



Pearson Raps Football Association Officiating

Several weeks ago I read an article in the *Leaguer* by a member of the Football Association belittling the knowledge of the football rules by officials other than association officials. I wish that this person could have seen some of the games in this section of the state that used association officials. I believe that all some of them knew about the game was a casual acquaintance with a newspaper account of some game, yet these officials charged \$17.50 per game plus mileage regardless of the size of the game.

Theoretically, association officials are better than non-members, but in some sections of the state, it has become a racket. Instead of officiating at a game for a little side money and to help small schools field teams in football, these officials have become as the AFL or CIO. They refuse to officiate a game for the scale set up in the interscholastic league, but demand this ridiculous price even though the game may not be in excess of \$100.

I believe that the Interscholastic League Committee should come to the aid of the small schools and take the following clause out: "The district executive committee may modify the provisions of this section for application inside its district."—Luther Pearson, Superintendent of Klein Independent School District, Spring.

How long will it be before member schools in Class B might initiate a program to vote out spring training in football? It is impossible to have a baseball program, track, etc., with spring training.—W. J. Gentry, Superintendent, Elkhart Public Schools.

We have heard there is a move in the making to change the eligibility of boys of the high-school age from the present 18 years prior to May the first of any current year to 19 years. May we take this means of expressing our (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 7)



SPELLING LIST CORRECTION

In the Word List for Interscholastic League Spelling Contests, page 15, column 10, the word "mussulman" should be capitalized: "Mussulman."

SPRING TRAINING

To avoid misunderstandings, attention is directed to that part of the Football Plan, item No. 30, which forbids football practice or training prior to August 15 for conferences A and B and September 1 for all other conferences.

"Football practice or training is interpreted to mean any organized instruction, drills in calisthenics, or conditioning periods conducted prior to the opening date for fall practice.

"Football equipment is interpreted to mean the wearing of football shoulder pads, shoes, headgear, football trousers, or any other equipment used primarily for organized football practice."

TRAINING CAMPS

Attention is directed to the fact that the new rule concerning location of training camps for football goes into effect with the opening of the fall practice season. The rule, item No. 33 in the Football Plan, states: "Location of Training Camps. The football training period shall 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."

EVALUATION OF JUDGES

The State Executive Committee has made immediately effective a ruling which prohibits the State Office from "recognizing or publishing any rating received by a band, orchestra, string orchestra, or choral group in a Regional Competition-Festival unless the completed evaluation blanks on the judges, signed by the participating director, are on file in the State Office."

NUMBER CORRECTED

Rule 14 in the Spelling and Plain Writing Contest, Constitution and Rules, states in part: "The Publication referred to in these rules as 'The Spelling List' is The University of Texas Bulletin No. 4817, and is entitled 'Word List for the Interscholastic League Spelling Contest.'" The correct number of this bulletin is No. 4917, and should be changed accordingly.

Amherst Suspended

Amherst has been suspended in football for the 1950 season because of mistreatment of game officials in the Amherst-Olton game on Sept. 23, 1949.

Certifying Winners

For 1950, the last day for certifying District Football Champions, Conference A and 6-Man will be Nov. 18. The last day for Conferences B, AA and City will be Dec. 2.

Spelling List Change

Correction: In the Word List for Interscholastic League Spelling Contests, page four, first column, thirty-first word should be spelled "gauze" instead of "gaue."

Paschal, Arlington Heights

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 Award Rule.

League Announces Dates and Places For Music Meets

Music competition began March 4 in Commerce as Region IV led off with solo and ensemble contests to begin the 1950 year of competition under Interscholastic League sponsorship.

Other Regions come now in quick succession, beginning with the Vocal Contest in Region IX at San Benito on March 17 and 18. Complete dates and places are:

Region I, Vocal Competition—April 13-14; Band, Orchestra and Marching on April 27-28; M. J. Newman at W.T.S.C.—General Contest Chairman. All meets at Canyon.

Region II, All events on April 28-29 in San Angelo; Homer A. Anderson acting as general contest chairman.

Region III, all events in Waco on May 5-6, Lyle Skinner acting as contest chairman.

Region IV, Instrumental solos and ensembles in Commerce, March 4; Band and Orchestra in Nacogdoches on April 15-16; Vocal Competition in Longview on April 21. C. J. Lambrecht of Carthage—contest chairman.

Region V, Band and Orchestra competition at Baytown on March 31, and April 1, and at Huntsville on April 14-15; Vocal and Piano competition in Huntsville on April 22; Dr. Joseph R. Griggs of Huntsville—general contest chairman.

Region VI, Band and Orchestra at Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio on March 31; Vocal and Orchestra at the same location on April 28. Irving Driebrodt of Brackenridge High School is general contest chairman.

Region VII, Vocal competition at Kingsville on March 25 with Mrs. Aurelia Scoggins of Corpus Christi acting as chairman; Band and Orchestra at Kingsville on March 31 and April 1 with W. L. Gregg and Estill Foster as chairmen.

Region VIII, Vocal competition at Odessa on March 25 with Bob Page as chairman; Band and Orchestra in Midland on April 1 with Jerry Hoffman acting as chairman.

Region IX, Vocal competition in San Benito on March 17-18 with W. E. Hatchett as contest chairman.

Region X, Floyd Graham of N.T.S.C. Denton is general chairman with all events being held in Denton on April 28-29.

NCAA Amendment Backs UIL's Rule Hitting Recruiting

Recent action by the National Collegiate Athletic Association gave strong backing to the University Interscholastic League's efforts to put a stop to colleges' and universities' recruiting "raids" on high-school students.

