

Music Broadcast to Feature Top Band, Orchestra, Chorus

For the first time in the history of League sponsored music broadcasts, more than one organization will participate when the Texas State Network presents the San Benito High School Mixed Chorus, the Plainview High School Band and the San Angelo High School Orchestra. All three organizations will combine for a 30-minute concert over 20 stations of the Texas

State Network on January 30, 1951, at 2:30 p.m. All three of these organizations have been consistent Division I winners in Interscholastic League competition for many years. The San Benito Mixed Chorus, under the direction of W. Edward Hatchett, has achieved nation-wide fame for its excellent presentations. The Plainview High School Band, under the direction of R. W. "Chief" Davidson, has set the pattern for Conference AA standards in the central Panhandle section ever since the League offered competition in music. Homer Anderson, director of the San Angelo Orchestra, has proven that it is possible to have an excellent high school orchestra and an excellent high school band during the years he has spent developing a music department in the Region II city.

Since this broadcast will be of interest to all high school music directors, band, orchestra and choral, it is hoped that teachers will begin making arrangements for all organizations to listen to this broadcast.

The following member stations of the Texas State Network will carry the program at 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. If your local station is not included, please contact your local station manager.

- KCRS — Midland
- KBST — Big Spring
- KFRO — Longview
- KRIO — McAllen
- KBWD — Brownwood
- KPLT — Paris
- KGVL — Greenville
- KGKL — San Angelo
- KNOW — Austin
- KFJZ — Ft. Worth
- WRR — Dallas
- KTHH — Houston
- KRRV — Sherman
- KCMC — Texarkana
- KORA — Bryan

The following stations will carry the broadcast at later times, as playbacks, at times indicated:

- KRBC — Abilene 3:15-3:45 p.m.
- WACO — Waco 3:00-3:30 p.m.
- KABC — San Antonio 3:00-3:30 p.m.
- KVOP — Plainview 7:30-8:00 p.m., February 1

League Basketball Playoff Schedules Begin This Month

The next two months, beginning after February 17 and running up until the dates of State Basketball Tournaments, will be busy times for district winners in girls' and boys' basketball.

During February alone, regional play-offs for Conferences A and B in boys' basketball, and bi-district play-offs for Conference AA boys', must be determined. Girls' basketball regional play-offs will be played after February 24, which is the date when district champions in both A and B Conferences must be determined, and before March 3, the last day for determining regional champs.

District championships for boys in Conferences AA, A and B, must be decided by February 17; regional championships by February 24. The City Conference has until March 3 to determine the district title.

Top teams in boys' Conferences AA, A and B, 24 in number, will vie for State championships at Gregory Gymnasium, Austin, March 1, 2, and 3. The City Conference district winners and runners-up will meet at Dallas on March 9 and 10 for the State title tournament, since both the first and second teams in each CC district qualify directly to the tournament.

Girls' championships will be determined in the first State Tournament, to be held in Gregory Gymnasium on March 8, 9, and 10.

Colleges are offering their facilities and staffs for the play-offs in boys' Conference B, while the Conference A schools will compete for regional honors at sites selected by the regional committees.

Sites for the regional girls' basketball play-offs will be announced in the February Leaguer.

CONFERENCE B
Regional tournaments for Conference B will be held at the following centers:

Region I—Districts 1-13, Texas Technological College, Lubbock; Morley Jennings, regional chairman.

Region II—Districts 14-28, Howard Payne College, Brownwood; Dr. Z. T. Huff, regional chairman.

Region III—Districts 29-44, Southern Methodist University, Dallas; Madison Bell, regional chairman.

Region IV—Districts 45-60, Kilgore College, Kilgore; James Monroe Parks, regional chairman.

Region B—Districts 61-73, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville; Albert Kidd, regional chairman.

Region VI—Districts 74-88, Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos; O. W. Stra-

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Last Clinic for 1950-51

Canyon Choral Workshop Nearing

The last of the series of six choral clinic-workshops to be held during the school year 1950-51 is scheduled at West Texas State College in Canyon on January 20.

Dr. Chester L. Francis, Professor of Music Education and Director of the University of Oklahoma Chorus, has been invited by the Canyon authorities to work as consultant for this clinic. Dr. Francis is a nationally recognized music educator and every teacher and student in the northern section of the Panhandle will profit from working with him.

Sixty high and junior high schools have been invited to this workshop and approximately 10

schools have been invited to perform as organizations for the clinic by Dr. Francis.

Dr. William Presser, Chairman, and Houston Bright of the Music Department at Canyon are completing arrangements to provide a very educational feature for an expected crowd of 1,000 students and teachers.

An attendance of a thousand at Canyon will push the total figure for attendance at the six workshops to approximately 3,500 students and teachers.

Previous workshops have been held at Tarleton State College at Stephenville, The University of Texas at Austin, Texas Christian University at Ft. Worth, Stephen

Next Debate Topic To Come From Six Proposed Subjects

One of the first three debate propositions listed below will be the National Topic for the 1951-52 season. These topics were the final selections of the NUEA debate Committee at the New York convention in December.

In addition to the national topics, we have listed three topics of state interest suggested by our state committee. Texas schools have the right to pick the National Topic or a State Topic for their debate subject next year. We invite your comment on any of the following topics. Ballots will be sent to all schools later in this school year for the official vote.

Topics chosen by NUEA Committee:

1. Resolved, That all American Citizens Should be Subject to Conscription for essential Services in Time of War.
2. Resolved, That the National Administration Should be Defeated in the Coming Election.
3. Resolved, That the Atlantic Pact Nations Should form a Federal Union.

Topics suggested by State Committee:

1. Resolved, That Texas Should Adopt a Sales Tax to Provide Additional Revenue.
2. Resolved, That Eighteen Years Should be Adopted by Texas as the Legal Voting Age.
3. Resolved, That the Federal Government Should Have Complete Control of Water Conservation and Power.

Debate Broadcast To Be February 21

The annual League debate broadcast, over the facilities of the Texas State Network, will be presented on February 21.

Both date and time are subject to revision, and the final schedule will be published in next month's Leaguer. As now planned, however, the time of the broadcast on that Wednesday afternoon will be from 2:30 until 3:00. Begin making your plans to listen in on this annual feature.



TSN OFFICIALS—Gene Cagle, left, and Charles Jordan, right, are President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Texas State Network, Inc., the broadcasting chain which has for years helped the Interscholastic League to serve the schools of Texas. Through TSN facilities, debate and music broadcasts are again this year being carried to every corner of the state at no cost to schools or their League. It is interesting to note that this service results in part from the participation of these two men, as students, in the League program. Cagle is a former high school debater, and Jordan, whose voice is as well known to most Texans as their next door neighbor's, participated in declamation activities from grammar school days onward.

A New Test Proposed For "Vital" Contests

(Editor's Note: This is the first of four articles on the questions raised by a recent attack on interscholastic competition.)

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Destructive criticism of school contests has changed emphasis considerably in the past fifth of a century. In the thirties, literature on the subject contains such challenging phrases as "The Emergent State." In that now far-off era and in certain areas of public opinion, our competitive society was believed to be undergoing a gradual but inevitable metamorphosis from which a new social, economic and political organism was about to emerge. Hence, the word "emergent."

Indeed, there is direct evidence of the presence, if not the pressure, of Russian ideology in the thinking of certain theorists of the period, since they proceeded on the assumption that the Cooperative State was quite definitely on its way, and that, therefore, we had as well begin fashioning the younger generation to live in it as happily as possible.

Competition was on its way out as a way of life, and competitive activities in the schools were deeply frowned upon. Cooperative enterprises, on the other hand, were glorified, since, no matter what our peculiar prejudices happened to be, education was after all a fitting of the child for life, and the lives of the children of that day and time were to be lived in a Cooperative State, or Commonwealth.

This statement is, of course, an over-simplification, as there were many cross-currents in the discussion that cannot be indicated in the space here available.

Meanwhile, our Western World has become somewhat disillusioned. The budding promise of a Utopia in which all was to be sweetness and light developed such flaws in its flowering that serious doubts arose as to the accuracy of the initial classification. The political taxonomist had made a mistake and placed the Great Experiment in the wrong pigeon-hole. The "thing" shed its deceptive petals, and we were soon looking into the face of the old familiar Asiatic despotism, regimented and accoutered for war. It was not an Emergence but a Recrudescence. Hence the Emergent State argument against the stimulation of rivalry in school activities, while not dropped like a hot brick, was gradually released, and the term faded from the literature of the subject. We heard less and less about the preparation of pupils for citizenship in the Cooperative Commonwealth. Nevertheless, new reasons were discovered for dropping contests and abandoning rivalry as a motivation. The opposition took a new tack.

Emphasis was placed on the inordinate amount of time consumed in the preparation for contests, and the expense of this type of activity in trips, equipment, and teaching staff. The few were trained at the expense of the many, we were told, and that was un-democratic. Curiously enough, the most competitive of all contest activities, the one which requires most equipment, necessitates the most expensive trips, demands the highest-priced teaching staff, and the one which, above all, trains only the few—the activity which combines all these objections, was the one against which they were least frequently urged. Although Athletics with a big A was violently excoriated by lay reformers of education, by newspaper editors, and by disillusioned sports writers, the academic attitude, while it might be unfavorable, was tentative. Pedagogical pundits counseled moderation and toleration. "Go slow," we were told, "keep in the middle of the road"; "athletics has its good points"; "the public likes it"; "it builds school spirit." The fact that gate-receipts could be put to good use as an "end-justifies-the-means" argument mainly urged by the athletic directors of colleges, since the more judicious of the educational theorists saw that it was a two-edged instrument.

So it turned out that even when we were on the verge of taking form as a Cooperative Commonwealth, few urged that American Athletics should give place to Russian, German, or

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Assignments for 1951 Spring Meets Listed

The State Meet in Austin this year will include all schools formerly members of the City Conference. This is the first change in competitive alignments growing out of the recent reclassification and the resulting plans for abolition of the City Conference.

There will be no separate State Meet for the City Conference. Therefore, there will be marked changes in the alignment of schools and districts for the Conference AA Spring Meet.

Because of these major changes in the Spring Meet List, the entire list is being published in this Leaguer. Please check this list carefully, noting the name and address of your district director general. If there has been a change in your district organization since preparation of this list began, please so advise the League

Office. The final list will be issued shortly following January 15, the last day for paying League membership dues, so rush any needed corrections.

Concerning all details relating to the District Meet, communicate with your director general. There should be an early meeting of the committee to set the site and date for the district meet and to select the district contest directors. For the meets to be run off in an orderly fashion, proper preparations should be made far in advance as to the final date for entries, the selection of judges, etc. As soon as the date and site have been set, notify the League so the dates may be published in the Leaguer.

CONFERENCE AA

Region I

- District
1. Amarillo, Borger, Pampa, Plainview, Director General, R. B. Norman, Principal, High School, Amarillo.
 2. Big Spring, Lamesa, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Director General, W. A. Miller, Superintendent of Schools, Odessa.

Region II

3. Abilene, Brownwood, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Director General, Nat Williams, Superintendent of Schools, Abilene.
4. Breckenridge, Cleburne, Graham, Mineral Wells, Stephenville, Weatherford, Director General, J. F. Bailey, Superintendent of Schools, Breckenridge.
5. Fort Worth: Arlington Heights, Carter-Riverside, Fort Worth Technical, North Side, Paschal, Polytechnic, Director General, C. A. Thompson, Principal, Polytechnic High School, Fort Worth.
6. Childress, Quanah, Vernon, Wichita Falls, Director General, O. T. Freeman, Principal, High School, Wichita Falls.

