa, established a new record of 179 feet, 2 3-4 inches.

New Conference Records Set in 1949 Track and Field Conference B

220-Yard Low Hurdles: 22.3 sec. made by Sonny Mitchell of White Oak (Longview).
440-Yard Relay: 45 sec., made by White Oak (Longview).
880-Yard Run: 2 min. 02.6 sec., made by Tom Horn of White Deer.

1-Mile Relay: 3 min. 34 sec., made by Rising Star.
Running Broad Jump: 22 ft. 4 in., made by William Collier of Woodhouse (Palestine).

Conference A
440-Yard Dash: 51.1 sec., made by Bobby Crooks of Memphis.
880-Yard Run: 2 min. 01.5 sec., made by Charles Anderson of Carthage.

1-Mile Relay: 3 min. 29.0 sec., made by Falfurrias.
Pole Vault: 11 ft. 11 in., made by Melvin Barfield of Athens.

Conference AA
440-Yard Dash: 49.2 sec., made by Billy Ed Daniels of Kerrville.
Running Broad Jump: 22 ft. 6 1-2 in., made by John Cavileer of Austin.

City Conference
880-Yard Run: 2 min. 01.5 sec., made by Gerald Thompson of Bradenridge (San Antonio).
1-Mile Run: 4 min. 38.9 sec., made by Joe Rodriguez of Crozier Technical (Dallas).
1-Mile Relay: 3 min. 30.1 sec., made by San Antonio Technical.

Running High Jump: 6 ft. 2 7-8 in., made by John Jeanes of Milby (Houston).
Running Broad Jump: 22 ft. 3 1-4 in., made by S. M. Meeks of Thomas Jefferson (San Antonio).
Discus Throw: 170 feet. 10 1-2 in., made by Darrow Hooper of North Side (Fort Worth).

This record in the Discus Throw also broke the state record.



Q. Does participation last fall on a "B" football team representing a Class A school, or participation on a private or parochial school football team which does not belong to the League make a boy ineligible in a high school to which he changes this year?

A. Yes. It does not matter whether a boy participates on the "A" team, the "B" team, scrub team or the junior high-school team, as long as he engages in any interschool competition he is covered by Article VIII, Section 14 of the League Rules. Furthermore, it does not matter whether the school for which he participates belongs to the League or not. He still is engaging in interschool competition and will be ineligible in any school to which he transfers until he has been in attendance for one year.

Q. Can the school accept an award for a football player and hold this award for him until he graduates and then present the award to him?

A. No. The State Executive Committee has ruled that if the school in any way participates in the evasion of the Awards Rule, that school is in violation of Article XIII, Section 5, the Awards Rule.



WHITE OAK (Longview) TRACK TEAM, Conference B State Champions 1949. Top row, left to right: Coach Lee Mitchell, Dale Thomas, Jodie Modisette, Bubba Mitchell. Bottom row, left to right: Sonny Mitchell, Charles Modisette, Tommy Mercer, Max McGee.

White Oak's Track Team Registers 72-Point Class B State Meet Victory

In a record-shattering State Track and Field Meet May 6 and 7, the jet-propelled Roughnecks of White Oak School, Longview, smashed their way to victory in Class B with a convincing 72 points; the second place school trailing far behind with 28 points.

Sonny Mitchell alone accounted for 34 points, breaking the all-time individual scoring marks of the League. The previous high was 26 1-2 points scored by Cleburne Price of North Dallas in 1947.

White Oak has been operating only about fifteen years, and track

and field had never been stressed until last year. Coach Lee Mitchell, previously coach of the Athens High Hornets, came to White Oak the past year and built up a successful football team and the best basketball team in the history of the school. Work in track was started early and every week-end from the middle of March on found the boys competing in a meet, sometimes with much larger schools.

Evidence of the success in these earlier meets is shown in the report from the Dogwood Relays held in Palestine, in which the team amassed a total of 56 1-2 points, winning eight first places, six of these eight setting new records for the meet.