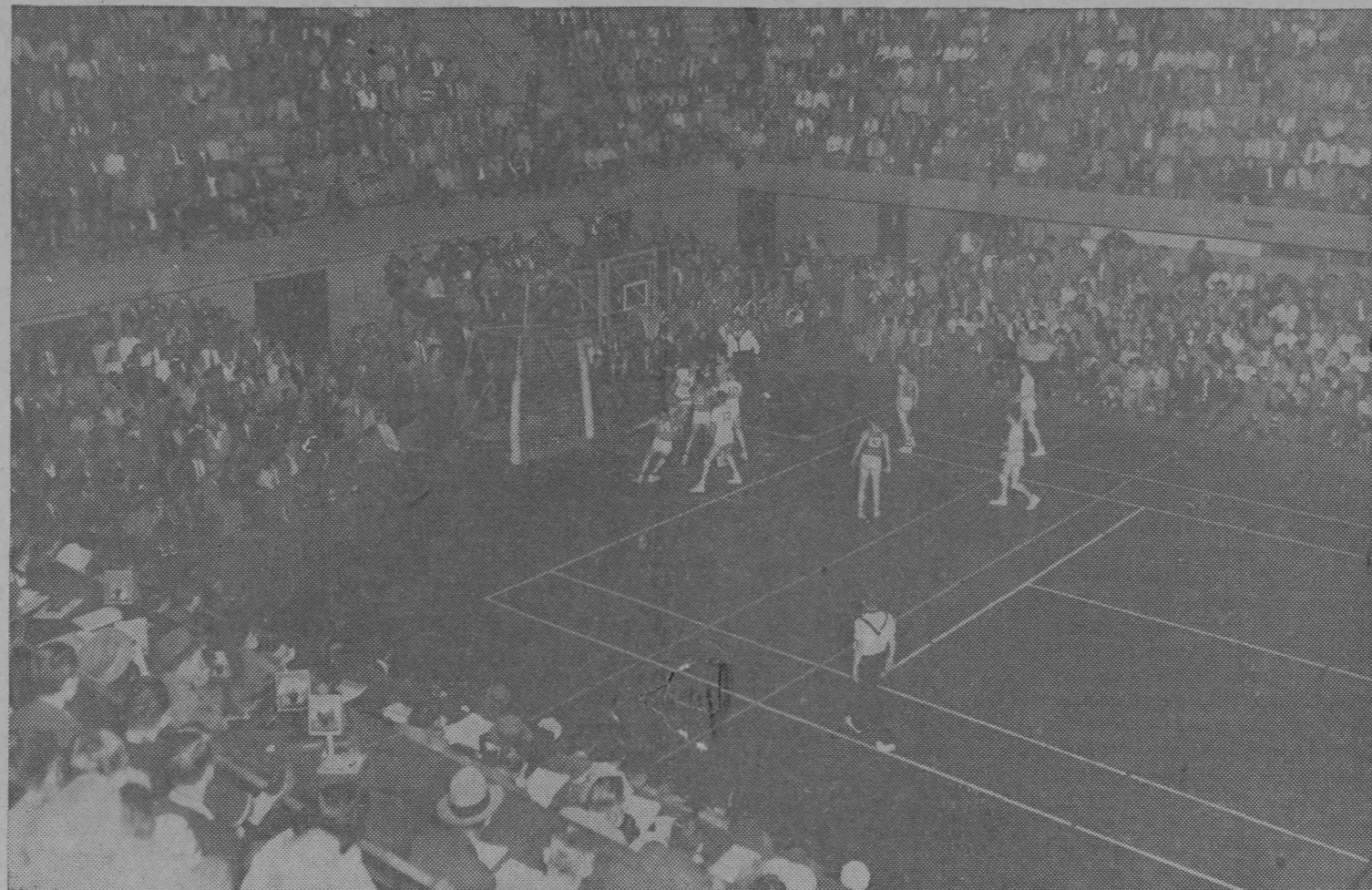
At the recent NCAA meeting in New York, an amendment was adopted to the NCAA Constitution under the heading "Principle Governing Recruiting." By early last month, Southwest Conference member schools were advised by James H. Stewart, conference executive secretary, that the new amendment had already gone into effect.

The amendment adds two new paragraphs to Article III, Section 5 of the NCAA Constitution, as follows:

"(b) No member institution shall, directly or through its athletic staff members or by any other means, pay the traveling expenses of any prospective student visiting its campus, nor shall it arrange for or permit excessive entertainment of such prospective student during his visit there.

"(c) No member institution shall, on its campus or elsewhere, conduct or have conducted in its behalf any athletic practice session or test at which one or more prospective students reveal, demonstrate, or display their abilities in any branch of sport."

Stewart stated that "it is the opinion of your officers that Southwest Athletic Conference institutions, who all are also members of the NCAA, must accept this (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 8)



SEEING THE BIG TOURNAMENT—A portion of the 7,100 persons who saw the last session of the thirtieth annual Interscholastic League Basketball Tournament is visible in the picture. Taken during the consolation game between Birdville of Fort Worth and French of Beaumont, the picture includes the press tables in the immediate foreground, the officials, the Birdville center who is about to shoot, and about a third of the individuals in Gregory Gymnasium at that time.

Committees Set 56 Official Dates For District Meets

Dates for the 1950 District Meets have been definitely established, and organization completed, for about one-third of the districts in the four conferences. Each day's mail brings in additional listings, so if your district has been organized since March 4, its omission from the following list is due only to deadline requirements.

The dates already announced include:

District	Athletic	Literary
2-CC	April 27-28	Same
5-AA	April 8	Same
12-AA	April 14	April 1
15-AA	April 7-8	Same
16-AA	April 12	April 1
1-A	April 14-15	Same
4-A	Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Same
5-A	April 11	April 11
7-A	April 7	Same
8-A	April 8	Mar. 31
9-A	April 14	Same
10-A	April 13-15	Same
14-A	April 1	April 14-15
16-A	Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Same
17-A	April 7-8	Same
21-A	Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Same
24-A	Mar. 30	Same
25-A	April 1	Same
26-A	April 13	Same
30-A	April 8	April 1
33-A	Mar. 31	April 1
1-B	April 14-15	Same
2-B	April 7-8	Same
3-B	April 8	Same
7-B	Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Same
8-B	Mar. 17-18	Same
11-B	April 6	April 5
16-B	April 7-8	Same
18-B	Mar. 31	Same
23-B	April 14	Same
29-B	April 7-8	Same
30-B	April 7	April 1
31-B	April 15	Same
34-B	April 1	Same
42-B	Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Same
43-B	April 7-8	Same
50-B	April 8	Same
53-B	Mar. 31	Same
55-B	April 14	April 6
60-B	Mar. 31	April 14
63-B	Mar. 31	Same
66-B	April 14	Same
67-B	Mar. 25	Mar. 24
68-B	Mar. 21	April 1, 8
72-B	April 1	Same
75-B	Mar. 24	Same
78-B	April 8	Same
79-B	Feb. 25-Apr. 1	None
80-B	April 15	Same
81-B	April 15	Mar. 24
82-B	April 4-6	Same
83-B	April 5-6	Same
84-B	Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Same
87-B	Mar. 14-25	Same
88-B	April 15	Same
89-B	April 1	Mar. 24-25

Gallery of Art Offers Colored Slides For Use

The National Gallery of Art, Washington 25, D.C., lends 2x2 inch and 3 1/4 x 4 inch slides to responsible organizations. Borrowers pay transportation and insurance costs and are responsible for loss or damage to the slides. Most of the works of art in the Gallery are available in color and in both size slides.

Ballots on Four Proposed Regulations To Be Mailed UIL Members April 15

Before the next issue of the *Leaguer* gets off the press, the member schools will be called upon to vote on some important regulations recommended by the League's Legislative Advisory Council.

The ballot on these regulations will be mailed to all University Interscholastic League member schools soon after April 15. All ballots are numbered, and a record will be kept of the number

of the ballot sent to each school. So if a ballot is lost or if for any reason a school does not receive a ballot, the administrative head of the school should write or call the League for a new ballot. A new ballot will be sent immediately. The numbering system will prevent the casting of unauthorized votes, and will permit the League office to check as to whether or not a member school has mailed in the official ballot prior to the deadline.

In the past, many schools have protested, after the vote was announced on a new regulation, that they did not receive the official ballot and did not have a chance to vote. If a school does not receive the ballot this year within a few days after April 15, the League should be informed at once so that all eligible votes may be cast.

Depending on the vote in each instance, the University Interscholastic League members will approve or disapprove four regulations proposed by the Advisory Council and passed on by the League Executive Committee to the member schools for final action.

The questions to be voted on are as follows:

19-year 10-semester Rule:
No one shall take part in any contest in this League who, on the first day of the September preceding the contest has reached or passed his or her nineteenth birthday and/or after the end of the tenth consecutive semester following his or her first enrollment in the eighth grade.

Out-of-State Competition:
No one shall take part in any athletic contest in this League who has competed either as an individual and/or as a member of an athletic team in out-of-state athletic contest that has not been approved by the State Executive Committee. This rule does not apply to regular scheduled school games arranged by the school officials.

Athletic Try-Outs:
No one shall take part in any athletic contest in this League who has ever participated in a college athletic practice session or tests for purposes of revealing, demonstrating or displaying athletic ability in any sport.

Restriction on Number of Basketball Games:
No basketball team shall, in any basketball season, compete in more than 24 non-conference basketball games, exclusive of games allowed in three invitation basketball tournaments and games played that count on League standing in the district.