Region III

7. Corsicana, Ennis, Hillsboro, Temple, Waco, Waxahatchie, Director General, Thomas L. Ware, Principal, High School, Waco.
8. Denton, Grand Prairie, Highland Park (Dallas), McKinney, Director General, A. O. Calhoun, Principal, High School, Denton.
9. Denison, Gainesville, Greenville, Paris, Sherman, Director General, Mrs. Cecil Ross, Dir. Off-Campus Activities, East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce.
10. Dallas: Crozier Technical, Forest Avenue, North Dallas, Sunset, W. H. Adamson, Woodrow Wilson, Director General, Dr. W. T. White, Superintendent of Schools, Dallas.

Region IV

11. Bryan, Conroe, Henderson, Lufkin, Nacogdoches, Palestine, Director General, George Wells, Superintendent of Schools, Lufkin.
12. Gladewater, Kilgore, Longview, Marshall, Texarkana, Tyler, Director General, C. L. Newsome, Principal, High School, Kilgore.
13. Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur, Port Neches, South Park (Beaumont), Director

Region V

14. Freeport, Galena Park, Galveston, Robert E. Lee (Baytown), Pasadena, Texas City, Director General, T. W. Ogg, Superintendent of Schools, Brazosport Independent School District, Freeport.
15. Houston: Charles H. Milby, Jefferson Davis, John H. Reagan, M. B. Lamar, Sam Houston, San Jacinto, Stephen F.

General, W. B. Killebrew, Principal, High School, Port Arthur.

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League's Director Lists Sites, Heads Of Regional Meets

Some changes in regional meet arrangements from those announced in the last Leaguer, have been necessitated by discontinuance of the City Conference State Meet this spring. All regional meets are to be held April 20-21.

As listed by League Director R. J. Kidd, the regional sites and directors, together with the districts of each conference which will attend each regional meet, are as follows:

REGION I

Site: Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

Director General: T. B. Livingston, Department of Education, Texas Tech.

Conference AA: Districts 1 and 2.

Conference A: Districts 1-5 inclusive.

Conference B: Districts 1-10 inclusive.

REGION II

Site: Howard Payne College, Brownwood.

Director General: Dr. Z. T. Huff, Dean, HPC.

Conference A: Districts 6-10 inclusive.

Conference B: Districts 11-23 inclusive.

Site: Tarleton State College, Stephenville.

Director General: L. G. Worthington, TSC.

Conference AA: Districts 3-6 inclusive.

REGION III

Site: Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

Director General: Dr. C. L. Wiseman, SMU.

Conference AA: Districts 7-10, inclusive.

Conference A: Districts 11-15, inclusive.

Conference B: Districts 24-40, inclusive.

REGION IV

Site: Kilgore College, Kilgore.

Director General: Dr. B. E. Masters, President, Kilgore College.

Conference A: Districts 16-21, inclusive.

Conference B: Districts 41-56, inclusive.

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Final Student Activity Conferences For Year Come in Next Three Weeks

The final Student Activities Conferences for this year will follow closely the publication of this issue of the Leaguer. On January 20, Southwestern University at Georgetown, and Texas A&I at Kingsville will be hosts to the Central Texas and South Texas Conferences, respectively. January 27 is the date for the West Texas Conference at Odessa High School. And February 3 will bring the Nacogdoches Central East Texas Conference, at Stephen F. Austin State College.

Program plans for the Georgetown and Kingsville meets were partially covered by the last issue of this paper. Additional information now available includes the Georgetown conference program for the speech section.

In the drama unit at Georgetown, a demonstration theater-in-the-round production will be given of "A Marriage Proposal" by the Southwestern Players. Dr. Angus Springer, head of the Southwestern University Speech Department, will act as consultant in this section, and will lead a complete discussion of arena staging.

In debate, demonstration will be provided by Lampasas and Schulenburg, and Arthur Hayes of The University of Texas Speech Department will be consultant. A critic panel made up of debaters from Austin and Waco High Schools will also take part.

In declamation and extemp, demonstrations will be given by Baker and University Junior Highs from Austin, Schulenburg, Rosebud, Belton and Lampasas. Hayes, Springer, and Southwestern University staff members will serve as consultants.

Dr. DeWitt Reddick and Miss Amy Jo Long of The University of Texas and Miss Mary Elizabeth Fox of Southwestern will be consultants in journalism. Special discussions will be led by Miss Ruth Mantor of Taylor High School and Weldon Brewer of Austin High School.

The Kingsville conference will have as consultant in debate Martin Todaro of the University Speech Department, instead of

Edgar Shelton as earlier announced. Dr. Powell Stewart of the University English Department will conduct the special section for teachers of English who are interested in building up interest in writing skills.

Odessa program plans include demonstration debating by the Midland and Lubbock teams, demonstration plays by Borger and Odessa, and demonstration declamations and extemp speeches by Yeleta and four other West Texas schools.

Consultants will include Granville Price, Bruce Roach and Blufford Hestir of The University of Texas, and Bill Ardis of San Angelo College.

Price and Hestir will be in charge of the journalism section at Odessa, which will feature a workshop on make-up and writing.

The Nacogdoches conference, which will be for speech activities only, is still in the planning stage. Program information will be mailed directly to those schools which are near enough that center to attend the conference.

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Assignments for Spring Meet Announced



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Czecho-Slovakian gymnastics and mass drills, although it would seem obvious that the violence of our athletic competitions might in this way be drawn off, sublimated even, into drills in which 20 or a hundred thousand individuals cooperated to put out the individuals' left arms just so far, then the right arms, then a simultaneous flexing of knees, creating a magnificent spectacle in which individualism of the half-back kind was sunk, melted, and molded into one grand unity of effort. Even the symbolism of such truly impressive spectacles reinforces the cooperative ideal. But while competitions in speech, music, the arts, and especially in curricular contests were vigorously opposed as evil preparation for the State-to-Come, Sports (as illogical as it appears) were somehow still held to have a place in the schools.

Besides—getting down on the practical level—school executives found that outright and outspoken opposition to interschool sports was extremely unpopular with a large majority of school boards; and criticism of contests became centered upon less popular and less lucrative competitive activities.

Now opposition in educational circles to competitions in this highly competitive year of 1951 finds it necessary to repudiate the cooperative state and explicitly approve of competition in general, for fear that they may be misunderstood, since the nerves of the nation are raw and overwrought about this very matter. For illustration, Lowell B. Fisher, Associate Professor of Education, University of Illinois, taking up the cudgels for abolition of contests in music, speech, and art declares that Committee whose action he is defending "did not intend to indicate opposition to competition in general or to competition in our economic system," or I venture, to competition in our political system, or in the international arena. We are to have a competitive society, a competitive state, a competitive economic system. Granted. We make our peace at once with the "rugged individualists" and the "free enterprisers." But we hear nothing in this context about the purpose of education being to prepare the pupil for living happily and effectively in a highly competitive society.

Professor Fisher then follows the classical path of the discussion, arraying the usual arguments against competitions in the secondary schools, of course exempting athletics, though neglecting to state that each of these adverse arguments applies with greater force to Athletics (with a big A) than to any other save and except his "argument" that "people show little interest in activities that are inappropriately combined with the contest element." We shall have to admit that public interest has the advantage of paying dividends in cash, but we should be slow to acknowledge that public interest is any criterion for judging the educational value of a given school activity. Pupil interest is of course another matter.

The premise upon which this remarkable conclusion is reached is announced in the beginning of the article, as follows:

"..... activities of the secondary schools in which the contest element is inherent constitute significant and vital experiences for students."

By implication contests in activities or subjects in which the contest element is not inherent do not constitute significant and vital experiences for students.

Thus we see developed a brand-new argument in the literature of the controversy: "Inherency." Some subjects have this "inherency," others do not; and contests in those activities that have it should be continued and supported, while those which do not have it should be eliminated. Speech, debate, persuasion by word of mouth or pen, are not inherently competitive, says the Committee, and hence should be cast out. They do not possess the contest-element inherently. Other activities do, and should therefore be retained in the contest-schedules of the schools. This "inherency" as a *sine qua non* for any subject or activity seeking place in the competitive set-up of our schools will be discussed further in the next issue of the LEAGUER.

"Why Contests in Music, Speech and Art Should be Eliminated," The Nations Column, October, 1950.

Package Loan Library Circulation Increases

The University of Texas Package Loan Library served all sections of the state during the 1949-50 academic year by distributing 33,520 package libraries of material to 1,064 towns and rural communities in 244 of the 254 Texas counties.

The material, containing 802 books, 5,465 club outlines, and 341,951 pamphlets and periodical clippings, was used by civic organi-

zations, county agents, individuals, libraries, parent-teacher associations, schools, and women's clubs. Libraries accounted for 7,047 packages circulated; schools, 12,229; and women's clubs, 13,102.

The year's circulation increased nearly 3,000 package libraries over the 30,744 circulated during 1948-49.

Extension Dean T. H. Shelby, in reporting on the year's work, said the people of Texas rely very heavily upon this service for information on a great variety of subjects.

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Austin, Director General, E. C. Gates, Principal, San Jacinto High School, Houston.

Region VI
16. San Antonio: Brackenridge High School, Burbank High School, San Antonio Technical High School, Lanier High School, Thomas Edison High School, Thomas Jefferson High School, Director General, Oscar Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, San Antonio.

17. Alamo Heights High School (San Antonio), Austin, Kerrville, Harlandale High School (San Antonio), Victoria, Director General, Edward T. Robbins, Superintendent of Schools, Alamo Heights, San Antonio.

Region VII
18. Alice, Laredo, Kingsville, Roy Miller High School (Corpus Christi), W. B. Ray High School (Corpus Christi), Director General, G. R. Broad, Principal, W. B. Ray High School, Corpus Christi.
19. Brownsville, Edinburg, Harglingen, McAllen, San Benito, Director General, E. L. Pritchett, Superintendent of Schools, San Benito.

Region VIII
20. Austin High School (El Paso), Bowie High School (El Paso), Thomas Jefferson High School (El Paso), El Paso, Ysleta, Director General, J. M. Hanks, Superintendent of Schools, Ysleta.

CONFERENCE A

Region I

1. Corcor Junior High School, Canyon, Dallas, Dallas Hereford, Horace Mann Junior High (Amarillo), Nixon Junior High (Amarillo), Perryton, Phillips, Sam Houston Junior High (Amarillo), Director General, Supt. E. A. Wooten, Canyon.

2. Jarendon, Lefors, McLean, Memphis, Pampa Junior High, Shamrock, Wellington, Director General, Charles Roberts, Superintendent of Schools, Wellington.

3. Abernathy, Crosbyton, Floydada, Lockney, Paducah, Ralls, Spur, Tulia, Director General, I. T. Graves, Floydada.

4. Brownfield, Central Junior High (Lubbock), Hutchinson Junior High (Lubbock), Levelland, Littlefield, Morton, Muleshoe, Plainview Junior High, Post, Slaton, Slaton Junior High (Lubbock), Tahoka, Director General, Supt. Q. W. Marcom, Box 1158, Levelland.

5. Andrews, Crane, Denver City, Fort Stockton, Kermit, McCamey, Monahans - Wickett (Monahans), Crockett Junior High (Odessa), Pecos, Seminole, Wink, Director General, Supt. Leland L. Martin, Crane.

Region II

6. Albany, Brownwood Junior High, Haskell, Munday, North Junior High (Abilene), South Junior High (Abilene), Stamford, Throckmorton, Director General, Prin. Escoe Webb, North Junior High, Abilene.

7. Colorado City, Hamlin, Merkel, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Reagan Junior High School (Sweetwater), Director General, Ed E. Williams, Supt. of Schools, Colorado City.

8. Ballinger, Brady, Coleman, Edison Junior High (San Angelo), Lakeview (San Angelo), Robert Lee Junior High (San Angelo), Winters, Director General, E. O. Martin, Asst Superintendent of Schools, Brady.

