



THREE TIMES CHAMPION—The Claude Mustangs successfully defended their Conference B girls' basketball championship for the second year, to become the second basketball team in all League history to win three consecutive titles. Bowie High School's Jackrabbits became the first three-straight winner a week earlier in the 1953 boys' tournament.

Members of the team are, left to right, back row, Gail Bryan, Pat Tims, Vesta Kelley, Lorene Welchel, Betty Dawkins, Carolyn Christian, Latrice Moore, Wanda Buckingham and Coach Wayne Mantooth. Front row, Ruelia McGowan, Norma Brunson, Rita Jean Dye, Mary Gillham, Shirley Brown, Jane Avery, and Manager Winnie Renfro.

Plans for 43rd State Meet May 7-9 Nearly Complete

The Forty-Third Annual State Meet of the University Interscholastic League opens Thursday, May 7.

Almost all plans for housing, room-assignments, judges, administration of contests, the Annual League Breakfast, and a large number of concurrent events are complete.

SPECIAL CONVENTIONS and conferences in connection with the State are again being planned. These include the 26th Annual Convention of the Interscholastic League Press Conference, the Spring Conference of the Texas Study of Secondary Education, a business meeting of the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, and the annual conferences conducted by directors of tennis, slide rule, number sense and commercial contests.

Texas itself will entertain visiting contestants, delegates and coaches, and thousands of Austin people who turn out year after year to see one of the biggest free scientific shows in existence: the All University Exposition and Power Show. (See story below).

The League Breakfast, which will be held at 7:30 a.m., May 8, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill Hotel, will be marked by reports of special committees and a report on the spring ballots. Tickets will be \$1.10, and will be available at the door only if space remains after advance sales are closed.

SPECIAL REPORTS by members of the League's Legislative Advisory Council will be given during the breakfast Annual Meeting of Delegates. Among these will be one by the special committee set up by the Council to study the advisability of increasing representation to the State Meet. The chairman of this committee is Principal R. B. Norman of Amarillo, and other members are W. Terrell Ogg, Superintendent of Brazosport Schools, E. B. Morrison, Superintendent of Cuero Schools, and Q. M. Martin, Superintendent of Carthage Schools.

The Athletic Insurance Committee will also make its special report and submit new athletic insurance proposals. The report on the spring ballot will give the final results of members' voting. (See story in column 3, page 4.)

All persons planning to attend the Breakfast should make their reservations as early as possible through Miss Willie Thompson, the League's Secretary.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES for tennis coaches, as planned for the State Meet, will include a meeting of the Board of Director of Tennis Coaches Association at 6:30 p.m., May 7, at the Campus Cafeteria, 24th and San Antonio. The Annual

breakfast of the Tennis Coaches Association will be May 8, 7:30 a.m., at the Home Economics Tea Room. Price will be \$1.00. Dr. D. A. Penick's annual Tennis Clinic will be held the same morning, at 9:00 a.m., at Penick Courts.

The Slide Rule Conference will be held in the Architecture Building, Room 104, starting at 9:00 a.m., May 8. Parents and friends, as well as contestants and coaches, will be welcome. (See story on page 2.)

For Number Sense contestants, coaches and friends, a conference is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., May 8, in Benedict Hall 111. Professor C. M. Cleveland, chairman

of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Astronomy will lead a discussion of ways and means of improving the Number Sense Contest.

The Interscholastic League Press Conference's Convention will run concurrently with the State Meet. Special entertainment will include an informal reception May 7, from 7:30 until 10 p.m. in the Scout Hall of the Education Building, University Methodist Church. Hosts for the reception will be the Austin Maroon chapter of Quill and Scroll. A two-hour boat ride on the river boat Commodore, with picnic supper at Greenhollows will be the May 8 feature of the convention's entertainment.

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March 17, 1953

To Interscholastic League Visitors:

One of the main events of the year on the campus of The University of Texas is the final State Meet of the Interscholastic League. It is an important occasion, not only for the many boys and girls who come to Austin to participate, but also for all of us here.