Business Administration Teachers to Convene
Dean J. A. Fitzgerald and Associate Dean W. R. Spriegel of The University of Texas College of Business Administration will attend the National Association of Collegiate Schools of Business meeting April 27-29 in Cincinnati.

Answers Clear Points On 10-Semester Rule

The following questions and answers are given in order to clarify the proposed ballot which will be submitted to member schools during the month of April to change the Age Rule from 18 to 19, and the Semester Rule from 8 to 10. The 19-year proposal and the 10-semester proposal will be voted on as a unit.

The questions and answers given below are in no sense official, as only the State Executive Committee can make official interpretations.

Q. When will semesters commence under the proposed 10-semester rule?

A. When a student enrolls in the eighth grade semesters shall begin and shall be counted consecutively from that time on until the expiration of the student's tenth semester. Semesters are counted from the time of first enrollment in the eighth grade regardless of whether the student is in or out of school.

Q. Will students in the eighth grade be eligible to compete on the high-school team?

A. No. A student who is not in high school cannot compete on the high-school team without violating Article VII, Section 8, the composite-team rule.

Q. Will a student have ten semesters of high-school eligibility under the proposed rule?

A. No. He still will have only eight semesters of high-school eligibility.

Q. Why have a 10-semester rule?

A. If the age limit is raised to 19 we will have many schools which will encourage students to remain over for an extra semester of competition. By starting semesters in the eighth grade, it is hoped that the program of "hold-overs" could be eliminated.

Q. If favorably voted on by member schools, when will the proposed 10-semester rule and the 19-year age rule become effective?

A. All eligibility rules must be published in the Constitution and Rules for a period of one year, which means that this rule would be effective starting with the 1951-52 school year.

Houston Studies Experiment With 12-Month School Plan

Something new in the education field in Texas may be tried-out in several Houston schools next year, if plans for a 12-month school program are pushed through to completion.

The plan, which would divide the year into four quarters and give one-fourth of the student body its vacation during each quarter, was approved informally last month at a special conference of the Houston Independent School District Board.

Under provisions of the plan, each three-month quarter would find three-quarters of the pupils in the community going to school, with the vacation periods staggered throughout the year.

The Houston School Board action came after City Superintendent W. E. Moreland reported on a study of the plan. He estimated additional cost for the plan would

be \$1,651,444, not including the cost of cooling buildings for summertime use. The superintendent also said that the chief problem connected with the plan would be public acceptance.

The only objections raised by a member of the board were that it would cost nearly as much to operate the year-round system as it would to build new buildings which are needed to relieve crowded conditions, and that there would be discrimination in choosing pupils for summer sessions.

Other board members favored the program but mentioned that the present staff is overworked and would be inadequate to take on an entirely new program. Proponents of the plan say that it would cut building costs, eliminate temporary buildings, reduce the number of pupils in each class and make for better teaching.

Band Clinic by Air Scheduled Mar. 21

The second in a series of "Clinics by Air" will be presented over the facilities of the Texas State Network at 2:30 p.m. on March 21 when the University Interscholastic League sponsors the Austin High School Maroon band presenting a concert including band numbers from the prescribed lists for 1950.

Band directors of the state were canvassed for their preferences before the Austin High School band under the direction of Mr. Weldon Covington began rehearsing for the program. Time does not permit the performance of a band number from each classification, so the Austin Band was forced to select the three numbers receiving the most requests.

The numbers finally selected are "Niobe," from the Class AA list; "Alpine Holiday," from the Class A list; and "Enchanted Lake," from the Class B list. The Maroon Band will present two additional numbers as parts of the concert. These numbers are "Lady of Spain" and "Dry Bones."

Music teachers throughout the state have been sent special com-

ment sheets prepared by the state office to enable the listening organizations to criticize the Austin band on the same basis on which they themselves will be judged when participating in the Regional Music Competition Festivals. The chief values of this type of broadcast to the individual schools will be lost unless local organizations sincerely endeavor to judge the Austin Band. Administrators are encouraged to arrange schedules which will permit music groups to meet together to listen to this broadcast.

Seventeen stations affiliated with the Texas State Networks will carry this broadcast originating in the auditorium of Austin High School. Some stations were prohibited by previous commitments from carrying the program as a "live broadcast", but are recording the numbers and will rebroadcast at times fitting their schedules.

Directors residing in the vicinity of those stations re-broadcasting the program Tuesday evening are encouraged to duplicate enough of the special comment sheets for each member of their organization and encourage the students to judge the Band individually or in small groups at home.

Stations presenting the broadcast at 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. on March 21 are:

- KCRS—Midland
 - KBST—Big Spring
 - KFRO—Longview
 - KRBO—McAllen
 - KBWD—Brownwood
 - KPLT—Paris
 - KGVL—Greenville
 - KRRC—Abilene
 - KGKL—San Angelo
 - KNOW—Austin
 - KFJZ—Fort Worth
 - WRR—Dallas
 - KTHT—Houston
- The following stations are unable to carry live broadcasts, but are recording the program for rebroadcasts at the times listed:
- KRRV—Sherman—3:30-4:00
 - WACO—Waco—7:30-8:00
 - KCMC—Texarkana—3:00-3:30
 - KABC—San Antonio—7:30-8:00

NUEA Gives Debate Topics' Final Wording

In reporting last month the NUEA's three top contenders for the national debate topic, the *Leaguer* stated that wording as given was not final but subject to revision by the NUEA committee on wording. The official wording has since been decided upon, and national members of the NUEA have been sent official ballots to vote on the national topic. April 1 was made the deadline for balloting on the national question: The topics are now stated:

1. Resolved: That Labor Unions Deserve the Confidence of the American People.
2. Resolved: That the Federal Monopoly of Atomic Energy Should be Abolished.
3. Resolved: That the Welfare State is Detrimental to the Best Interests of the American People.

352 Schools Already Signed With League Girls' Basketball

Up to March 15, 352 schools have signed acceptance cards and will participate in the League's girls' basketball program for the 1950-51 school year. Schools have until October 15, 1950, to accept the League's girls' basketball plan.

In order to clarify several false rumors which have been distributed, this is official notice that the girls' basketball committee did not adopt NSWA standards but only the NSWA playing rules with the exceptions to these rules as listed in the February issue of the *Leaguer*. Girls' basketball teams can be coached by men; they can play on the same program with boys' teams' and both men and women can officiate. The only requirements as regards standards are listed in the February issue of the *Leaguer*.

If the membership justifies it, the League will classify and assign schools on the basis of Conferences A and B; if not, all schools will be assigned to one conference. It is planned to assign, where possible, schools participating in both girls' and boys' basketball to the same conference and district so as to reduce travel and loss of time from school.

Competition will extend to a state championship which will be held in spacious Gregory Gymnasium at The University of Texas in Austin. This gymnasium will seat 8,000 people. The state championship will be held on March 8, 9, and 10, 1951.

There is no additional fee for joining the League's girls' basketball program. This is covered by League membership fee for each school and is another service rendered by your League for the public schools of Texas.



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The Freeport Junior High Schools, along with other junior high schools in that area, have organized a regular junior high-school Interscholastic League district. The schools in this district have scheduled complete competitive spring meet programs, including one-act plays, debate, track and field, etc.

Other such districts could be organized in an area where junior high schools are numerous. The League would like to see more of them formed so that district winners could go to a regional meet set up exclusively for junior high-school winners. It is not fair competition to place the junior high schools in the same district with high school units but at the present there are not a sufficient number of junior high schools taking part in the League program to set up independent districts.