9. Breckenridge Junior High, Cisco, Comanche, De Leon, Dublin, Eastland, Hamilton, Director General, Supt. W. D. Raley, Dublin.

10. Burnet, Fredericksburg, Goldthwaite, Lampasas, Llano, Marble Falls, San Saba, Director General, C. E. Brown, Superintendent of Schools, Llano.

Region III
11. Archer City, Burkburnett, Chillicothe, Crowell, Electra, Holliday, Iowa Park, Olney, Quanah Junior High, Seymour, Vernon Junior High, Director General, Supt. W. R. Bradford, Iowa Park.

12. Birdville (Ft. Worth), Bowie, Decatur, Denton Junior High, Diamond Hill (Ft. Worth), Hamletta (Ft. Worth), Henrietta, Jackboro, New Castle, Nocona, Weatherford Junior High, Director General, J. B. Sharp, Superintendent of Schools, Jackboro.

13. Central Junior High (Temple), Cleburne Junior High School, Corsicana Junior High, East Junior High (Waco), Gatesville, Haseca, La Vega (Waco), Mart, McGregor, North Junior High (Waco), Reagan Junior High (Temple), South Junior High (Waco), Waco Technical, West, West Junior High (Waco), Director General, Supt. E. W. Shelton, La Vega School (Waco).

14. Franklin, Groesbeck, Hearne, Marlin, Mexia, Teague, Director General, Supt. H. O. Whitehurst, Groesbeck.

15. Arlington, Carrollton, Garland, Highland Park Junior High (Dallas), Hillcrest (Dallas), Irving, Mesquite, Pleasant Grove (Dallas), Scott Junior High (McKinney), Director General, S. Stanley Knapp, Principal, Hillcrest High School, Dallas.

Region IV
16. Athens, Bonham, Kaufman, Plano, Rockwall, Royse City, Terrell, Director General, Supt. Ben Hines, Kaufman, Canton, Edgewood, Grand Saline, Mineola, Van, Wills

Point, Director General, Supt. J. E. Rhodes, Van. Commerce, Gilmer, Greenville Junior High, Kilgore Junior High, Mount Pleasant, Mount Vernon, Pittsburg, Sulphur Springs, Talco, Winnboro, Director General, O. E. Acker, Principal, High School, Pittsburg.

19. Henderson Junior High, Hogg Junior High (Tyler), Longview Junior High, Lufkin Junior High, Marshall Junior High, Roberts Junior High (Tyler), Rusk Junior High (Nacogdoches), Director General, Principal E. H. Bush, Lufkin Junior High School, Lufkin.

20. Garhage, Center, Jacksonville, London (New London), Rusk, Director General, Supt. Allen Kavanaugh, London Schools, New London.

21. Atlanta, Clarksville, DeKalb, Hooks, Jefferson, Linden, New Boston, Texarkana Junior High, Director General, Supt. B. H. Hudspeth, Atlanta.

Region V

22. Alto, Crockett, Grapeland, Huntsville, Lamar Junior High (Bryan), Livingston, Navasota, Madisonville, Travis Junior High (Conroe), Director General, Principal L. K. Westmoreland, High School, Huntsville.

23. Bay City, Boling, El Campo, Houston, West Columbia, Wharton, Director General, J. C. Rogers, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, West Columbia.

24. Alvin, Clear Creek (Webster), Cleveland, Dickinson, Chas. Bender Senior High (Humble), Jarvis S. Hogg Senior High (Houston), La Porte, La Marque, Director General, Principal Earl G. Schlegelmilch, La Marque.

25. Alexander Hamilton Junior High (Houston), Baytown Junior High, David Crockett Junior High (Channelview), Fulshear Junior High, Stephen F. Austin Junior High (Galveston), Horace Mann Junior High (Baytown), James Deady Junior High (Houston), Jackson Junior High (Pasadena), Lake Jackson Junior High, Texas City Junior High, Velasco Junior High (Freeport), Director General, Principal G. B. Rasco, Lake Jackson Junior High School.

26. Carr Junior High (Orange), Dowling Junior High (Beaumont), Crockett Junior High (Beaumont), Jasper, Kirbyville, MacArthur Junior High (Beaumont), Nederland, San Augustine, Silsbee, Stephen F. Austin (Port Arthur), Victor, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School (Port Arthur), Director General, Prin. D. L. Hybarger, French High School, Beaumont.

Region VI
27. Bellville, Brenham, Caldwell, Elgin, Giddings, LaGrange, Director General, Thomas R. Coffman, Prin., Senior High School, Elgin.

28. Allan Junior High (Austin), Baker Junior High (Austin), Belton, Cameron, Fulmore Junior High (Austin), Georgetown, Killeen, Rosebud, Taylor, University Junior High (Austin), Director General, Supt. J. C. Barnes, Georgetown.

29. Gonzales, Lockhart, Luling, New Braunfels, San Marcos, Seguin, Yoakum, Director General, Fred Kaderli, San Marcos.

30. Alamo Heights Junior High (San Antonio), Devine, East Central High School (San Antonio), Edgewood High School (San Antonio), Hot Wells (San Antonio), South San Antonio, South San Antonio Junior High, Director General, Supt. J. D. Klingeman, Devine.

31. Carrizo Springs, Cotulla, Crystal City, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Hondo, Pearsall, Uvalde, Director General, Clem C. Jones, Principal, Senior High School, Uvalde.

Region VII
32. Beeville, Cuero, Edna, Floresville, Karnes City, Kenedy, Port Lavaca, Victoria Junior High, Director General, Supt. A. L. Peay, Kenedy.

33. Aransas Pass, Falfurrias, Freer, Kingsville Junior High, Robert Driscoll High (Corpus Christi), Robstown, Sinton, Director General, Prin. W. T. Henry, Sinton.

34. Brownsville Junior High, Donna, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr - San Juan - Alamo (Pharr), Raymondville, Rio Grande City, Weslaco, Director General, D. U. Buckner, Superintendent of Schools, Pharr.

CONFERENCE B

Region I
1. Channing, Gruver, Hartley, Moss, Specimen, Stinnett, Stratford, Sunray, Texline, Director General, Archie Stevens, Stinnett.

2. Allison, Booker, Briscoe, Canadian, Darroutzett, Follett, Higgins, Kelton, Miami, Mobeetie, Wheeler, Director General, A. H. Breazeale, Canadian.

3. Alamo, Claude, Goodnight, Grand, Lelia Lake, Panhandle, Quail, Samnorwood, White Deer, Director General, Supt. Ray Vineyard, White Deer.

4. Carey, Estelline, Flomot, Hedley, Kirkland, Lakeview, Matador, Quitaque, Silverton, Turkey, Director General, Supt. C. O. Gregory, Estelline.

5. Cotton Center, Dimmitt, Hale Center, Happy, Hart, Kress, Nazareth, Olton, Petersburg, Spring Lake (Earth), Director General, Supt. H. A.

Owens, Petersburg. 6. Amherst, Anton, Bula (Enochs), Pep, Pettit, Spade, Sudan, Three Way (Maple), Whitharral, Director General, J. S. Bridges, Anton.

7. Cooper (Lubbock), French (Wolforth), Idalou, Losh, New Deal (Lubbock), Robertson (Lorenzo), Roosevelt (Lubbock), Shallowater, Southland, Wilson, Director General, Dee Hancock, Shallowater.

8. Dickens, Girard, Jayton, McAdoo, Patton Springs, Peacock, Roaring Springs, Director General, W. H. Daniel, Girard.

9. Bledsoe, Denver City Junior High, Levelland Junior High, Meadow, New Home (Tahoka), O'Donnell, Plains, Ropesville, Seagraves, Smyer, Sundown, Union (Brownfield), Wellman, Whiteface, Director General, F. A. Wilson, Meadow.

10. Adrian, Bovina, Farwell, Friona, Hereford Junior High, Leabury, Vega, Wildorado, Director General, W. H. Willoughby, Bovina.

Region II

11. Benjamin, Carney (O'Brien), Goree, Guthrie, Knox City, Matson (Haskell), Megargel, Paint Creek (Haskell), Rule, Rochester, Vera, Seymour Junior High, West, Woodson, Director General, Supt. W. D. Boyd, Jr., Woodson.

12. Alexander, Gordon, Huckabay, Lingleville, Lipan, Morgan Mill Junior High, Santo, Tolar, Director General, Supt. C. L. Brannan, Gordon.

13. Baird, Carbon, Clyde, Cross Plains, Denton (Clyde), Desdemona, Eula (Clyde), Gorman, Moran, Hiden, Putnam, Rising Star, Strawn, Strawn, Director General, Supt. Newell H. Odell, Cross Plains.

14. Bangs, Blanket, Brooksmith, Early (Brownwood), May, Santa Anna, Williams (May), Zephyr, Director General, L. W. Bineyard, County Supt's office, Brownwood.

15. Brady Junior High, Edens, Eola, Lohn, Melvin, Millersview, Paint Rock, Richland, Sallis, Rechele, Director General, Supt. K. O. Ellington, Melvin.

16. Aspermont, Avoca, Hawley, Lawn, Luaders, Noodle (Merkel), Old Glory, South Taylor County (Tuscola), Trent, Wythe (Abilene), Director General, D. E. White, Supt. of Schools, South Taylor High School, Tuscola.

17. Blackwell, Divide (Nolan), Hemmleigh, Highland, (Roscoe), Hockley, Ira, Loraine, McCauley, Westbrook, Director General, Supt. P. H. Buster, Highland High School, Roscoe.

18. Ballinger Junior High, Bronte, Christoval, Mertzon, Miles, Norton, Ofen (Rt. 1, Rowena), Robert Lee, Wall, Water Valley, Director General, Supt. Clyde Kennamer, Wall.

19. Burkett, Mozelle (Fisk), Novice, Talpa, Director General, Walter R. Chambers, Supt. of Schools, Burkett.

20. Carlton, Coppers Cove, Fairy, Flat, Gatesville Junior High, Jonesboro, Jonesboro Junior High, Oglesby, Pearl, Pottsville, Turnersville, Director General, Supt. H. F. Groth, Coppers Cove.

21. Cherokee, Evant, Lometa, Mullin, Star, Director General, Supt. W. B. Williams, Mullin.

22. Comyn - Thoney (Comyn), Priddy, Gustine, Sidney, Director General, W. B. Russell, Gustine.

23. Eldorado, Junction, London, Mason, Menard, Ozona, Rocksprings, Sonora, Director General, Supt. C. A. Reynolds, Eldorado.

Region III
24. Harrold, Northside (Vernon), Orell, Oklawaha, Lockett (Vernon), Valley View (Iowa Park), Director General, Joe F. Canafax, North Side, Vernon.

25. Antelope, Bellevue, Byers, Gold-Burg (Stoneburg) Midway (Bluegrove), Petrolia, Director General, Mr. W. J. Wheat, Midway School (Bluegrove).

26. Alvord, Boyd, Bridgeport, Chico, Paradise, Park Springs, Shiled, Director General, P. A. Ammons, Bridgeport.

27. Bells, Collinsville, Gunter, Howe, Southway, Toga, Tom Bean, Whitestone, Whitesboro, Whitewright, Director General, Lyman Robinson, Supt. of Schools, Whitesboro.

28. Alla (Celina), Allen, Anna, Blue Ridge, Celina, Community Rural High (Nevada), Farmersville, Frisco, Melissa, Director General, Prosper, Wylie.

Director, State Home Schools, Corsicana. 30. Alvarado, Burleson, Glen Rose, Godley, Granbury, Joshua, Mansfield, Rio Vista, Venus, Director General, Mr. Howard Ezzell, Courthouse, Courne.