We are happy to be your host, and hope that you will find pleasure and profit through your participation. Let us urge you to make the most of your opportunity to look over the fine facilities of the nation's eighth largest university. Texans have every right to be proud of the fact that the young people of this state have access to the many advantages afforded here. We feel that your University preserves most of the good features of smaller institutions and at the same time has library and laboratory facilities, a range of course offerings, and a variety of faculty and staff talent which are unparalleled in the entire Southwest.

Remember that The University of Texas is your University. We believe that you will like what you see here and we hope you will want to return as students.

Sincerely yours,

Logan Wilson

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League Schools Reject 3 to 1 Restricted Substitution Rule

Texas high school football games this fall will be played under the 1952 liberal substitution ("platoon system") rules. By a vote of almost three-to-one, administrators of Texas public schools playing 11-man football rejected the NCAA 1953 restricted substitution rules.

Results of a ballot sent out to all schools playing 11-man football were announced early this month by the chairman of the League's State Executive Committee, James R. D. Eddy, Dean of the Division of Extension, University of Texas.

BALLOTS WERE sent to 720 schools, and 591 of these voted. The 162 League schools playing six-man football were not given a vote in the substitution matter since they play under different rules. Of the 591 votes cast, 157 favored the 1953 restricted substitution rule, 432 favored continuing to play under the 1952, and two ballots were not clearly enough marked for tabulators to determine which way they had been intended.

Texas has always played under NCAA football rules, so this vote marks the first time Texas has repudiated any portion of the NCAA rule-book. It was a victory for advocates of the liberal substitution system. These advocates had urged continuation of the "platoon system," stating that it offers a chance for broader participation of school-

boys in football, and made the game safer by giving the coach a chance to remove tiring or slightly injured boys before they might suffer serious injury.

THE REFERENDUM was ordered by the State Executive Committee after the committee held that the new NCAA substitution rule was actually no rule at all, giving all competing teams freedom to write their own rule. The NCAA rule contains the ambiguous wording that the restricted rule would

prevail for collegiate football, but "preparatory and high schools may, by mutual agreement, adopt more liberal substitution regulations." The Executive Committee decided that to prevent each game's being preceded by a possible disagreement on substitution rules, a definite statement of the rule to govern Texas football must be made. Member schools were asked to choose between the 1952 rule and the 1953 rule, with each school having one vote.

UIL To Try New Plan In State Meet Housing

By F. W. SAVAGE
Chairman of Housing

Article IX, Section 9 of the Constitution and Rules states, "The State Executive Committee will undertake to provide lodging for all contestants and faculty representatives, as specified in this article, at the final meeting of the League. . . . Those persons considered 'contestants and faculty representatives' are those people enumerated in Section 8 of this same article. Administrators are requested to read these two sections carefully before requesting assistance from the League on housing accommodations.

THE HOUSING which "the State Executive Committee will undertake to provide" consists entirely of barracks type lodging for boys, girls and faculty sponsors, both male and female. These accommodations will be classed as "free" lodgings and qualified contestants and sponsors will not be required to pay any fee for their use. Qualified school representatives will be assigned to such lodgings on request.

In addition to this service, in past years the League has booked blocks of reservations in hotels and tourist courts for release to qualified contestants and sponsors on request. This service was merely a courtesy of the League office and the schools which requested such commercial lodgings paid for them with no rebate from the State office. This is the service which is to be partially discontinued during the 1953 State Meet.

BEGINNING THIS YEAR, the League will not block reservations at any of the Austin hotels. Schools desiring such accommodations are asked to contact the reservations clerks at these hotels directly. During the 1952 State Meet, the League endeavored to hold places in these hotels for approximately 500 contestants and sponsors. Since the State Legislature is in session this year, indications are that there will be considerably fewer places available in hotels for contestants. Administrators are requested not to reserve places in these hotels for people other than qualified contestants and sponsors. Each year, many schools schedule a trip to

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Tickets Now Available For Annual Breakfast

The Annual League Breakfast, held at the time of the State Meet, will be in the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill Hotel, Friday, May 8, at 7:30 a.m.