This issue carries final notice on the questions that will be voted on by the member schools this spring. The ballots will be mailed out to the administrators about the middle of April. Watch your mail from the League Office and do not throw it in the corner to be read during the summer.

Quite a number of the administrators tell us that all second class mail is thrown in a basket and is read if time is available. Many of the League circulars are sent second class in order to save postage. Some of these circulars contain important announcements to member schools and should be passed along to the faculty member that has charge of the contest referred to in the circular.

The questions to be voted on next month will be sent by first-class mail to make sure that they come promptly to the attention of administrators. The issues are of real importance to every member school, so let us urge that each administrator watch for the arrival of the ballot letter and take upon himself the responsibility for filling in the ballot promptly and seeing to it that it is returned.

On April 1, representatives from college and university athletic conferences in Texas will meet with representatives from the League in Austin in an attempt to work out some solution to the college athletic recruiting practices. The competition has become so great among the higher educational institutions for athletic talent in the high schools that some few boys are kept out of school for as long as a month in the spring visiting college campuses. Some of the boys have found out that by delaying a choice of college they can take some easy money. The boys will accept a plane, bus or train ticket, later exchange it for cash and then call on a local "ex" to see that he gets transportation to the college campus. A few boys have been known to make as much as \$300 during the spring by following this "racket."

The college football coaches want open season on high school athletes immediately following the football season. We believe that no boy should be molested until after he has completed his high school work. If a boy is thinking about where he is going next week-end he is not going to do the school work that he should be doing during the regular school week. Some of the basketball teams have been handicapped because colleges have had the key members of the team out of town every weekend visiting a college campus.

Let us suppose that colleges continue the present trends in athletic recruiting. Would it not be a logical development to expect the high schools to take definite action, in line with their usual practice of advising students as best as possible in all phases of their planning for the future, to guide the athlete into the most remunerative contract? Shouldn't the high-school guidance service help the boys find the best job to accept and help him play one school against another so that the best possible contract was obtained? Several colleges now have regular athletic contracts that they are offering boys to attend their institution. Perhaps school administrators should write to the colleges for copies of these contracts so that all prospective athletes might know what is available to them at various schools. The school guidance plan might even include writing the colleges to discover how many pay the expenses of prospects to the campus and what is allowed on the expense account. If the colleges go all the way in recruiting by making the affair, in truth, a business proposition, it seems logical that the high schools should do their best to get their students well launched on the professional road. Maybe the schools are already being unfair to the young athletes by not giving them more guidance in selecting the right contract to sign.

All this would be, perhaps, a logical development of the present recruiting practices. The alternative is, it seems to us, careful cooperation between colleges in preparing and enforcing rules to prohibit recruiting while students are still in school, and to outlaw competitive financial bidding in any case. An athletic scholarship is a wonderful thing, but it should not be used to destroy a boy's chance at a well-rounded education which fits him for the profession of his choice. Any recruiting which begins while the youth is still in high school hits right at the educative process, and through it at the boy.

UT PHYSICS PROFESSOR WILL PRESENT PAPER
Dr. D. S. Hughes, The University of Texas physics professor, will present a paper at the American Geophysical Union meeting May 1-3 in Washington.

SOME HAVE PEARLS TOO
Fresh-water relatives of the oyster are known as mussels, or freshwater clams.

BUSINESS FAILURES CLIMB
Texas business failures totaled 209 in 1949 as compared with 85 in 1948 and 85 in 1947, The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

VISIT PUERTO CABELLO
Puerto Cabello possesses the best harbor in Venezuela.

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HIGH SCHOOL PRESS

By the time another issue of the Interscholastic Leaguer can reach you, the date for the regional meets will arrive. April 22 will find contestants, representing history's largest number of Interscholastic League Press Conference member papers, competing in 10 locations.

This will be the second year in which regional contests have been held in journalism, and it is hoped that this year will find the contests running even more smoothly than last. To help each member of ILPC prepare for the big day, and to do all that can be done in advance to make smooth your contest participation, member schools will be sent complete information on contest procedure well in advance of the contest date.

If your paper is a member of ILPC, you may look forward to receiving a sheet informing you where you will compete this year, who your journalism contest director will be, and who you will be competing with. You will also receive an entry blank on which you will be asked to give the names of the two contestants who will represent your paper. If you plan to enter the regional contest, mail this blank to the contest director.

We are also planning to send you sample contests which will give you some idea of what to expect when you get to your contest center Saturday, April 22. The official contests will be similar in all respects to the samples, which were used in previous years as contests.

What with publishing the Leaguer; supervising the publication of numerous League bulletins, blanks, pamphlets, etc.; planning and conducting journalism section meetings at student activity conferences; preparing for 10 regional and two state meets; handling publicity for the League and its tournaments, meets, hearings, etc., the Director of Journalism has found it rather difficult to do the criticism work on school papers which the ILPC undertakes to provide.

So it is with real pleasure that we announce that Miss Mina Seipel, a senior journalism student with a most outstanding record scholastically and as a leader in

The University of Texas activities, has undertaken to assist with the criticisms.

Miss Seipel was editor of the Paschal Panthelette, then and now one of the best high-school papers in the State, in 1945-46. She is specializing in her school work, and in the publication of school papers, and plans to teach journalism after graduation. So should your's be one of the lucky papers to receive a criticism which she has signed, you may know that a careful study by a sympathetic and understanding expert has been made of your work.

You perhaps noticed, when you received your copy of the ILPC membership list recently, that there are more junior high-school papers enrolled than ever before. Nine of them, to be exact. The publication of junior high papers runs into very special problems arising from the fact that many of the students from whom the staff members must have only one brief mastery of English composition, and also from the fact that very few junior high schools can offer any instruction in journalism.

Despite these handicaps, more and more junior high schools are publishing papers. And there is not a single one of the papers being put out by the present members of ILPC which is not superior to many of the high-school papers being published in this State.

To encourage these enthusiastic young journalists, and to open the road for further League journalism activity on the junior school level, we are planning to conduct a by-mail contest for junior high-school members alone.

They are entitled to enter the regular regional meets, and it is hoped that all will do so to obtain experience if for nothing else. But all sponsors of junior high member papers will be given an opportunity to conduct local contests for their own students, and have final winners selected by the ILPC State Office. If this experimental contest is successful, it will be repeated each year until such a time as there are enough junior journalists to permit the League to establish separate journalism contests on a regional and state basis for the junior high schools.

MUSIC MATTERS

By F. W. SAVAGE
Director of Music Activities

On March 21, 1950 the Austin High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Weldon Covington, will present a concert over the Texas State Network as the second in an annual series of "Clinics by Air" sponsored by the University Interscholastic League.

Local member stations of the Texas State Network have been very co-operative in cancelling sustaining programs and scheduling in this type broadcast as a public service feature. We don't know how long these stations can afford to continue this service unless the music directors of the State express themselves and convince the stations that there is a considerable listening audience.

We believe that these broadcasts are valuable to the public school music program. They are designed to be of educational benefit to the students in the schools but at the same time to be of general listener interest. Local directors could save themselves lots of time and trouble on the "local selling job" if they would advertise and push these broadcasts. Just to confer with the state office is not enough. You are requested to contact your local station manager and the offices of the Texas State Network expressing your appreciation and outlining your estimates of the number of listeners.