34. Clifton, Cranfills Gap, Hico, Iradell, Kopperl, Meridian, Morgan, Mosheim, Valley Mills, Walnut Springs, Director General, Kent Appley, Clifton.

35. Axtel, Bruceville-Eddy (Eddy), Crawford, Midway (Hewitt), Moody, Riesel, State Home (Waco), Director General, Supt. C. K. Burns, Crawford.

36. Ben Hur (Mart), Bremond, Gilbert, Chilton, Goodings, Fairfield, Fairboks (Donie), Lott, Prairie Hill, Thornton, Wortham, Director General, Supt. J. W. Baker, Bremond.

37. Avalon, Bardwell, Forrester, Italy, Maypearl, Midlothian, Milford, Palmer, Red Oak, Director General, Supt. of Schools, M. L. Tunnell, Milford.

38. Aledo, Azle, Eules, Everman, Grapevine, Keller, Kennedale, Masonic Home (Ft. Worth), Rosen Heights (Ft. Worth), Director General, W. F. Cannon, Grapevine.

39. Abbott, Aquilla, Blum, Bynum, Covington, Hubbard, Mount Calm, Penelope, Whitney, Director General, Supt. L. L. Wilkes, Hubbard.

40. Bowie Junior High School, Forestburg, Muenster, Prairie Valley (Nocona), Director General, Supt. H. W. Johnson, Prairie Valley (Nocona).

Region IV

41. Blossom, Central (Sumner), Chicota, Cunningham, Delmar (Howland), Deport, Direct, East Lamar (Pattonville), Powderly, Roxton, West Lamar, Brookston, Director General, Frank C. Bean, Deport.

42. Annona, Avery, Bogata, Boxelder, Detroit, Dimple (Clarksville), Elyau (Texarkana), Fulbright, James Bowie (Simms), Liberty (Texarkana), Mead, Nash, Redwater, Spring Hill (De Kalb), Talco, Director General, Supt. J. D. Corley, Simms.

43. Avinger, Bloomburg, Chapel Hill Junior High (Mount Pleasant), Cookville, Daingerfield, Hughes Springs, Kildare, McLeod, Mt. Pleasant Junior High, Pewitt (Naples), Queen City, Director General, Supt. J. K. Hileman, Queen City.

44. Bland (Merit), Boles Home (Chenail), Caddo Mills, Campbell, Celina, Leonard, Lone Oak, Quilina, Wolfe City, Director General, Supt. Bruce Prior, Boles Home School, Quilina.

45. Ben Wheeler, Brownsboro, Chandler, Cross Roads (Malakoff), Eustace, Mabank, Malakoff, Martin's Mill, Trinidad, Van Junior High, Director General, Supt. Ernest C. Butler, Mabank.

46. Cayuga, Elkhart, Frankston, La Poyner (La Rue), Slocum, Woodhouse (Palestine), Director General, W. G. Colson, Frankston.

47. Arp, Bullard, Carlisle (Price), Carlisle Jr. High School (Price), Chapel Hill (Tyler), Dialville, Dixie (Tyler), Galatin, Gaston (Joineville), Leverett's Chapel (Overton), Mayville, Overton, Summerfield (New Summerfield), Troup, Wells, Whitehouse, Winona, Director General, Supt. H. D. Wallace, Gallatin.

48. East Mountain (Gilmer), Judson Grove (Longview), Pine Tree (Greggton), Spring Hill (Rt. 2, Longview), New Diana (James), White Oak (Rt. 4, Longview), Director General, Supt. A. M. Anderson, Judson Grove Schools, Longview.

49. Elysian Fields, Hallsville, Hallsville Junior High School, Harleton, Karnack, London Junior High (New London), Union Hill (Bettie), Waskom, Director General, Supt. James T. Miller, Harleton.

50. Beckville, Carthage Junior High, Cushing, Douglas, Fellowship (Logansport, La.), Garrison, Gary, Joaquin, Laneville, Minden, Mount Enterprise, Norwood (San Augustine), Shelbyville, Tatum, Tenaha, Timpon, Director General, Supt. R. C. Beauchamp, Beckville.

51. Central (Pollok), Central Heights (Nacogdoches), Diboll, Hudson (Lufkin), Huntington, Martinsville, Redland (Lufkin), Woden, Zavalla, Director General, Supt. of Schools, L. C. Billingsly, Route 3, Lufkin.

52. Como, Cooper, Cumby, Miller Grove, North Hopkins (Sulphur Springs), Pickton, Sallis, Sulphur Bluff, Sulphur Springs Jr. High, Director General, Supt. Jack J. Smith, Pickton.

53. East Delta (Charleston), Enloe, Pecos Gap, West Delta (Klondike), Director General, Supt. Eual Smith, West Delta School, Klondike.

54. Bailey, Bartley Woods (Ladonia), Dodd City, Ector, Gober, Honey Grove, Ladonia, North Fanin (Vannoy), Randolph, Savoy, Tanton, Windom, Director General, Supt. of Schools, Grady Fowler, Ladonia.

55. Big Sandy, Harmony (Gilmer), Hawkins, Lindale, Quitman, Sabine (Glade-water), Union Grove (Glade-water), Director General, Supt. of Schools, W. H. Smith, Hawkins.

Hope Rural (Mineola), Point, Winfield, Yantis, Director General, Supt. M. M. Reese, New Hope (Route 2, Mineola).

Region V

57. Bleakwood (Kirbyville), Broaduss, Bronson, Brookeland, Buna, Burkeville, Deweyville, Hemphill, Newton, Pineland, Director General, Supt. J. E. Miller, Burkeville.

58. Anahuac, China, East Chambers (Winnie), Fannett (Beaumont), Groves Junior High, Hampshire-New Holland (Hampshire), High Island, Orangefield, Sour Lake, Director General, Principal Edwin W. Earle, Senior High School, Anahuac.

59. Cold Springs, Goodrich, New Caney (New Waverly), Shepherd, Tarkington (Cleveland), Director General, Supt. E. C. Riley, Tarkington (Cleveland).

60. Big Sandy (Livingston), Chester, Colmesneil, Corrigan, Leggett, Spurger, Warren, Woodville, Director General, Supt. B. H. McGuire, Woodville.

61. Apple Springs, Austonia, Centerville (Groveton), Glover (Augusta), Groveton, Kennard, Loveland, Pennington, Trinity, Director General, Prin. Dean Evans, Loveland High School, Loveland.

62. Buckholts, Milano, Rockdale, Sharp (Buckholts), Snook, Somerville, Thorndale, Director General, Supt. Roy C. A. Butler, Thorndale.

63. Columbus, Eagle Lake, East Bernard, Garwood, Needville, Needville Junior High, Orchard, Rock Island, Wallis, Director General, Prin. W. R. Womack, Senior High School, Needville.

64. Cypress-Fairbanks (Cypress), Hempstead, Katy, Missouri City, Pattison, Sealy, Spring Branch (Houston), Sugar Land, Waller, Director General, Supt. James E. Taylor, Katy.

65. Alvin Junior High, Angleton Senior High School, Danbury, Deer Park, Friendswood, La Porte Junior High, Pearland, Santa Fe (Alta Loma), Sweeny, William Stewart (Hitchcock), Director General, Supt. Lloyd R. Ferguson, Danbury.

66. Klein (Spring), Magnolia, Montgomery, Richards, Spring, Tomball, Willis, Director General, Prin. Ben L. Keene, High School, Magnolia.

67. Barber's Hill (Mont Belvieu), Batson, Bender Junior High (Humble), Cedar Bayou, Crosby, Dayton, Hardin, Honey Island, Hull-Daisetta (Daisetta), Kountze, Liberty, Liberty Junior High, Saratoga, Director General, Prin. Bob Tribble, Senior High School, Dayton.

Region VI

68. A&M Consolidated Senior High, A&M Consolidated Junior High, Burton, Bastrop, Dime Box, Fayetteville, Round Top-Carmine (Carmine), Smithville, Director General, Supt. of Schools, P. J. Dodson, Bastrop.

69. Flatonia, Hallettsville, Moulton, Schulenburg, Sheridan, Shiner, Waelder, Weimar, Director General, Supt. Edwin E. Plozman, Flatonia.

70. Academy (Temple), Bartlett, Fort Hood, Holland, Rogers, Salado, Troy, Director General, R. E. L. Jones, Fort Hood.

71. Bertram, Briggs, Johnson City, Liberty Hill, Director General, Supt. Edward M. Bailey, Johnson City.

72. Florence, Granger, Hutto, Jarrell, Leander, Manor, Pflugerville, Round Rock, Thruall, Director General, Supt. of Schools, O. F. Perry, Round Rock.

73. Bandera, Boerne, Center Point, Comfort, Harper, Medina, Stowall, Director General, Supt. Ralph Rice, Boerne.

74. Buda, Dowdy (Kingsbury), Dripping Springs, Erskine Junior High School (Seguin), Kyle, Navarro (Seguin), New Braunfels Junior High, Prairie Lea, Northside Consolidated (San Antonio), Schertz-Gibson (Schertz), San Houston (San Antonio), San Marcos Junior High, Director General, W. E. Ferguson, Superintendent of Schools, Buda.

75. Charlotte, George West, Jourdanton, Lytle, Pleasanton, Poteet, Somerset, McMillen County Rural (Hidgen), Director General, Superintendent of Schools, V. O. Harp, Lytle.

76. Asherton, Barksdale, Big Wells, Camp Wood, Knippa, La Pryor, Director General, Supt. M. I. Broxton, Asherton.

77. D'Hanis, La Coste, Leakey, Natalia, Utopia, Yancey-Moore (Yancey), Director General, Superintendent of Schools, M. B. Tilley, Natalia.

82. Agua Dulce, Banquete, Bishop, Calallen, Driscoll, Flour Bluff (Corpus Christi), Mathis, Odem, Orange Grove, Petronilla (Robstown), Sundeen (Corpus Christi), Tusoso-Midway (Corpus Christi), West Oso (Corpus Christi), Director General, Superintendent of Schools, Floyd W. Parsons, Bishop.

83. Gregory, Ingleside, Refugio, Aransas County (Rockport), Taft, Woodboro, Director General, Supt. D. L. Woodson, Taft.

84. Benavides, Ben Bolt, Bruni, Hebronville, Mirando City, Premont, Riviera, San Diego, Director General, Supt. C. T. Jones, Premont.

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Junior high schools have quite a problem in finding one-act plays suitable to the age-level and the audience appreciation capacity of their students. In talking with a number of junior high school dramatics directors, we have found that their biggest problem is to find plays which are just beyond the fairy story type (junior high students are at the age where they think they are too big—and too sophisticated—for the fantasies and the fairy stories) and just below the really mature, penetrating plays that call for a sustained psychological atmosphere.

It is our belief that many of the fantasy plays, such as *Three Pills in a Bottle*, *Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil*, *Wonder Hat*, and the like are excellent vehicles for junior high schools, but the students must be educated to appreciate such plays for their intrinsic worth, or the director will find that the students will have no part of them. Many junior high directors are faced with the problem of casting a great number of students in their plays. In the list below, several of the plays have been included because they have many characters and are in the junior high scope. We should like to express appreciation to Margaret Breedlove, dramatics director at the University Junior High School, Austin, for suggesting many of these plays. She has tried most of them in her school and has found the plays on this list admirably suited to junior high school needs. Here, then, is a list of plays, with short reviews, especially chosen for junior high schools.

The Pot Boiler by Alice Gerstenberg. 5m2w, Longmans Green Co., Roy. \$10 and \$5, farce, 1 act. In the volume *Ten One-act Plays* by Alice Gerstenberg, \$2.50.

An excellent satire on the writing and directing of plays. Well-written and interesting to stage. The play is standard reading in many of the literature books now being used in the public schools and can be found in a number of anthologies.