Tickets for the breakfast will be \$1.10. Tickets are now available from the League Office. Write to Miss Willie Thompson, Secretary of the League, at Box H, University Station, Austin, Texas, for reservations and tickets for the breakfast. Tickets will be sold at the door only if space is still available.

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General Program Forty-Third Annual State Meet University Interscholastic League

The Official Program will be issued for distribution to contestants and delegates before the Meet opens and will be available at headquarters. Always go by the LATEST EDITION of the program. Minor changes are often necessary from one edition to the next.

Thursday, May 7, 1953

- Registration, rebate and assignments to lodgings, Gregory Gymnasium. Bureau opens at 2:30 p.m. and closes at 10 p.m. Opens again at 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday.
- 8:00 A.M.—One-Act Play general meeting of Conference AA casts for pre-rehearsal instructions from Contest Director Bruce Roach, Experimental Theatre, Drama Bldg. 103.
- 8:30 A.M.—One-Act Play rehearsals, Conference AA casts, Hogg Auditorium.
- 1:00 P.M.—One-Act Play general meeting of Conference A casts for pre-rehearsal instructions from Contest Director Bruce Roach, Experimental Theatre, Drama 103.
- 2:30 P.M.—One-Act Play Contest, Conference AA, Hogg Auditorium, four plays.
- 6:30 P.M.—One-Act Play Contest, Conference AA, Hogg Auditorium, four plays. Judges' decision and awards immediately following.
- 7:30 P.M.—Lutcher Stark Debate and Reception for speech delegates, International Room, Texas Union.

Friday, May 8, 1953

- 8:00 A.M.—One-Act Play rehearsals, Conference A casts, Hogg Auditorium.
- 8:30 A.M.—Journalism Conference, Geology Bldg. 14. Track and Field contestants assemble at Texas Memorial Stadium for preliminaries. Ready Writers Contest, Main Bldg. 202. Declamation, all conferences and divisions assemble in Physics Auditorium 201 for assignments.
- 9:00 A.M.—Slide Rule Conference, Architecture Bldg. 105.
- 11:00 A.M.—Tennis, first round in boys' singles and doubles. Conferences A and B, Penick Courts. First round in girls' singles and doubles, Conferences A and B, Freshman Courts. Journalism, News-Writing Contest, Journalism Bldg. 205.
- 12:00 Noon.—One-Act Play general meeting of Conference B casts for pre-rehearsal instructions from Contest Director Bruce Roach, Experimental Theatre, Drama Bldg. 103.
- 1:00 P.M.—Field Events, Finals, All Conferences, Broad Jump, Final Conference B Pole Vault, Texas Memorial Stadium; Conferences B, A, and AA Discus, Freshman Field.
- 2:00 P.M.—Journalism group meetings, rooms 203, 205, 209, 305, 307, Journalism Bldg.
- Tennis, semi-finals in boys' singles and doubles. Conferences A and B, Penick Courts. Semi-finals in girls' singles and doubles Conferences A and B, Freshman Courts. Slide Rule Contest, Waggener Hall 316. Extemporaneous Speech. All conferences and divisions assemble in Garrison Hall, Room 1, for assignments.
- 4:00 P.M.—Ready Writers assemble to hear results of contest, Main Bldg. 202. After awards have been made, the judges will hold a critique on the papers.
- 4:00 P.M.—Journalism, Copyreading Contest, Journalism Bldg. 205. Tennis, first round, boys' singles and doubles, Conference AA, Penick Courts. First round girls' singles and doubles, Conference AA, Freshman Courts. One-Act Play Contest, Conference A, Hogg Auditorium, three plays.
- 4:30 P.M.—Journalism, Headline-Writing Contest, Journalism Bldg. 205. Typewriting, all contestants must have machines set in Waggener Hall 216, ready to begin contest Saturday at 9 a.m.
- 5:00 P.M.—Journalism, Feature Story Contest, Journalism Bldg. 205.
- 6:30 P.M.—One-Act Play Contest, Conference A, Hogg Auditorium, four plays. Judges' decision and awards immediately following.
- 7:00 P.M.—Debate, Conferences AA, A, and B assemble in Batts Auditorium for assignment. Typing and Shorthand Conference, Waggener Hall 112.
- 8:30 P.M.—Debate semi-finals, all winners of preliminary matches return to Batts Auditorium.