CO-OPERATION
For the first time since the League offered competition in music, there is a project under way which can be of major importance to music in Texas. This project calls for active co-operation between the T.M.E.A. and the U.I.L. Mr. Kidd, director of the League offered the complete services of the League to the choral division of T.M.E.A.—no strings attached—in organizing and promoting regional choral clinic workshops during the fall of 1950. If personal considerations can be ignored, this project can herald the dawn of a new day in music relations in Texas.

The expressed theory of "beware of the Greeks bearing gifts" must be forgotten and music educators must drive toward constructive expansion of the music program of their schools. As you no doubt know, there has been considerable

ground-work laid for this program prior to Mr. Kidd's proposal. The League was pretty sure that the program could satisfy the needs of the music directors; that there was a need for the activity; that local administrators would favor such a program and that the clinic-workshops could be held with a minimum of expense before the League could afford to "stick out its neck."

Everything is now set and all that remains to be done is for the U.I.L. and the Regional Choral organizations of T.M.E.A. to co-operate in building a satisfactory program.

EVALUATION OF JUDGES
Events happening during and since the state T.M.E.A. convention-clinic have reinforced our opinion that the proposed plan for an evaluation of judges was not a "shot in the dark." Additional protests, both written and verbal, have been filed with this office. The evaluation blanks returned to this office have, in general, denoted a very special need for this type improvement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

September 1, 1948—September 1, 1949
GENERAL FEE ACCOUNT
Receipts

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opposition to any such change.—Reeves Haley, Superintendent, Shelbyville High School; H. J. Johnson, Principal, Shelbyville High School; and E. C. Crisp.

NCAA's Amendment Backs League's Rule

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change in the "Code" and be governed by it. . . . This amendment does not prohibit the institution from furnishing normal local entertainment, such as meals and lodging, nor does it prohibit alumni or interested friends from bringing or sending prospective athletes to visit member institutions.

Leaguer's Music Issue Wins Director's Praise

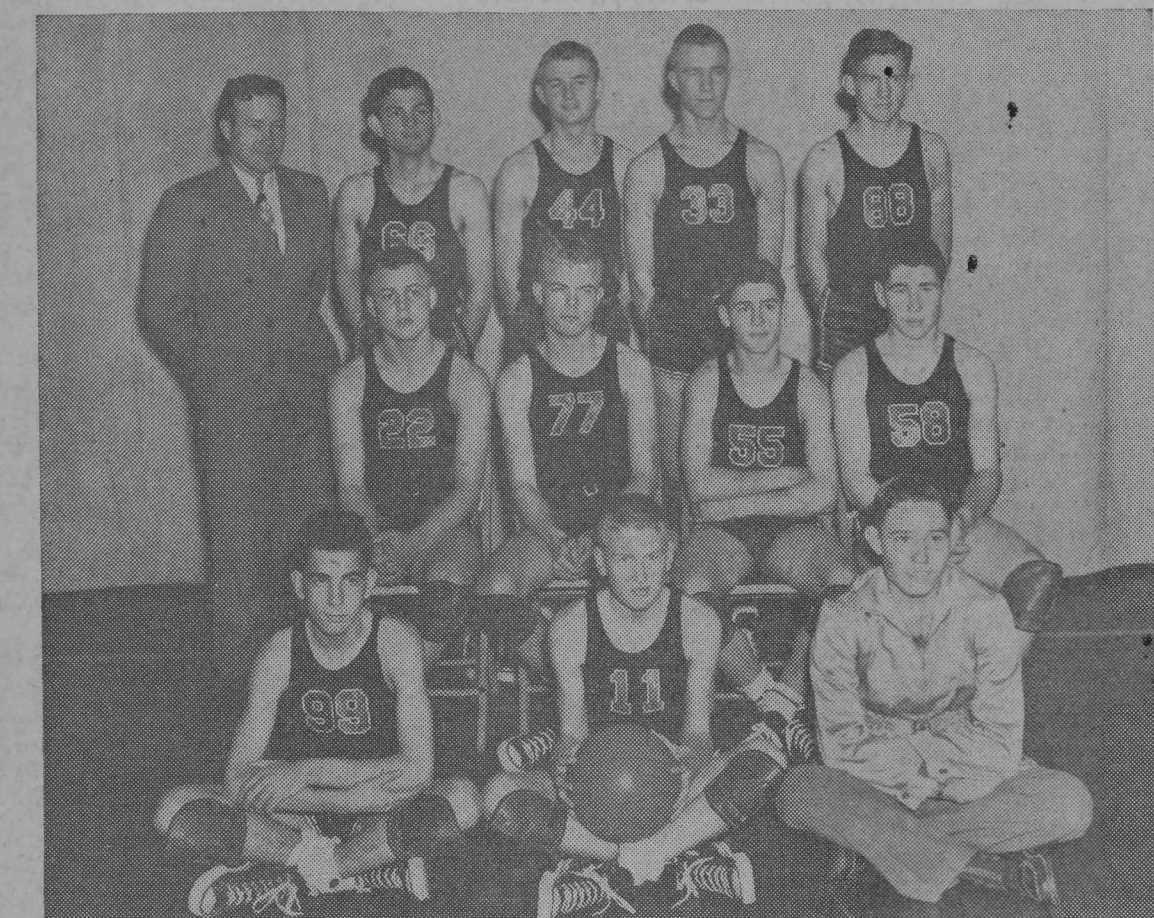
I wish to take this means of expressing my appreciation and to thank you for the generous amount of space which was devoted to music in the February issue of the Interscholastic Leaguer. All of the articles are splendid, and I am one among many who are delighted to see the progress which the music program is making in our Texas schools.

Film Library Directory Available for 15 Cents

A directory of 897 16 mm. film libraries that rent or lend films has been compiled and published by the Visual Aids Section of the U.S. Office of Education. Copies of this publication, entitled "A Directory of 897 16 mm. Film Libraries," can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., price 15 cents.

Gruver, Canyon and Corpus Christi State Champs in 30th Tournament

West Texans carried home most of the trophies from the Thirtieth Annual Interscholastic League State Basketball Tournament. Of the three state champions of conferences, two were from the Panhandle, and of the 12 teams which reached semi-final play, five were from the wide open spaces of Western Texas.



CONFERENCE B CHAMPIONS—The Gruver Greyhounds defeated Waelder 43 to 34 in the championship game after edging past Cayuga 48-47 and Warren 42-41. The team members are, left to right standing, Coach Lawrence Brotherton, Charles

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

The answers in this column are in no sense "official interpretations." Only the State Executive Committee is competent under the rules to make official interpretations, and the State Committee's interpretations appear in the Official Notice column of THE LEAGUER. These are answers to inquiries which are made in the course of routine correspondence with the State Office of the Interscholastic League.

Q. Can a school culminate its spring football training practice with an intra-school game?

A. Yes. A school may have an intra-school game (composed of students within the school). However, no inter-school scrimmage or games can be held without violating the football plan, rule 27.

Q. Can a school conduct a conditioning camp for football on their school campus prior to August 15 for "A" and Six-man, and September 1st for City and "AA" and "B"?

A. No. No organized instruction, calisthenics or conditioning period shall be conducted prior to the opening date for practice.

Q. Can a boy participate on an independent baseball team during the summer and not affect his eligibility under the Amateur Rule?