In the Cameron Relays the Roughnecks, who traveled the greatest distance of any team to enter the meet, piled up a winning total of 47 1-2 points with the smallest number of contestants against strong competition.

In the District Meet at Kilgore, they grabbed first place with 75 points—only one point short of the combined total of the next two teams. The Roughnecks captured eleven first places out of fourteen events. Sonny Mitchell staged a spectacular exhibition in which he personally walked off with four first places and ran on the winning sprint relay team, accounting for 21 1-4 points. McGee was close behind with a score of 19 1-2, and Modisette scored third high in the meet with 11 1-2.

Sonny and Bubba Mitchell are the sons of Coach Mitchell, who has four more sons to carry on the athletic tradition. Sonny graduated in May and will attend Southern Methodist University this fall. In the State Meet he won first in 100 yard low hurdles, second in broad jump, fourth in pole vault, and ran on the relay team.

He was an all-round athlete, earning three letters each in football, basketball, baseball, and track. In addition he was regional winner in Slide Rule, member of the dramatic club, and president of the National Honor Society in his school. Bubba, a senior this year, is also an outstanding all-round athlete, starring in football, basketball and track. He competed in the State Meet in the Number Sense Contest, and was a member of the relay team.

Charles Modisette, a member of the winning relay team, has earned two letters each in football and basketball, and one in baseball. Max McGee, first place winner in high jump, has two letters in football and basketball and is a member of the dramatic club.

Tommy Mercer was a member of the relay team, and won second places in 100-yard and 220-yard dashes. He holds two letters each in football, basketball, track and baseball, and was a member of the dramatic club. He graduated last spring and plans to attend Texas Christian University this fall.

Thomas Dale, fourth member of the relay team, has also earned one letter in football, and has a year of high school remaining.

Postscripts on Athletics

ALL-STAR GAMES

The all-star football games here in Texas seem to be on the increase. This problem is not a local one, but according to press releases is national in scope. It is a matter which any sound-thinking administrator, coach or layman should give his attention to. The question is: "Can you justify such activities from an educational viewpoint?"

These remarks to follow are not directed at the Texas High School Football Coaches Association's all-star games, which are approved by the League and which are used as demonstration games for theories discussed by instructors at the school. (Many people believe that these all-star games have lost their original function and are now more of a spectator game than a demonstration for coaches.)

The majority of these games are billed as national, state or sectional high-school championship. In most instances the promoters are more interested in the financial aspects of the game than in the educational aspects which are accruing to the boys who are participating.

The boys are brought in and given from two to five days of training and conditioning, which is not sufficient time to get a boy in shape for such a strenuous contest. The boys coming in from all parts of the country cannot possibly present a well co-ordinated team in such a short practice period, and you have an inferior type of game which must depend upon high-powered promotion about the boys' past high-school athletic achievements to draw in the paid customers.

The promoters of all-star contests now invite only high-school graduates to participate in their contests, but in many earlier promotions under-graduates were invited; and the only reason most promoters ceased inviting under-graduates was that school administrators have passed rules which forfeit the eligibility of those under-graduates who participate in all-star games.

However, using only high-school graduates, the promoters now claim that state associations have no jurisdiction over the matter. The college group has not yet been willing to join with the high-school group in the formulation of a regulation which would extend eligibility control over the period between high-school graduation and college entrance.

Believed Detrimental
As a result, there is no organized group that has the machinery for stopping a contest of this kind. It might be claimed that it should be no concern of the high schools since the boys have graduated. The weakness in this argument is that the promotion capitalizes on the reputation built up through the high-school athletic machinery.

The contest tends to stretch the football season through twelve months of the year, a thing which the high-school forces have never been willing to do. It is the type of contest which is believed by most school athletic administrators to be detrimental to the best interests of the school and college program as well as to the best interests of athletes who participate in either of these programs. This type of promotion has ramifications which must be considered in the light of probable effects if the practice were to become statewide.