Saturday, May 9, 1953

- 7:30 A.M.—State Meeting of Delegates, Crystal Ballroom, Driskill Hotel.
- 8:00 A.M.—Golf, second round, Austin Municipal Golf Course. One-Act Play rehearsals, Conference B casts, Hogg Auditorium.
- 8:15 A.M.—Journalism, Editorial-Writing Contest, Journalism Bldg. 205.
- 8:30 A.M.—Debate Final, Conference AA, girls' division, Speech Bldg. 212.
- Conference A, girls' division, Speech Bldg. 201.
- 9:00 A.M.—Tennis, semi-finals, girls' singles and doubles, Conference AA, Penick Courts. Semi-finals, boys' singles and doubles, Conference AA, Penick Courts.

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Baseball Tournament Scheduled June 3, 4, 5

When June rolls around again, the big day will arrive for Interscholastic League baseball enthusiasts. The fifth State Baseball Championship Tournament will be held for Conference AA schools on June 3, 4, and 5 in Austin. Conference A schools will play to regional championships, and Conference B schools will play through bi-district championships.

Conference AA bi-district baseball games will be arranged as follows: winner of District 1 vs. winner of District 2; 3 vs. 4; 5 vs. 6; 7 vs. 8; 9 vs. 10; 11 vs. 12; 13 vs. 14; 15 vs. 16.

DISTRICT championships in Conference AA must be determined by May 15, with bi-district winners certified by May 26.

Regional Conference A baseball champions will be determined in regional baseball tournaments to be directed by regional directors appointed from the League Office. By electing to hold a single elimination tournament, and by playing on Friday and Saturday nights under the lights, these regional baseball tournaments should be a financial, as well as an educational, success. This type of play will avoid any loss of school time or interference with the school program.

District championships in Conference A must be determined by May 15, and the regional tournaments can be held any time after May 15, and not later than June 5.

THE EIGHT regional chairmen for the tournaments are: Region

I, Districts 1-4, Superintendent H. F. Railsback, Dalhart; Region II, Districts 5-8, Principal James G. Huckaby, Fort Stockton; Region III, Districts 9-12, Superintendent Dale Douglas, Pleasant Grove (Dallas); Region IV, Districts 13-16, Superintendent J. E. Rhodes, Van; Region V, Districts 17-20, Principal W. M. Schmidt, Crockett; Region VI, Districts 21-24, Superintendent E. B. Morrison, Cuero; Region VII, Districts 25-27, Superintendent J. C. Rogers, Jr., West Columbia; Region VIII, Districts 28-31, Superintendent J. Mil Auld, Mission.

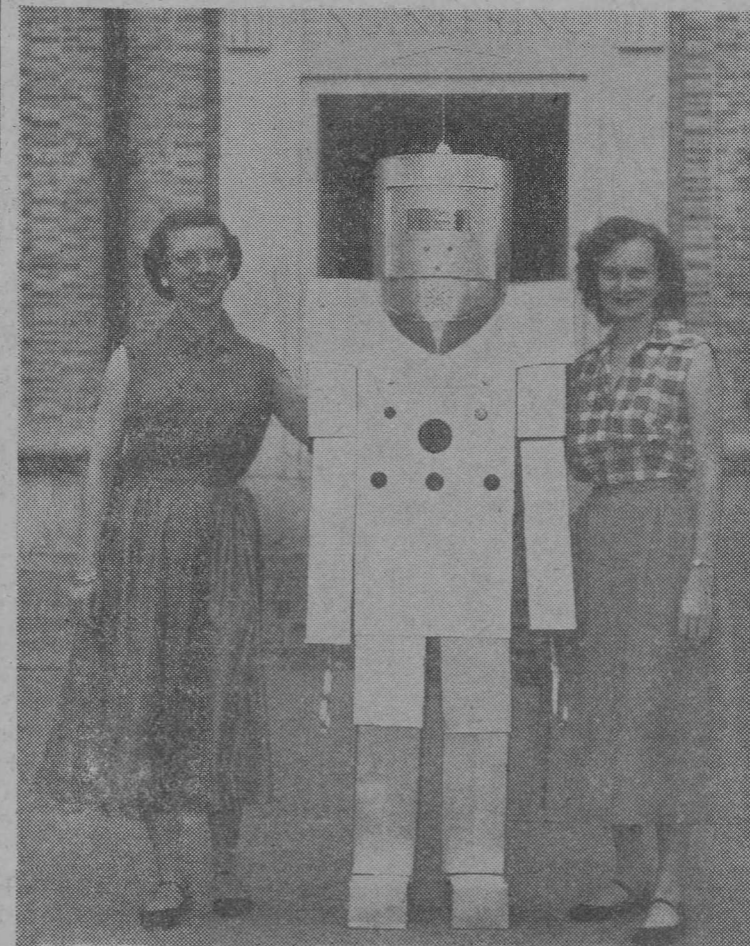
Conference B teams must certify a district winner by May 15, and a bi-district champion not later than June 5. The district winners will be paired for bi-district play by numerical order, that is, 1 vs. 2; 3 vs. 4, and so on.