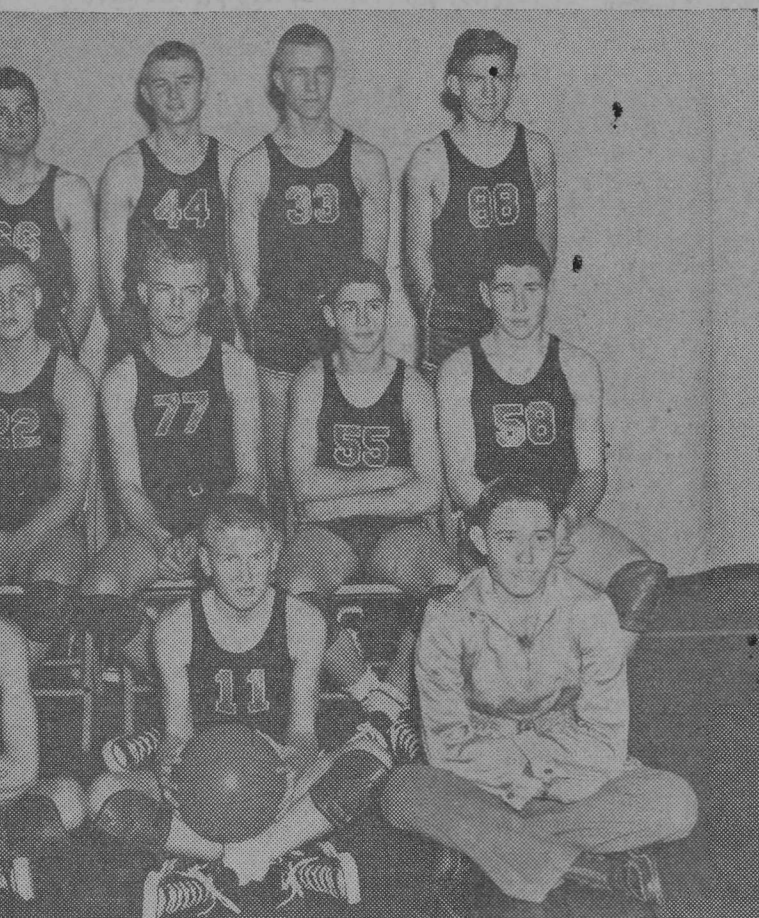
A. Yes, provided the boy does not play with any paid player, and further provided that the boy does not receive any money or valuable consideration. It is recommended that traveling expenses be handled by a secretary of the local baseball club and administered in the same way as a coach or principal would handle their high-school athletic finances.

638 Teams Enter Baseball Campaign

For the 1950 baseball season 638 schools will participate in baseball under the League sponsorship. This is an over-all total of three more than last year. The distribution is as follows: City Conference 19, AA Conference 74, A Conference 163, and B Conference 382. In Conference AA there are three schools less this year than played in 1949, in Conference A 12 schools less, and Conference B 18 schools more than in 1949.

The last date for certifying district baseball champions is May 15th for Conferences AA, A and B. Conference AA bi-district champions must be certified by May 29th, with the state championship to be held in Austin June 5th, 6th and 7th. Conference A regional championships must be completed by June 7th, and Conference B bi-district championships must be determined by June 7th. The last date for certifying City Conference champions is May 29th, with the City Baseball Tournament scheduled for June 8th and 9th in Houston.

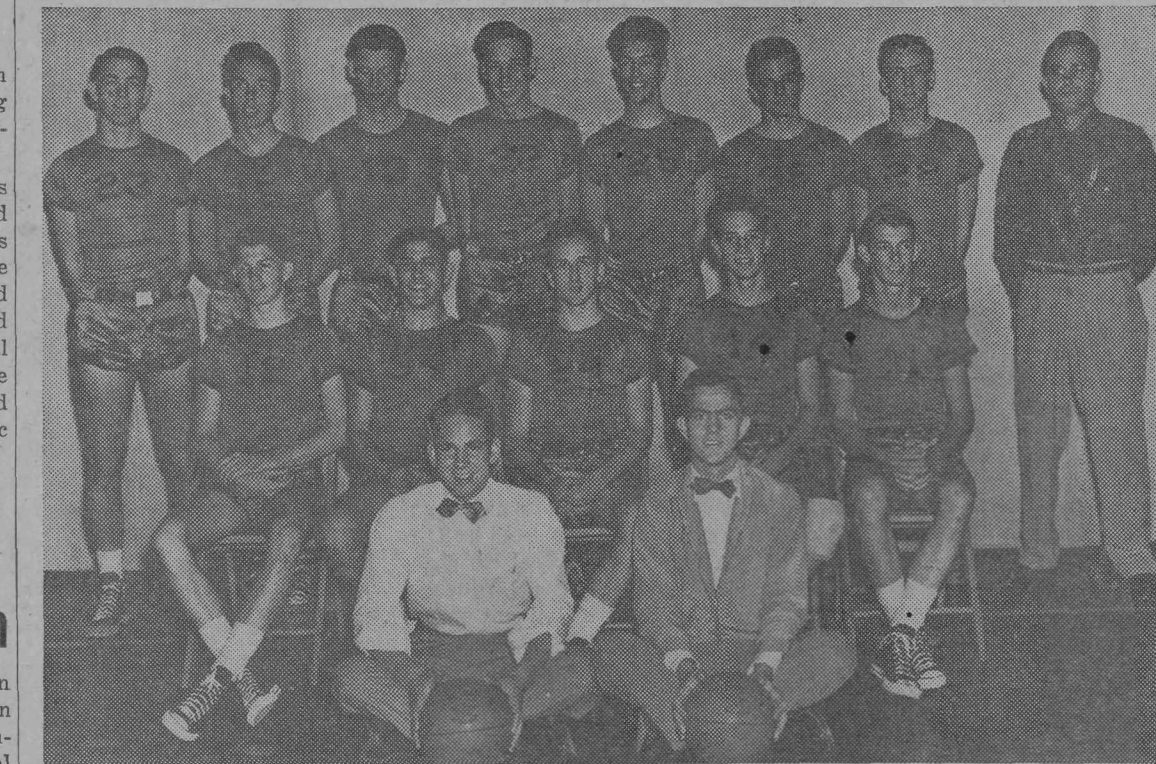
handle contingent, the Canyon Eagles, carrying off the Conference A crown. Only in Conference AA, where the West Texas schools were represented by Vernon, did another section of the State get a share of top honors: Corpus Christi won the championship by 40-34.



Broadhurst, Leslie Cator, Lynn Hart, and Ted Evans; seated, Dan Shrader, Robert Fletcher, James Fox and J. B. Heath; seated on floor, DeWayne Shapley, Calvin Mitts, and Manager Glenn Tomlinson.



THE CLASS OF CONFERENCE A—The Canyon Eagles were never pushed in winning State Championship honors in Conference A. The final game score was Canyon 49, South San Antonio 25. Earlier games were won from Gaston of Joineville 54 to 20, Morton, Joe Abbott, Billy Samples, and Garland 32, and Birdville of Fort Worth 38 to 19. Team members are, left to right standing, Richmond Payne, Robert Busted, Bobby Ratliff, Ray Burrus, Troy Burrus, Bruce Winn, Robert McClendon and Coach George W. Scott; seated, Harrell Slack, Billy



STATE CHAMPIONS OF CONFERENCE AA—The Buccaneers from Corpus Christi defeated Vernon 40 to 34 to win championship honors in the thirtieth annual State Tournament. Earlier, the Bucs had downed Texarkana and Sweetwater by identical scores of 34 to 29. The champs, left to right standing, are Barry Wood, Scotty Jeffries, Robert Knight, Charles Camp, Ronnie Thomson, Ruel Robeau, Bobby Yoes, and Coach Henry D. Crawford; seated, Stacy Cole, Ronnie Sizemore, Jerry Fisher, Bill Nelson, and Milton Isenberg; seated on floor, Managers Ed Coughlin and Don Click.