In my opinion there are three possible solutions to the all-star problem: (1) have rules, which many states have, that no high-school coach can assist in putting on such contests; (2) have a rule which forbids the facilities of a high school to be used for such purposes, and (3) secure the cooperation of the college group in declaring any boy ineligible for college athletics who engages in unsanctioned all-star contests.

This type of contest, which is tolerated because "it is nobody's business" should receive the sincere thought of all personnel interested in keeping our boys from being proselyted by promoters of various all-star games.

DAVID LILIENTHAL CITES IMPORTANCE OF TEACHERS

I know enough . . . to realize the central importance in society of teachers and the teaching function. It has seemed to me that each one, in a rough way, assess the chances that a people or nation will be able to keep its strength and preserve its freedom by noting the importance and prestige its people attach to teachers and to education.—David E. Lilienthal, chairman, US Atomic Energy Commission.

Full Values of Athletic Insurance Unrealized

DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS Athletic Director

It is generally agreed that any school which participates in interschool athletics should carry athletic insurance on all boys who take part in that program. We, unfortunately, have some school officials here in Texas who have developed the misguided opinion that their school has lost money, and the program is of no value if the school doesn't receive more money in claim payment than was paid for the premiums.

An executive for an insurance company which handles athletic insurance told the author recently that if only 100 schools in Texas would change their attitude relative to athletic insurance the premium rates would be 25 per cent lower than they are. It is a com-

pliment to a school's coaching staff if they have a minimum amount of athletic injuries, and vice versa if the excess of broken bones and other serious injuries frequently occur.

"Making money" at the expense of injured boys is not sound pedagogy, and such a philosophy is neither sound educationally nor will it produce championship teams. A person does not complain about his house not burning in order to collect his fire insurance, but that same person complains if the school paid out more money than they took in for athletic injuries.

The intent and purpose of athletic insurance is to provide indemnity for treatment of our athletic injuries where medical attention is necessary. It is not the intent of athletic insurance to provide the services of a trainer for an athletic squad, nor to cover injuries not directly connected with athletic participation.

The basic objectives of any athletic plan are, first: to provide reasonable fees for the treatment of athletic injuries; secondly, to keep the cost low enough to be afforded by everyone; thirdly, to keep it so simple to administrate that the clerical work on the part of the school officials is kept at a minimum, and fourthly, to provide adequate protection for those serious athletic injuries which could not otherwise be taken care of by the family or the school.

The athletic committee appointed by the League, which met last spring under the chairmanship of Superintendent H. L. Foster of Longview, recommended to the Security Life and Accident Company of Denver, Colorado, which is the company approved by the committee, that several changes be made in their policy.

Most of these recommendations were accepted by the company, and the following new features are to be found in their athletic accident policy for this year: (1) Schools may register for the athletic plan in two ways. One is to use the group form which covers all students listed on the eligibility blank and filed with the League. The second is to list all students that you wish to have covered, with the type of coverage desired. (2) Another recommendation which was suggested and accepted by the company, was that the amount of clerical work be reduced so that one person could handle the insurance program for the school and sign for the doctor, the school official, and the athlete. This simplifies the claim procedure, and there should be no further criticism on this phase of the policy.

(3) A third change accepted by the company is the inclusion of a clause which provides for the payment of \$1,000 for paralysis cases due to football injuries. To the best of our knowledge this is the only athletic policy offering the coverage.

The committee felt that sprains should not be included in the policy for two reasons, first: this is an injury that should be handled by the coach or trainer, and secondly, doctors say that the best cure for a sprain is "time plus nature." The same is true for ordinary bruises and cuts. However, if an X-ray is needed to determine whether an injury is a sprain or a fracture, that is covered by this policy.

Other changes in the policy, as recommended by the committee, and which go into effect this fall, are as follows:

(1) Indemnity for dental injuries has been increased up to 20 per cent.

(2) Indemnity for greenstick, linear, chip and other fractures not requiring reduction has been increased 16 2-3 per cent.