Goodnight, Please by James Daggett. 4m3w, French, Roy. \$5, comedy, 1 act.

A banker who has had to work hard all his life decides to stay in bed for a week. His family is upset, but he sticks to his resolution and in so doing causes all sorts of interesting complications. This is a play with much action and excellent comedy situations.

The Dyspeptic Ogre by Percival Wilde. 2m1w and 14 or more extras, Baker, Roy. \$10, comedy, 1 act, 40c.

The Ogre thinks he has indigestion from eating too many little girls, but when the Boy Scout comes to rescue the remaining girls he has in his larder, the Irish Cook reveals she has been feeding the Ogre Irish Stew all the time. Moral of the piece is "Who believes in Ogres anyway?" An interesting take-off on fairy stories for youngsters of junior high age.

Last Flight Over by Allean Lemon. 3m2w, Row Peterson, Roy. \$5, serious play, 1 act, 50c.

A boy, embittered by his mother's untimely death, resolves to leave the hard pioneer life which killed her. But before he goes, he catches a vision from his father of what real pioneering means. This is a mature and sober play, demanding a good deal of skill on the part of the actors, but the play is well within the realm of junior high school students. Two of the characters are "teen-agers" and have excellent parts. The main mature role calls for a strong father.

Dead End by Sidney Kingsley. 22m6w, Dramatists Play Service, Roy. \$35 (roy. for one act on application), serious play, 3 act, 85c.

Act III is suited to junior high school groups, though the more mature characters are somewhat difficult for that age level to handle. Of course, characters must be cut to 10 for contest use, but students may double in several roles. This play of street urchins, of gangsters and police, of slums in the shadows of wealthy apartment buildings was an enormous success on Broadway, and spilled over into the movies to start a group of Dead End Kids pictures. Junior high school boys will enjoy working in the young hoodlum roles, and at the same time will be impressed with the searing lesson of the effect of environment on growing children.

The Neighbors by Zona Gale. 2m

6w, French, Roy. \$10 and \$5, comedy, 1 act, 50c.

An interesting story about a homeless child who is taken in by the neighbors in a small town. Zona Gale has written some excellent local color characters into this short play about life in a village which offers excellent acting opportunities to the whole cast.

The Bathroom Door by Gertrude Jennings. 3m3w, French, Roy. \$5, comedy, 1 act, 40c.

Several people on the same floor of a hotel try to get into the bathroom, but the door seems to be locked. Finally, a servant comes and reveals that the door is merely stuck and the bathroom has been empty all the time. But the interval provides a number of interesting complications.

Tom Sawyer's Morning, dramatized from the Mark Twain story by Regina Brown. 8m3w, Roy. \$5, comedy, 1 act, 40c.

This is the account of how Tom gets the fence whitewashed by using psychology on his friends. In addition to the separate copies of the play, it is also included in the volume *Twenty Short Plays on a Royalty Holiday*, Vol. III, published by Samuel French.

Little Women, dramatized from the Louisa M. Alcott story by John Ravold. 4m6w, French, Roy. \$10, roy. for one act on application to publisher, comedy, 3 act, 75c.

This is perhaps the best adaptation of the many available for junior high school use. The first act, particularly, is well suited to junior high age level. The characters of the girls who lived, loved, and sacrificed for each other are faithfully translated from the book to the play. Victorian costumes are called for.

Our Hearts Were Young and Gay, dramatized from the Skinner-Kimbaugh story by Jean Kerr. 8m9w, Dramatic Publishing Co., Roy. \$25, roy. for one act on application, comedy, 3 act, 85c.

Act I of this delightful comedy makes a good vehicle for junior high schools. The story of the two girls who sail for Europe offers some good acting roles for the girls and some excellent character parts for the people who surround them. Costumes of the early 1900's are called for.

Sugar and Spice by Ryerson and Clements. 2m3w, French, Roy. \$5, comedy, 1 act, 40c.

The acquired mannerisms of a friend who has just returned from Paris influence the life of a "teen-age" girl. She learns the hard way that more boys are caught with sugar than with vinegar. This is one of the better written "teen-age" shows and the characters are at least believable. Junior high schools will find that this is an excellent play to produce, for it combines good writing with experiences in the realm of the students.

Bill of Fare by Beatrice H. McNeil. 11m6w, Baker, Roy. \$5, comedy, 1 act, 40c.

The students at the "Academy" have the charge-it habit and have almost put good-natured Uncle Joe out of business. (He runs an eating emporium.) But an auction sale saves Uncle Joe from financial ruin, and everybody is happy. A very good play in which a great many people can be used.

The House of Juke by Valentine Davies. 3m2w, French, Roy. \$5, comedy, 1 act, 40c.

The Juke family has a strange sort of family pride. It has a great tradition for laziness, shiftlessness, and general disrepute. The father of the clan tries to maintain the tradition at all costs by getting rid of the one decent person who invades their privacy.

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, adapted by Melvin R. White. 3m4w, Northwestern Press, Roy. on application, comedy, 1 act (2 scenes), 75c.

This copy of the play is written especially for radio broadcasting, but it can easily be adapted to the stage. The play is included in the Northwestern Press collection called *Radio and Assembly Plays*, and is also included in the state adopted textbook *Your Speech and Mine*, by Watkins and Frost. The story is simply portrayed and the glib sickness of Wilde is preserved. The play about the two men who change their names to Earnest in order to marry the girls they love usually delights audiences. Since the language in this version has been somewhat simplified, it is especially suitable for junior high school work.

League's Director Lists Sites, Heads Of Regional Meets

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Site: Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches.
Director General: Lawrence Franks, SFASC.
Conference AA: Districts 11 and 12.

REGION V
Site: Sam Houston State College, Huntsville.
Director General: Albert Kidd, SHSC.
Conference A: Districts 22-26, inclusive.
Conference B: Districts 57-67, inclusive.
Site: University of Houston, Houston.
Director General: Dr. W. W. Kemmerer, President, U. of H.
Conference AA: Districts 13-15, inclusive.

REGION VI
Site: Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos.
Director General: Dr. Pat H. Norwood, STSC.
Conference AA: Districts 16 and 17.
Conference A: Districts 27-31, inclusive.
Conference B: Districts 68-78, inclusive.

REGION VII
Site: A&I College, Kingsville.
Director General: Dr. Eldon D. Brinley, A&I.
Conference AA: District 18 and 19.
Conference A: Districts 32-34, inclusive.
Conference B: Districts 79-86, inclusive.

REGION VIII
Site: Odessa High School.
Director General: W. A. Miller, Superintendent of Schools, Odessa.
Conference B: Districts 87-92, inclusive.
Site: El Paso.
Director General: J. M. Hanks, Superintendent of Schools, Ysleta.
Conference AA: District 20.



CUERO HIGH SCHOOL—Girls' Chorus was first division winner last spring. Under Mrs. Sarah Jo Bueening's direction, this group is a consistent winner.

Cuero Students Carry Home Honors In Music, Speech and Tennis Contests

Cuero High School's record in interscholastic League competition is a good one. The school, under the leadership of Superintendent E. B. Morrison, participates in all

phases of League athletic activity except golf, and in most of the academic contests. It has shown outstanding results in a number of these fields.

In music and speech the South Central Texas school has been particularly successful, winning high ratings year after year.

Last year, for example, the Cuero band, under the direction of George W. Bodenmiller, won a first place in the San Antonio fall marching contest, and placed in the playing contest during the spring festival. The high school girls' chorus, under the leadership of Mrs. Sarah Jo Bueening, won first division in the spring festival, and the Cuero elementary girls' chorus, also led by Mrs. Bueening, took another first division ranking.

In speech, the District 24 school has won numerous high honors. Two consecutive Class A State Championships in the One Act Play Contest have been taken home by the Cuero students. Both championship entries have been directed by Mrs. Orita Morrison, and from both title-winning casts came several members of all-star casts. Also, in 1950 Mrs. Morrison (as far as this contest is carried); her senior girl declaimer won second place in the region; and her senior boy declaimer, Bobby Newman, won first place in regional competition and was second in the State Meet. He was also a member of the champions hip one act play cast in 1950, playing the part of August Behrend in "The Enemy."

In addition to these achievements in the speech and dramatics field, the Cuero school can point to the fact that the one act play winners produced the best actress and best actor in Conference A in both 1949 and 1950. All four performers were in their first year of competition when they won the highest honors. In the 1949 State Meet, Gwendolyn Boehl and Dan Cage, playing the parts of Ma and Pa Fischer in "The Undercurrent," won best acting honors. In 1950, Lillian Hanson, playing the part of Pauli Behrend, and Vernon Breikreutz, playing the part of Dr. Arndt, won acting honors in "The Enemy." All of these except Vernon were seniors during the first year of competition. He, however, was a junior and is taking part in the Cuero dramatic work again this year. These four, of course, were also selected for the All-Star Casts in 1949 and 1950. In addition, Joline Sager, who played the part of Baruska in "The Enemy," was selected for the All-Star Cast of 1950. She was a member of the winning girls' chorus, and was an honor student.

The list of Cuero triumphs in League work does not stop with speech and music. The school made creditable showings in all sports last year, but the most outstanding accomplishment was that of the baseball team, District 24-A champions. Under the coaching of Charlie Munson, former University of Texas star, and behind the pitching of Gus Mason, the Gobblers defeated New Braunfels 8-0 and 6-2 for the district crown.

In tennis, Cuero racked up a second place in the state. Joyce Towery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Towery, went to the finals in Class A Senior Girls' Tennis, even though she was but a freshman in 1950. The young star, class favorite in her first year

in high school, is also a member of the crack Gobble Band and takes an active part in student affairs.

Cuero was also represented in the state contest in shorthand in the 1950 State Meet. Donna Fay Barfield was the contestant. In 1949 she was the school representative in the State Meet Typing Contest. She was coached by Mrs. Morrison, whose major work has been in commercial work, and whose minor is in speech and dramatics. Donna Fay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Barfield, was also a member of the first division girls' chorus, and was editor-in-chief of the 1950 school annual.



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Speech In Texas Schools

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The Mid-Century Conference of the Speech Association of America, American Educational Theatre Association, Debate Committee of the National University Extension Association, and the National Thespian Society was held December 26-31 in the Commodore and Roosevelt Hotels in New York City.

A great delegation from Texas was in evidence at every meeting of the convention. Among those reporting in from Texas were Wilhelmina Hedde of Dallas; Ted Skinner of A. & I. College, Kingsville; Tom Rousse, Lucy Barton, Loren Winslow, Bruce Roach, Jesse Villareal, Bob Norris and Ernest Hardin from The University of Texas; Fred Barton of Abilene Christian College; Glenn Capp and Choe Armstrong from Baylor University; P. Merrill Larson of Texas Tech, Lubbock; Otis Walter, and W. W. Cook, University of Houston; Barney McGrath from Southern Methodist University, Dallas; Southwest Texas State College sent some seven students along with the speech staff. Other colleges had many student representatives also.

Many former Texans were in evidence. Some of those we saw were Sara Lowrey, McDonald Held, Arthur Angrist, Edd Miller, Yetta Mitchell, J. Clark Weaver, Helene Blattner, and Hugh Seabury.