Requiring Football Knee Pads Urged

The annual report released recently by the Injury and Fatality Committee of the American Football Coaches Association announced that for the second consecutive year, American colleges had no fatalities resulting directly from gridiron injuries.

The committee's survey of the 1949 football season fatalities showed, however, that 19 deaths were caused by football among high school, sandlot or athletic club competitors. This number equals the yearly average for the 18-year period since the survey

was begun in 1931. Of the total, nine were in high school, seven in sandlot, and three in athletic club competition.

The committee's report urged that the Coaches Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association Rules Committee require knee pads as standard equipment. The report also urged the remodeling of headgear and pads to give players still more protection.

Sixty-five per cent of all direct fatalities in football result from

The thirtieth tournament lacked 1,500 of equalling the record attendance, but even so over 42,000 persons attended during the three-day period. Of these, 19,600 attended during the final day, a new record for a single day. 7,000 saw the afternoon session Saturday, also a new record, and 7,100 attended the night session.

Except in Conference B, no records were broken, but many thrilling and closely matched games made the tournament exceptionally exciting to the thousands who flocked in from all over Texas to see the big show of the annual basketball season.

In Conference B, Kelly Jim Duncan of Cayuga set a new individual scoring record in one game of 39 points, and a new individual scoring record in one series of 69 points. Cayuga, in its consolation game with Forreton also shattered the team scoring record for one game with 68 points, and joined with Forreton to set a new one-game aggregate scoring record of 102 points. The Cayuga team also racked up the new Conference B mark of 152 points for team scoring in one tournament. The championship game between Gruver and Waelder saw a new mark for high team score in championship game set at 43 points, and a new mark for high aggregate score in championship game set at 77 points.

Conference B games opened the tournament, with Cayuga defeating Bishop 37 to 25. In the second game, Gruver staged a rousing comeback to overcome a 14 deficit and defeat Warren 42 to 41. Forreton took the third game from Marfa in something of an upset,

31 to 29, and Waelder played a smooth game to defeat the taller team from Early of Brownwood 38 to 26.

In semi-final rounds, Gruver again played in a thrilling game to edge the superb Cayuga team 48 to 47. It was Cayuga's first defeat in 48 games. Waelder took the measure of Forreton 26 to 23.

The consolation game between Forreton and Cayuga ended with a 68-34 score to set the new marks noted above. In the final game, Gruver defeated Waelder 43 to 34, also setting two new marks.

Conference A opened with a thriller when Birdville of Fort Worth bested Teague 44 to 43. Canyon took the second game from Gaston of Joineville 54 to 32. French of Beaumont defeated Ballinger, which was handicapped by the loss of two of its starters because of illness, 35 to 18. The smooth team from South San Antonio gradually pulled ahead for a tight first half to defeat Lockhart 44 to 33.

Canyon, in the semi-finals, defeat Birdville 38 to 19, and South San Antonio edged French 35 to 31.

The winner of the consolation game between French and Birdville was the Beaumont team, which narrowly staved off a closing rush by the Fort Worth boys, 45 to 43. Canyon won the A championship from South San Antonio, 49-25.

The Conference AA matches were opened by Austin of El Paso defeating Harlingen 61 to 23. Vernon took the measure of Highland Park by the score of 54 to 43. Sweetwater jumped into an early lead and held on to defeat Texas City 43 to 40. And in the final opening-round game, Corpus Christi pulled ahead in the closing minutes to defeat Texarkana 34 to 29.

Semi-final play found Vernon victor over Austin of El Paso, 39 to 27; and Corpus Christi the winner over Sweetwater 34 to 29. In the consolation game, Austin won third place by overtaking Sweetwater's clean-playing team 49 to 42.

Corpus Christi played cool, sure ball to best Vernon 40 to 34 in the closing game of the tournament.

Tennessee Crowd Control Problems Have Familiar Ring

A story on one of the phases of the problem of crowd control, as carried in the mimeographed Tennessee Scholastic Athletic Association News, underlines both the dangers of inadequate education of crowds to sportsmanship and the advantages of carefully providing adequate police protection for officials and visitors.

Such an episode as that which happened at Erwin, Tenn., during a Johnson City-Erwin game could happen at any game, but the chances of its occurring will be greatly lessened by efforts on the part of administrators, coaches, and student bodies to instill sportsmanship in spectators.

At the Tennessee game, a drunken spectator made his way to the players' bench and threatened the Johnson City coach and one or more of his players with a pistol. Erwin had provided for police protection and prompt action by policemen prevented any further trouble.

The principal and coach of the Erwin school immediately pushed charges against this spectator and within two days he was fined \$49 for public drunkenness and bound over to court under a \$2,250 bond on charges of resisting arrest, assault, and carrying a concealed weapon. Some time later he was fined \$50 for carrying a pistol. Other charges are still pending.

In addition to pushing the charges, the principal and coach began a strenuous campaign to make the students and citizens of Erwin realize that unless spectators displayed proper sportsmanship, the school would lose its membership in TSSAA.

Because of the action taken by Erwin officials in seeking punishment of the offender and in working to improve the sportsmanship in the city, and because they had foresightedly provided plenty of police protection at the game, the school was not penalized by the TSSAA.

Under similar circumstances, the UIL would probably have taken the same action. Indeed, in all respects, this story could have come from Texas instead of Tennessee. Could it have been your school which was involved?

Postscripts on Athletics

BY DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS

Member schools will be asked to vote this year on an issue which has plagued the high-school educational program for many years, and which during the years immediately after the war has grown progressively worse. We refer to the constant interruption of the school program by college coaches and alumni who are proselyting athletes for their colleges. The ballot which will be submitted will, if passed, automatically declare any boy ineligible for further high-school athletics if he participates in any athletic try-outs at an institution of higher learning. The NCAA now has this rule in effect for all member institutions, but in Texas this group covers only about forty per cent of the institutions of higher learning.

First, let this writer state that he is not opposed to worthy students earning their college education through participating in athletics; in fact, the author was the recipient of an athletic scholarship in his under-graduate work at college and sincerely believes that intramural and intercollegiate athletics properly conducted are an essential phase of the total development of the individual.

However, the pressure to win, the huge debts owed on the stadia, and the publicity-minded alumni have brought about the necessity of having a full house for each game, and have forced the colleges to descend on the high schools in search of athletes who can be molded into bowl champions. This deluge of college coaches, alumni and contact men has seriously interfered with the high-school educational program, and in many cases has practically disrupted the spring athletic program.

Let us illustrate how the educational program in a high school of 400 students is affected: in the senior class of 100 students there are approximately 40 boys who have athletic ability of one type or the other. The larger colleges are vitally interested in the best five boys; the medium size colleges in the next five best boys; the smaller colleges in the next 10 boys and the junior colleges are interested in the other 20 boys. There are 92 junior and senior colleges in Texas. By the time these senior boys have talked with all people connected with the various institutions and have visited many of them, a tremendous amount of

time has been lost from the school program. This is time which the boy and the school cannot replace, and which neither can afford to lose.

Many administrators have told this writer that trying to operate an educational program for senior athletes under the present proselyting season is practically an impossibility. In addition, many of these athletes are borderline scholastic cases and cannot afford to miss any of their high-school academic program. Thus, the colleges can indirectly blame themselves when their star athletes fail in their freshman academic work.

This office has received information that in some cases high-school coaches are co-operating in the proselyting of high-school athletes by accepting valuable consideration in one form or the other from alumni and officials of certain institutions for exerting their influence on local athletes to enter a specific college. This is a disgraceful procedure, if true, and stems from the high pressure training of our high-school coaches get from their athletic careers in college.