(3) Penicillin treatments up to a maximum of \$7.50 have been added to the schedule.

(4) Indemnity for treatment of non-operative osteomyelitis up to a maximum of \$24 has been added to the schedule.

(5) Indemnity for treatment of any eye or ear injury up to a maximum of \$24 has been added to the schedule.

(6) Indemnity for treatment of non-operative ruptured viscera (kidney, liver, spleen, bowel and stomach) up to a maximum of \$24 has been added to the schedule.

(7) Surgery required as a result of an athletic injury must be performed within 60 days of the date of the injury.

(8) Indemnity for medical treatment of sprains, strains, cuts, bruises, burns and abrasions has been excluded from the contract.

(9) Indemnity for treatment of injuries occurring in physical education or intramural activities has been excluded from the contract unless physical education period is utilized for practice of an interscholastic sport for which the injured student is insured.

History of 6-Man Association Given

Fourth Annual School Attracts 69 Coaches

By G. W. TILLERSON

Principal and Coach, Sterling City
Three years ago the athletic committee of the American Business Club of Big Spring, composed of Walker Bailey, Bill Horne, Ted Phillips, and Jack Johnson, decided there was need for a six-man football coaching and officiating school in Texas. These men had been officiating six-man football for three years and saw the need of such a school. They succeeded in organizing the first school in 1946 for the coaches and officials.

The first school was held on August 31 and was attended by coaches from Fort Davis District and from Lubbock, Lynn, Dawson, Glasscock, Sterling, Irion, and Howard counties. Norman Craft of Toyah and Joe Holliday of Forsan gave lectures on offensive and defensive football. Cagle Hunt of Mertzon led the discussion of the rules interpretation. Forty-three coaches and officials attended the school.

Second School Held
The second school was held at Big Spring on August 29 and 30, 1947. Tom Talley of Prairie Lee was the chief lecturer. He gave several lectures and demonstrations on offensive football. L. S. Salser of Whiteface gave a talk on defensive strategy. Chesley McDonald of Sterling City held the rules interpretation. John Dillbrell of Big Spring gave demonstrations on treatment of athletic injuries. An all-star game between District Three, coached by Salser and District Seven, coached by Elvin Mathis of Water Valley, assisted by Chesley McDonald of Sterling City, was held at the close of the school.

The third annual school was again sponsored by the ABC Club. It was held August 26 and 27. J. H. England, superintendent and coach of College Spring Consolidated School, College Springs, Iowa, was the chief lecturer. He is a national authority on six-man football. His teams won 42 and lost 3, and tied 2 during the past four years. He handled all phases of football in his lectures and gave able assistance to the new coaches in six-man ball. An All-Star game between seniors of District Seven, coached by G. W. Tillerson of Sterling City, and District Five, coached by John Prude of Fort Davis, was held at Forsan, at the close of the school. About 63 coaches and officials attended the school.

Dr. Rhea Williams of the Interscholastic League was present and suggested that six-man coaches organize their own association. The coaches elected John Prude of Ft. Davis, president; G. W. Tillerson of Sterling City, vice-president; B. R. Taylor of Fort Davis, secretary; and G. A. Pringle of Dripping Springs, treasurer.

Basketball Included
The fourth annual school was organized by the coaches' organization and was backed by the Forsan Service Club and the ABC Club. It was held August 11, 12, and 13, 1949, in Big Springs. Don C. Burton, coach of Morgan County High, West Liberty, Kentucky, was the chief lecturer.

For the first time, basketball and an all-star basketball game were included in the agenda. The All-Star football squads, divided into East and West, were coached by T. M. Dunn of New Caney, and Bob Honeycutt of Forsan, respectively. The West basketball squad was coached by A. C. Teter of Darróuzett, and the East squad by Hubert Parks of Tarkington. Mike Brumbelow of Midland discussed treatment of injuries and conditioning. The school attracted a total of 69 coaches and officials.