A number of the Texas representatives had parts on the program. P. Merrill Larson spoke on "Some Directions for the Forensics Program" in the High School Forensics section. Fred Barton spoke on "Extemporaneous Preaching in American Homiletic Theory: An Historical Survey" in the Preaching Theory and Practice section. Wilhelmina Hedde talked on "Speech Progress in the South" in the Speech in Junior High School section. Tom Rousse teamed up with Arthur Secord on the affirmative against Norman Thomas and Harry W. Laidler to debate the Welfare State question at one of the evening general sessions. Edd Miller spoke on "Speaking Rate in Group Discussion" at the section on Experimental Studies in Public Address. Glenn Capp was program chairman and took part in the panel discussion on the topic "What Standards Should Govern Intercollegiate Discussion and Debate?" At the Speech Re-education session, Jesse Villareal spoke on "Speech Re-education for the Mentally Retarded." Bruce Roach was in charge of the AETA desk and served on the Executive Committee of the NUEA Debate section for the choice of the national debate topic. Loren Winslow was commentator on the paper

Members To Vote On Four Proposed Rules This Spring

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ing on this question, the schools will no longer vote by conferences. The vote will determine the state-wide rule on spring football training. The Advisory Council recommended that the State Executive Committee eliminate the privilege of settling this question by conferences.

Until the ballot is submitted in April, the pages of the *Leaguer* are open for discussion on the pros and cons of these questions. Schoolmen wishing to present arguments for and against the various rules should submit their copy at once, since there will be only two publications of the *Leaguer*, the February and March issues, for a public discussion of the issues. If you are for or against any of these proposed rules, please set forth your reasons and let us have them, and we shall publicize them in the *Leaguer*.

Member schools are urged to use the pages of the *Leaguer* in discussing the merits and demerits of the various proposals.



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League Basketball Playoff Schedules Begin This Month

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han, regional chairman.
Region VII—Districts 84-92, Texas College of Arts and Industries; Jess Mundy, regional chairman.
Region VIII—Districts 93-96, Sul Ross State Teachers College, Alpine; Dr. Richard Hawkins, regional chairman.

CONFERENCE A

A regional chairman has been named for each of the eight regions in Conference A, who will confer with the district chairman of his region to determine the site for the regional tournament. These eight chairmen are:
Region I—Districts 1-4; Superintendent W. C. Davis, Memphis.
Region II—Districts 5-8; Principal Joe A. Forester, Ballinger.
Region III—Districts 9-12; Principal L. T. Scarborough, Handley.
Region IV—Districts 13-16; Superintendent M. F. Fleming, Mt. Vernon.
Region V—Districts 17-20; Superintendent Allen Kavanaugh, New London.
Region VI—Districts 21-24; Superintendent J. L. Buckley, Lockhart.

Region VII—Districts 25-28; Superintendent F. C. Herndon, Lamar (Rosenberg).
Region VIII—Districts 29-32; Superintendent E. M. Smith, Sinton.

"It is necessary," says Dr. Rhea H. Williams, "that the names of the district champions and the regional champions be sent immediately to the State Office. Arrangements for the regional tournaments and the State Tournament cannot be completed until the name of each qualifying school is submitted.

New Safety Education Bulletin Being Readied

The Work Conference in Safety Education at The University of Texas is preparing a new bulletin for school administrators, which will answer questions concerning safety education, Dr. D. K. Brace, conference director, said.
The Texas Safety Association is financing the conference.

MUSIC MATTERS

By F. W. SAVAGE
Director of Music Activities

BROADCAST

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the announcement of the forthcoming annual music broadcast over the Texas State Network. Three top music organizations in Texas are participating in this event this year.

Whether or not you realize it, the fact that we have been forced to combine three groups in order to justify the music broadcast is a condemnation of the attitude of music teachers throughout the state.

As we have stated before, the Texas State Network has gone to extreme limits to co-operate with us in this public service. Various local stations affiliated with the Network have cancelled commercial programs in order to co-operate. All they asked in return was a report that a vast number of students and teachers were listening. That we have not been able to furnish the highest number ever reported was a very lenient 7,000. When this number is compared to about 80,000 students taking part in the spring competition-festivals, it is hard to justify this educational radio broadcast.

We had hoped that we might sponsor three separate broadcasts each year, one featuring a band, one an orchestra and at least one for a choral group. This might have been possible had we been able to report 50,000 listeners. Instead, it is logical that we have been asked to combine all three organizations in one broadcast—about eight minutes each. If you like to hear what organizations are doing across the state, be prepared to drop the state office card and report the total number of listeners in your group.

In addition to this, it wouldn't be a bad idea to write a letter to Mr. Charles Jordan, Vice-President of the Texas State Network at Station KFJZ in Fort Worth, and also write the manager of the station to which you listen. As you well know, the life of a radio station is bound up in its statistics.

SUGGESTED RULES

It seems that some bands in some of the Regions have been buying the gold medals suggested for Division I winners in solo and ensemble contests for each member of their band when they won a Division I in marching. This appears a mite expensive for one thing and a little inequitable for another. Estill Foster, Band Director at Bishop, when interrogated on the subject had this to say, "It is my understanding that these medals should be worn by students who have won them in solo and ensemble competition only. If the medals are to mean what they should, I feel that they should be available only through your office and upon requisition by the proper authorities."

Foster further suggests that we re-state the rule to specifically exclude this use of the medals and

also brings up another problem which seems to have merit. He states, "Our twirling judge had many students entered in Class II competition who had made a first division in the same class the previous year. This forced the judge to give too many first division ratings or penalize students who actually belonged in Class II competition. Couldn't we have a ruling to the effect that students who have previously been awarded a first division rating in Class II or III be forced to move to a higher classification? I think this would be fair to the more experienced performers."

We agree with Mr. Foster on both contentions. What is your opinion? Incidentally we have not received a single opinion concerning the proposed classification change which was stated in last month's issue of the *Leaguer*. The best way for you to exercise your rights in making rule changes is to write this office a letter now and then. Although we don't have the last word in making rule changes, we can refer them to the proper authorities.



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

Q. Does participation by a B squad in a basketball tournament count as one of the three a team is allowed to enter?

A. This interpretation involves Rule 11 of the Basketball Plan and the new Team Rule definition, Article VII, Section 23. Schools may maintain an A squad which is competing for League honors, and a B squad which is not competitive and distinct from each other, and if a boy plays in three tournaments but they must be kept definite and distinct from each other, and if a boy plays in three tournaments on the B squad and is then transferred to the A squad, if the A squad has played in one tournament the A squad has then violated the tournament rule. The important thing to keep in mind is this: any person who plays on the A team at any time who has completed in more than three tournaments, regardless of which team he competed on, will cause the A team to violate the tournament rule.

MUSICIAN OF A SORT

A dog can detect the difference between notes only one-eighth of a tone apart, according to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

HIGH SCHOOL PRESS

Some of the City Conference members of ILPC have been asking questions concerning plans for the journalism contest at the State Meet. The questions came as the result of the statement in last month's *Leaguer* that the State Meet journalism contest will be held in Fort Worth, as originally planned.

For purposes of determining regional championships in journalism, the journalism contest director in each region is empowered to announce team scores. The paper whose pair of contestants scores the highest combined total will be the regional winner. But team scores have no bearing on who shall move on up to the State Meet. Only if the members of the highest scoring team are individually highest will they both go to the State Meet; it is more likely that only one member of the championship regional team will be an official contestant to the finals and that the other high individual will come from another team. It is entirely possible, in a closely contested meet, that the high individuals will neither one be a member of the high team.

To take care of the absorption of City Conference in Conference AA, new regions have been added to the AA list. Now there will be 16 journalism contestants in AA at the State Meet, instead of 10 as last year. Conference A and B will remain at 14 and 16 contestants respectively.

Each ILPC member will receive information concerning the date and sites of regional contests, well in advance of the contest day. Instructions will be included.

The contestants scoring the two highest individual scores in the regional contest, in each conference, will represent the region at the State Meet. The State Meet for all contestants will be held in Austin, and no separate City Conference meet will be held in Fort Worth, as originally planned.

The questions are certainly appropriate right now, for it is almost time to begin planning for the journalism contests and for the convention which ILPC holds at the time of the contest.

The answer is simple: there will be no separate City Conference State Meet this spring. As far as the State Meet events are concerned, the City Conference has ceased to exist, as of the announcements contained elsewhere in this *Leaguer*. For Spring Meet purposes, the schools of the City Conference are once more in Conference AA. (Remember that the new 4-A and 3-A classifications are purely for football and basketball competition; the AA for Spring Meet is exactly as it has always been.)

Wichita Falls, Sunset and Wharton Win 1950 Football Championships

The 1950 interscholastic league football campaign is now history, and three magnificent teams have been crowned the champions of their conferences. With the victories of Sunset High School of Dallas, Wichita Falls High School and Wharton High School in the final games, the last season of operation under the City, AA, A, B, and Six-Man Conference set-up came to a close.

During the season, which saw 25,780 boys participating in approximately 4,000 games, public interest and attendance throughout the state remained high. Many areas of the state reported the greatest attendance ever.

In 1950 there were 862 schools fielding teams, as compared with 845 in 1949. The number of boys participating increased 1,376 over last year. The breakdown as to conferences shows that there were 27 City Conference teams; 79 Conference AA; 220 Conference A; 369 Conference B, and 167 Six-Man. Again this year Texas fielded more high school football teams than any other state in the nation.

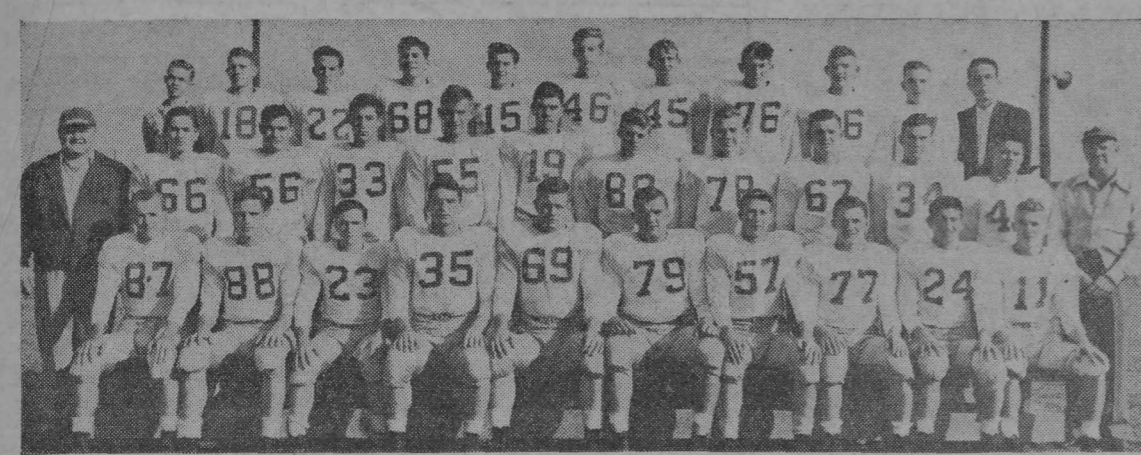
Sunset of Dallas won the City Conference championship from Reagan of Houston, 14 to 6, to become the third and last interscholastic league champion in the

short-lived conference. The AA Conference title again went to Wichita Falls when the Coyotes defeated the Austin High School Maroons in the finals. The score was 34 to 13. This game also represented the ending of an era, for both these school-boy football powers will next year be competing in the new top bracket—Conference AAAA. Both teams were finalists in 1949, when Wichita Falls won. In Conference A, Wharton defeated Kermit 13 to 9, in one of the finest games of an excellent conference series.

Here, for the record book, are play-off statistics:

Deal 7; Stanton 34, Meadow 6; Rochester 20, Clyde 13; Eldorado 28, Marfa 0; Eden 14, Cross Plains 12; Lewisville 27, Valley View (Iowa Park) 7; Farmersville 33, Van Alstyne 6; Seagoville 20, Cooper 13; Grandview 26, Rosen Heights 19; Valley Mills 33, State Orphans' Home 7; Elkhart 26, Malakoff 20; Pine Tree 20, Daingerfield 19; Leverett's Chapel 19; Hawkins 0; Groveton 33, Shelbyville 7; Tomball 40, Anahuac 0; Pearland 14, Magnolia 7; Columbus 64, Bastrop 6; Granger 54, Cherokee 6; Ft. Hood 24, Academy (Temple) 13; Palacios 40, Pleasanton 6; Dilley 19, Bandera 18; Taft 0, Bishop 0 (Taft won on penetrations); Lyford 13, Benavides 6.