The paramount issue in a boy's selecting a college is not how many bowl games the college has participated in, but instead the type and caliber of curriculum offered by the college.

This column would like to see all recruiting of high-school athletes postponed until the student has completed his high-school athletic eligibility in all sports. Furthermore, we should like to recommend that all contacts with athletes be made after school and on non-school days in order to avoid interfering with the school program.

Most colleges and their alumni ignore all athletic programs in high school except football, and think that when football is over the student is open prey regardless of the remaining sports curriculum.

The colleges realize the present recruiting system is not in line with educational standards, and to attest to this a joint meeting of our junior and senior colleges with League officials has been arranged for April 1st to work on this problem. Everyone interested in the educational welfare of both college and high-school athletics is hoping that this joint committee will arrive at some practicable and workable agreement on this serious problem of recruiting high-school athletes.

News and Views of the Coaches

BY STAN LAMBERT
Publicity Director, THSCA

Last month this writer included the Texas coaches in a thinly veiled left-handed crack about the general apathy of the American people in exercising the privilege of voting. Our accusation was a bit premature because they certainly turned in a fine representative return on a five-point questionnaire that Executive Secretary L. W. McConachie, sent to all Association members.

Of the less than 1,200 cards sent out 960 of them voted on these questions. This indicates clearly to us that the coaches are considerably above the average in interest on questions involving their profession.

The results of the poll were as follows:

1. Do you approve of the 19-year, 10-semester rule?
Yes—714; No—234.
2. What percentage of your boys would be left out of athletics under this rule?
Average answer: 4.2%
3. Do you favor football spring training for the Class A schools? (Only Class A coaches voting)
Yes—190; No—186.
4. Do you favor reclassification of high schools in the Interscholastic League?
Yes—786; No—174.
5. Would you favor this type of classification?
Schools with 1,000 or more students — AAA
Schools with 500 to 1,000 students — AA
Schools with 200 to 500 students — A
Schools with less than 200 students — B
Yes—336; No—582.

Of the 582 voting "No", 316 suggested this type of classification: Schools with 800 and up students — AAA
Schools with 400 to 800 students — AA
Schools with 200 to 400 students — A
Schools with less than 200 students — B
No City Conference

The results of this poll are very interesting and call for some pertinent comments and observations. Let's consider each separately.

AGE-SEMESTER SUGGESTION
The coaches showed a strong enough majority in favor of the 19-year, 10-semester rule (714 to 234) to indicate that they thought this would improve the athletic situation. In our opinion, they figured that raising the age limit six months would allow a few more boys to participate under the present setup, and consequently would be for the betterment of the League program. They also probably thought that the 10-semester rule would cut down on the possibility of retaining boys in the junior high grades so as to preserve their eligibility in the senior year. This latter feature tends to eliminate a temptation that the age increase might present.

Most of the negative votes on this question were probably from coaches in communities where the

graduation age is low; and they figured that the rule would not help them but would help their opponents. Of course their reasoning was sound too; but the overwhelming majority indicates that the twelve grade system is raising the graduation age pretty generally over most of the State. One coach told us that he would be against it until after reclassification because it would make the larger schools stronger.

SPRING FOOTBALL
Evidently our comments last month on the problem involved in returning spring football in the Class A schools had more merit than even we expected. The vote (190 to 186) indicates clearly that even the coaches are pretty well divided on this question, and that our suggestion that we wait a year or two or three before resubmitting the question was sound. The coaches are divided on the issue almost as equally as the school administrators who did the voting.

RECLASSIFICATION
The vote on the reclassification of schools was the most overwhelming of all (786 to 174). Of course, this indicates very clearly that this is really the most fundamental problem facing the League at the present time. Until it is solved, great inequalities will continue to exist. Unless something is done before long, community interest in some areas will diminish to a point that many years will be needed to rebuild it.

The vote on how it should be done, however, indicates very clearly two things:

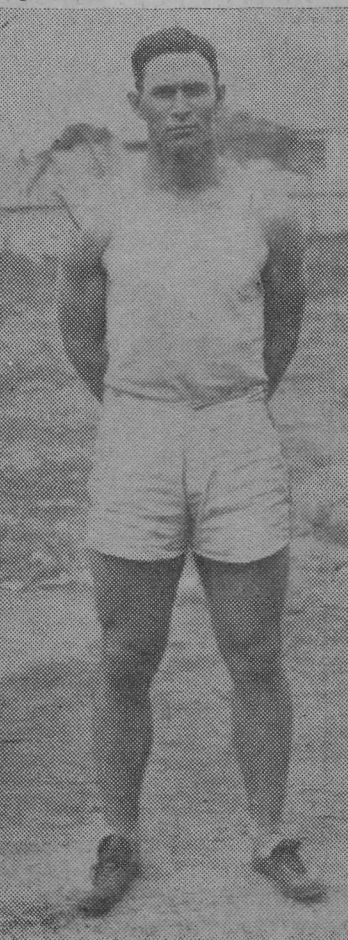
1. That there is a varied difference of opinion at where the boundaries should be drawn.
2. That we can't pull nice even round numbers out of a hat and hope to arrive at the right answer. The numbers 1,000 and 500 and 200 fit in that category. A careful study of the school population throughout the State as well as taking into consideration the trends of the times will have to be made. The AAA minimum might fall at 840 or 860 or 875. In our opinion, compulsory classification and the desertion of the ill-fated City Conference also fit naturally into this general reform.

WRITE-IN VOTE SIGNIFICANT
To us the most significant feature of the entire poll was the fact that of the 582 voting "No", 316 offered the same counter-suggestion. The first indication is that somebody somewhere has been doing a little work. Such a unanimity of opinion wouldn't "just happen". There must be an organized movement somewhere, and this writer is not aware of where it is. We are not saying that this is bad, but we just want to make that observation.

The second thing that it indicates is the feeling that putting the AAA floor at 1,000 would not solve the problem for too many schools. We suspect that many of that 316 were from schools with student bodies in the 800-1,000 range. Personally, we feel that they have something there, but without actual figures we hesitate to make any positive statement.

Do You Remember When?

Most of you won't have any trouble remembering last year and the year before, or perhaps any one of numerous years in the past when Joe Bailey Cheaney served as starter for the Interscholastic League State Meet races. But do you remember when Joe Bailey was a track star for Santa Anna High School?



That was in 1921, the year in which Cheaney streaked to University Interscholastic League state championships in the 100 and 220 yard dashes. That was also the year in which Cheaney received his fourth letter in each of three sports—football, basketball, and track. And his graduation from Santa Anna High that year launched a college track record and coaching career with which most athletes and coaches in Texas are familiar.

At Howard Payne College, Brownwood, (where this picture was taken in 1923) Joe Bailey was a 15-letter-man. Four letters each in football, basketball, and track, and three in baseball went to this versatile product of League competition. He was TIAA Conference halfback in 1923 and 24, captain of the football, track, and basketball teams. He tied the Southern AAU record in the 100 meters in New Orleans in the spring of 1924, before participating in the Olympic try-outs in Boston, Mass., the same spring.

As a coach, Cheaney served at San Marcos Baptist Academy, Howard Payne and Southwest Texas State. During the years from '28 through '35, while he was head coach at Howard Payne, his football teams won five Texas Conference championships.

At one time or another, Cheaney has been starter for every major track meet in Texas, including the UIL meet each year, Texas Relays, Border Olympics, Blue Bonnet Relays, Southwest Conference, etc.