Scores of the Regional championship matches: Happy 13, Dimmitt 0; Rochester 20, Stanton 19; Eldorado 27, Eden 14; Lewisville 19, Farmersville 7; Seagoville 34, Grandview 19; Valley Mills 32, Elkhart 0; Leverett's Chapel 40, Pine Tree 0; Tomball 33, Groveton 6; Columbus 21, Pearland 13; Granger 79, Fort Hood 6; Palacios 6, Dilley 0; Taft 25, Lyford 0.

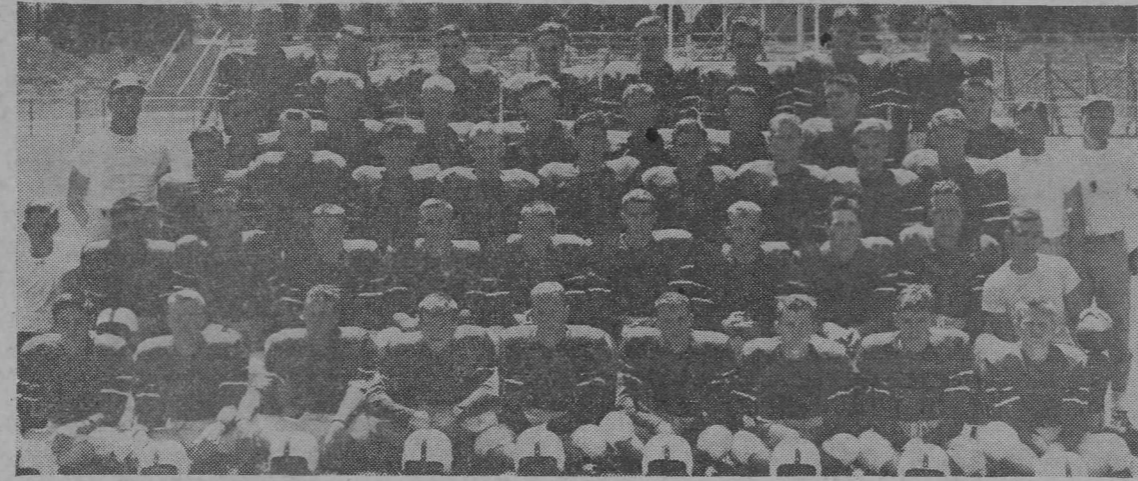


WHARTON'S TIGERS—The class of Class A, football champions of Conference A for 1950, are the Wharton High School Tigers. By virtue of a 13-9 victory over the Kermit High School Yellow Jackets, these Southeast Texans proved themselves the best in their division:

Front row, left to right, Donald Jones, Milburn Rust, Jackie Thompson, Bill Cline (Co-Captain), Carl Shannon (Co-Captain), Laurence Kalmus, Charles Davis, Frank Janik, Lloyd Shoppa, and Marvin Felder.

Middle row, James Cody (Line Coach), Frank Sorrell, Edwin Sakrula, Maurice Levine, Karl Luco, Donald Guess, Carl Reynolds, Raymond Miska, Charles Black, George Allen, Read Ramsower, and Hansel Mangum (Head Coach).

Top row, Jerry Jones (Manager), Arthur Newlin, Tredon Cutbirth, George Hinze, David Stewart, Charles Buehring, Gilbert Talafuse, John Trow, Norman Bergman, Larne Felder, and Boyd Tingle (Assistant Coach).

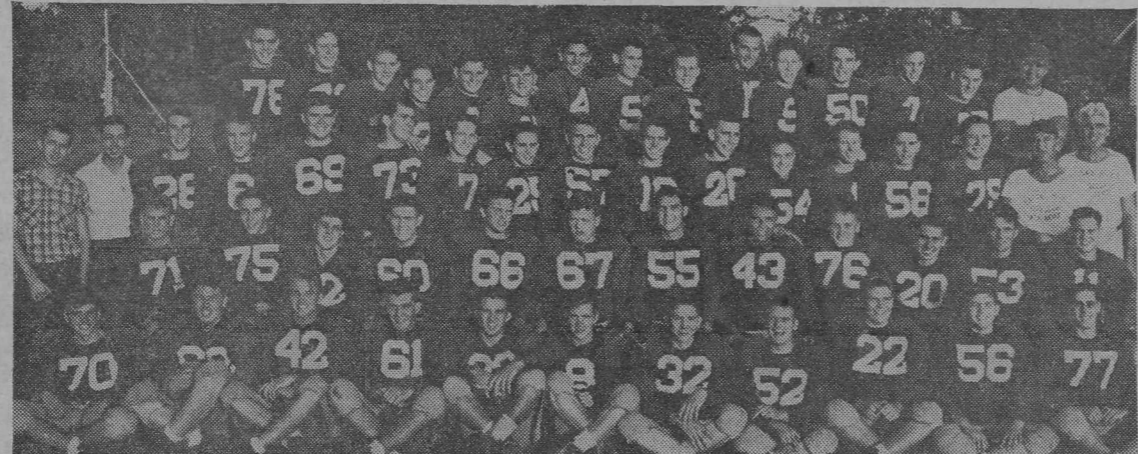


SUNSET'S BISONS—The 1950 champions of the City Conference, the Bisons of Sunset High School, Dallas, defeated Reagan High School, Houston, 14-6 on December 8, to become the third team to win the City loop title. Pictured, left to right, front row, are Dick Kirkham, Lonnie Weir, Ivan Greenhaw, Phil McHane, Jack Hayes, Joe Boring, John Marshall, Jack Miller, Fred Skidmore, Louis Reed, David McNair.

son, Jerry Rose, Jerry Berry, Ray Blair, Travis Barber.

Third row, Don Pittenger (Mgr.), Billy Bompert (Mgr.) Fred Nelson, Gary Pursley, Tom Sturdivant, Buzz Terry, J. R. Daugherty, Bruce Ball, Herbie Dodd, Allan Soursey, Gaston Adkins, Tracy Scanlan, Naylor Burke, Donald Hall, Sidney Armistead, Byron Rhome (Head Coach), J. C. Barnett (Ass't Coach).

Top row, Jim Braley, Charles Hill, Lynn Harvill, Robert Boyd, Bobby Strain, W. H. Woodall, Milton Hickman, Mike Steindorff, Charles Lester, Billy Matzig, Joe Glover, Herbert Thomas, Jimmy Barr, Leon Nance, Fred Graham (Ass't Coach).



STATE CHAMPIONS IN AA—The Wichita Falls High School Coyotes, winning their second state championship in an many years, proved themselves the best in Conference AA in 1950. In the final game these players defeated Austin High School 34-13.

Henderson, C. Taylor, D. Draper, J. B. White, D. Long (Manager).

Third row, Head Coach Joe Golding, E. Terrell, J. V. Smith, J. Rivkin, C. Davis, B. Land, B. Stewart, E. Turner, D. Dudley, K. Downing, Assistant Coach Weldon Bibb, Assistant Coach Hunter Kirkpatrick.

Fourth row, C. Ward, B. Harris, B. Lowry, W. Ashby, D. Dilday, R. Atkins, B. Crunk, M. Duke.

Fifth row, R. Ledbetter, K. Darr, C. Young, J. Brown, B. Harlan, B. Waghorne, K. Cummings, C. Wolston.

CITY CONFERENCE

The four City Conference district winners were: Sunset (Dallas), Arlington Heights (Ft. Worth), John H. Reagan (Houston), Thomas Jefferson (San Antonio).

Semi-final scores were: Sunset 12, Arlington Heights 6; John H. Reagan 35, Thomas Jefferson 0.

In the final match, played at Dallas on December 8, Sunset won over John H. Reagan by a score of 14-6.

CONFERENCE AA

The Conference AA district champions were: Pampa, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Austin (El Paso), San Angelo, Breckenridge, Sherman, Highland Park (Dallas), Texarkana, Conroe, Port Arthur, Baytown, Temple, Austin, Alice, Harlingen.

Bi-District play-offs were: Wichita Falls 44, Pampa 7; Lubbock 33, Austin (El Paso) 7; Breckenridge 7, San Angelo 0; Highland Park 20, Sherman 6; Conroe 7, Texarkana 7. (Conroe won on penetrations). Baytown 13, Port Arthur 13. (Baytown won on penetrations). Austin 13, Temple 12; Harlingen 25; Alice 0.

Quarter-final results were: Wichita Falls 31, Lubbock 20; Highland Park 13, Breckenridge 0; Austin 35, Harlingen 0; Baytown 27, Conroe 6.

Semi-final matches: Wichita Falls 34, Highland Park 27; Austin 7, Baytown 6.

In the final game which was played in Dal-Hi Stadium at Dallas on December 30, Wichita Falls won over Austin 34-13.

CONFERENCE A

Conference A district champions were as follows: Hereford, Shamrock, Spur, Levelland, Kermit, Colorado City, Coleman, Arlington, Albany, Olney, Newcastle, Arlington, Athens, Mineola, Mt. Vernon, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Huntsville, Mexia, La Vega (Waco), Georgetown, Llano, Brenham, New Braunfels, Alvin, French (Beaumont), Wharton, Karnes City, Sinton, Donna, South San Antonio, Pearsall.

Bi-district matches were: Shamrock 20, Hereford 6; Levelland 45,

Spur 21; Kermit 38, Colorado City 0; Coleman 27, Ranger 0; Olney 34, Albany 12; Arlington 19, Newcastle 6; Athens 31, Mineola 0; Mt. Vernon 37, Atlanta 19; Jacksonville 35, Huntsville 20; La Vega 27, Mexia 13; Georgetown 27, Llano 6; New Braunfels 13, Brenham 7; French 12, Alvin 6; Wharton 55, Karnes City 26; Sinton 20, Donna 14; Pearsall 35, South San Antonio 12.

Regional results: Levelland 34, Shamrock 14; Kermit 12, Coleman 6; Arlington 13, Olney 7; Mt. Vernon 31, Athens 6; La Vega 38, Jacksonville 7; New Braunfels 46, Georgetown 6; Wharton 21, French 0; Pearsall 14, Sinton 0.

Quarter-final matches: Kermit 33, Levelland 0; Arlington 21, Mt. Vernon 20; New Braunfels 18, La Vega 6; Wharton 48, Pearsall 20.

Semi-finals: Kermit 21, Arlington 12; Wharton 28, New Braunfels 12.

In the final game which was played at Sweetwater on December 25, Wharton won over Kermit 13-9 for the state championship.

CONFERENCE B

Winners in the 48 Conference B districts were as follows: Canadian; Happy; Dimmitt; New Deal; Meadow and Seagraves co-champions in District 5 and Meadow was chosen to represent the district; Rochester; Clyde; Marfa; Eldorado; Eden; Cross Plains; Valley View (Iowa Park); Lewisville; Van Alstyne and White-wright co-champions in District 15 and Van Alstyne was chosen to represent the district; Farmersville; Cooper; Buckner Home and Seagoville co-champions in District 18 and Seagoville was selected as district representative; Rosen Heights (Ft. Worth); Grandview; Valley Mills; Blooming Grove and State Orphans' Home at Corsicana co-champions and State Orphans' Home was chosen as representative of District 22; Malakoff; Elkhart; Daingerfield; Pine Tree (Greggton); Hawkins; Leverett's Chapel (Overton); Shelbyville; Groveton; Anahuac; Cedar Bayou and Tomball co-champions in District 32 and Tomball was selected as representative of the district; Pearland, Magnolia, Columbus, Bastrop, Granger, Cherokee, Fort Hood, Academy (Temple), Palacios, Pleasanton, Bandera, Dilley, Taft, Bishop, Benavides, Lyford.

Bi-District scores were: Happy 6, Canadian 6 (Happy won on penetrations); Dimmitt 52, New

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Scores of the bi-district play-offs were: Bovina 52, Gruver 16; Paint Creek 55, Patton Springs 26; Marathon 16; Pyote 8; Rankin 20, Ackerly 6; Norton 33, Comyn 18; Buda 31, Harper 30; Knox City 28, Harrold 14; Elysian Fields 39, Allen 20; Cold Springs 38, Saratoga 20; Friendswood 49, High Island 26; La Pryor 34, Yancey 26; Falls City 59, Sharyland (Mission) 12.

Regional matches, with scores: Bovina 33, Paint Creek 26; Rankin 45, Marathon 18; Buda 57, Norton 27; Knox City 67, Elysian Fields 6; Cold Springs 52, Friendswood 27; Falls City 54, La Pryor 14.

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News and Views of the Coaches

BY STAN LAMBERT
Publicity Director, THSCA

NEWS FROM BOARD MEETING

The board voted to try the six-day school idea after Mac's poll showed 425 for it and 270 against. . . but it did so with "their tongues in their cheeks" so to speak because the plan might present more problems than it will solve. . . Johnnie Stoval reported that Paul Snow is improving rapidly from his nervous breakdown of over a year ago. . . the board voted to send his wife \$35 per month to help with the huge hospital bills and current expenses. . . voted to invite an outstanding sports writer to talk at the coaching school on the public relations problem. . . instructed the publicity director to continue his effort to get Life Magazine to cover the school in a feature, "Life Goes to the World's Largest Coaching School."

HESTER FINE PRESIDENT

The longer Grady Hester stays in the presidency of the coaches association the more apparent it becomes to those who are working with him the fine job he is doing. In fact, his appearance before the Advisory Council in November alone would suffice to justify the faith that his fellow coaches expressed in him when they put him in high office.

The Council was very well im-

pressed with his presentation of the coaches' viewpoint, and its actions in the two-day meeting that followed Hester's visit proves the original premise of the above paragraph. One of the members of the Council went so far as to describe Hester as presenting his views "in a statesman-like manner."

But to be more specific: After introducing him, the Council presented him a copy of its agenda, and asked him to give the coaches' views on all items. He prefaced his remarks with the statement that he was not in a position to express the official viewpoint of all the coaches because the membership had not been polled on all the issues, but that he would be glad to express his personal opinions with the belief that they would not be far off from what most coaches were thinking. The following is a brief summary of the items considered, Hester's statements, and the Council's actions:

1. Parochial schools in the League: Hester stated coaches did not want them in mainly because of the fear of having to compete with them for boys. Council turned down parochial schools' application.

2. Basketball players' participating on town teams: Hester favored rule prohibiting; Council took rule under study.

3. League to regulate Junior High athletics: Hester thought rule fine in his own area, but unprepared to say how it would work in more scattered sections; Council tabled idea for possible future action.

4. Prohibit all-star games except THSCA game: Hester thought private promoters are exploiting the kids; that too many games are being held; that rule would be good. Council approved the rule.

5. Limitation of gifts to coaches from fans: Hester thought coaches opposed such a rule for reasons too numerous to state in this summary. Council recommended such a rule.

Even more important than the items on their agenda were two items that Hester brought up that the Council had not listed for discussion. He recommended that the limitations on the award rule be raised—and they were. He also made an appeal to the Council to do something about reclassification of schools since competition was too uneven under the present set-up. Two weeks later the reclassification was worked up, passed by the Executive Committee, and released.

This writer has not meant to imply that the coaches' association is dictating to the Advisory Council; but anyone can see that the gulf between the coaches and the administrators is much narrower than in days past; that the feeling as exhibited in this meeting is a far cry from the animosity between the two groups so plainly evident in previous meetings of this type, and that the prospects are bright for even better relationships in the future.

We might also add that the presence of Executive Secretary L. W. McConachie at gathering of this nature is not hurting the coaches any either. His very appearance lends a certain dignity; his attitude and philosophy are wholesome, and his ability to represent the coaches in a language that administrators understand has smoothed out many rough spots. Both Hester and McConachie are representatives of the little-to-the-right-of-center school of thought that has been steering the Association for several years now. The hopes of improving the coaches' status in the future lies in the perpetuation of this philosophy. The "strong arm" method has already failed. We learned long ago that one can catch more ants with sugar than vinegar.

Brinley Concludes Grade Football Study

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(Note: This is the second of a two-part series on the problem of elementary school football, written by a man with many years of player and professional experience with the game of football.)

In last month's Leaguer I cited five reasons why I believe there should not be an interschool football program in elementary schools. I would like to present five more reasons to support my belief. Once again let me repeat that since space does not permit documentation of the thesis presented here, I shall be happy to send a compact bibliography of the studies and recommendations concerning this problem.

The first article discussed the points that elementary and junior school football is not justified because it deals with a vulnerable age, it will not produce a better high school player, it is undemocratic at this level, leadership is poor, and it is not conducive to good posture. Additional reasons for my belief are:

6. Little carry-over value. Football is a sport which demands too much specialization and considerable time to get in condition for preparation necessary to compete. This time multiplied over the years does not justify the benefits derived from post-school living. Even assuming that a boy played regularly during the grade school, high school, and college years—then what? The modern world provides little opportunity during life to play football. The physical activities necessary for an adult social life does not include football, and a person may be left with a specialty on his hands which he cannot use. It is a case of putting "all the eggs in one basket."

7. Football tends to go to the extreme. Football inherently con-

tains the ingredients which tend to reward professionalism more than any other sport. Like opium it is habit-forming and must be satisfied by increased doses. The public is seldom satisfied with an ordinary schedule. "Did we win the championship and who do we play next?" are questions too often in the minds of promoters, who though not qualified educationally to make such a decision, are the ones who push on and on. The pattern follows too closely the one of the gladiators of old, whose specialization eventually brought ruin and decay. Boxing is another example of an excellent sport which is disappearing from the schools because of exploitation, for similar reasons. "If a little is good, more is better," is an illogical conclusion that leads to disaster. An example of the increase in "bowl" games bears evidence to the above viewpoints.

8. Football is not a natural motivator. Play is an activity which carries its own drive. Nature provided play to develop the physical capacities of the organism. When a child plays, he rests periodically. "Kings X" is an element in the game of every child. Competitive football does not follow these natural patterns. A player "dies for dear old 'Sports-town'" because of the situation in which he is placed. It is true that sandlot football is very prevalent but mainly because of the emphasis placed on football on the higher levels, and because the individual does not possess a great variety of other skills which he can use proficiently. Youngsters follow the activities which adults emphasize as is exemplified by the increase of war toys during a war. Education is a process whereby the

future generation behavior patterns can be conditioned.

9. Provides for exploitation. Educators too often mouth such phrases as the "school for the child" and then actually proceed to do just the opposite. Who are the people most interested in the promotion of football on the elementary level? Is it not the coaches, sports writers, and "town promoters"? My experience has found that there are doubtful questions on this problem in the minds of parents, administrators, and capable educators. A "successful" elementary school coach soon finds himself in the junior high, then the senior high, and eventually in the college. From one angle, no coach can be blamed for looking out for his future, especially under the present system of "promotions." Sometimes the future of the youngster becomes secondary to other motives. Some of the pep talks to elementary teams which I have heard too nearly approach those of college-pre-game motivation.

10. Values can be found elsewhere. Football is an excellent sport. Knute Rockne once saved football from abandonment in the institutions of higher learning when he met with the college administrators at a national meeting. He so thoroughly explained the benefits derived from such an activity to these leaders that he sold them. The tenor of this article is not to discredit football in any sense, but to recommend that it assume its rightful place in the school. Every activity has a proper time and place. The latter philosophy will insure the place of football in our present society for generations to come.

Most of the benefits derived

from football in the elementary school could be better supplied by other means. A challenging and varied program in a wide range of physical activities should be provided every child of grade school age. Emphasis should be placed on developing the fundamental skills necessary to all sports. Examples of such activities are: running, jumping, throwing, catching, kicking, suspension, and dodging, and more specifically, all types of games, contests, relays, events, self-testing activities, lead-up games, and sundry skills. Tackling and blocking under pressure conditions hardly fit in with these. Such a program would provide the fundamental proficiencies for a sound anatomical and physiological basis necessary to all sports and activities.

It is even possible and desirable to provide all of the football fundamentals to youngsters through practice in fundamentals and lead-up games. This should not be done, however, under highly competitive conditions. With a broader base, the specialties of football team play and strategy could be taught later when the conditions are ripe and appropriate.

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Postscripts on Athletics

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This column would like to take this opportunity to thank the many administrators and coaches who have contacted the League relative to the new classification of schools for the 1951-52 football and basketball season. Ninety-five per cent of these messages were congratulatory and favorable to the new set-up, while about five per cent were not wholeheartedly in favor of the new plan. Only in five instances have there been real "kicks" about the new alignments, and when you consider that 865 schools were involved, this is nothing short of a miracle.

The idea foremost in the new classification was to equalize competition. The Committee agreed that the best game for such equalization was comparable enrollment. Even this factor will not always equalize competition, but it offers the best approach to the problem. The idea of assigning schools to conferences on the basis of football strength is not compatible to sound educational philosophy. To do so places emphasis primarily on football ahead of any other factor, even the entire school program. In addition, no one could ever devise any satisfactory plan for making assignments on such a basis. That enrollment is the best basis for assignment is illustrated by the fact that all schools reaching the quarter-finals of the 1950 state AA championship race had over 1,000 students in high school. This has been largely true for the past 10 years.

The new classification should give more stability and tenure to the coaching profession. The fact that the teams are evenly matched will give all an equal chance to win and will distribute district championships among more schools. Furthermore, any fair thinking fan will realize that competition is more equal, and will be cognizant of the coaches' problems. However, in my opinion, as long as athletic directors continue to put all "their eggs in one basket" that is, football, and continue to neglect all around athletic program, tenure will be an-

stable. The more schools emphasize football, the greater becomes the pressure on the coach which results in indefinite tenure.

Distance of travel has been increased only in the top conference, and the larger schools are able to finance such travel much better than the smaller ones. Most schools in the top conference have been playing non-conference games which involve as much travel as the new conference alignments will require. In my opinion, it is better to travel farther for equal competition than to travel a short distance to massacre a small squad of players from a smaller school. The health aspect of 16 boys playing the entire game trying to defeat 50 boys is enough to justify the extra travel. In Texas travel is no longer a serious matter, as can be readily attested to by visiting any of our Southwest Conference stadia on a football Saturday.

The state championship race in Conference A is, in my opinion, not advisable. The size of the schools, the players available, the financial outlay, and the extreme travel distances beyond the quarter-finals, will be a tremendous burden on these schools. However, these schools have voted for such a race. Many of them have already been participating in previous state races, and a large majority of the administrators in schools in this conference were highly in favor of such a race.

In order to prevent districts from becoming over-crowded the State Executive Committee has authorized a sliding scale of enrollment for each conference. This will be announced in the spring and will be effective for the 1952 football season. If such a plan is not followed, the increasing and shifting of the student population would outmode the new classification. Outmode means a static thing. No one method can serve indefinitely as "time moves on" and as Texas moves forward to its great destiny, change is inevitable. The greatest good for the greatest number of schools is now, and shall continue to be, the philosophy of the present administration of your League.