ALL TOURNAMENT games will be seven innings, but the final game may be nine innings, by mutual consent. The coach's box shall be occupied only by student players, and the coach of the team is requested to remain in the dug-out. The student in the coach's box must be in uniform.

The "Official Baseball Rules" published by C. C. Spink Company of St. Louis, Missouri, governs League baseball.

Dr. Rhea H. Williams, director of athletics for the League, urged that all winners at district, bi-district, and regional levels be certified immediately to the League Office.

44th Power Show Features Chemical Cow, 3-D Sound



MEET ALEX—Mary McDaniel and Flora Nell Williams, both of Austin, help their friend Alex stretch his legs after being in hibernation all year. Sponsored by the Mechanical Engineering Department of The University of Texas, Alex will perform at the 44th Annual Power Show May 8. He walks, he talks. . .

The University of Texas will transform itself into a giant "showcase" May 7-9 for the hundreds of high school students and friends attending the annual University Interscholastic League State Meet.

PURPOSE OF the annual All-University Exposition and Power Show is to welcome the visitors to their state University and let them see first-hand the educational opportunities available.

The Main University's 53 teaching departments and numerous research and service units will have their facilities on display and faculty members will be available to counsel with visitors. Alpha Phi Omega, campus service organization, will conduct guided tours on the campus.

Visitors can find out how much an education will cost, how it can be financed, which courses they can take, what classes actually are like, and a multitude of other facts about college life.

OPEN HOUSE highlights will include an open square dance in honor of high school visitors Thursday, May 7, from 8 until 11, in the Texas Union, and the 44th Power Show from 5 until 11 Friday, May 8.

The College of Engineering, School of Architecture, chemistry and physics departments, and Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC

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Of Transfer Rule

Revised Interpretation Announced

A new interpretation of Article VIII, Section 14, relating to ineligibility of students resulting from moving from school to school, has been announced by the State Executive Committee.

The Committee recently considered the following case: A contestant represents school A, a fully accredited school, in an interschool football or basketball game; then he moves to school B, another fully accredited school, where he remains ineligible for one year and consequently does not take part in any

interschool football or basketball games. Later he moves to school C, a third fully accredited high school.

The Committee ruled that Art. VIII, Sec. 14, shall not operate to render the pupil ineligible at school C or in any other school to which he changes, since the provision of this Rule has been satisfied when the pupil was in attendance in school B for two semesters, without having participated in any interschool football or basketball games. The rule was not designed to affect the eligibility of a contestant for more than two semesters, provided he has not further participated in interschool football or basketball.

This interpretation will appear as Paragraph F, Section 14, Official Interpretations, in the Constitution and Rules, Paragraph C will be amended to comply with this interpretation as follows:

"C. In the meaning of this rule, the one-year provision has been satisfied when the pupil has been in attendance in the new school for two semesters even though the semesters may not be two consecutive semesters."

Spirit of Competition Heart of State Meet

In welcoming the membership of the Interscholastic League to The University of Texas campus in May, 1936, Dr. H. Y. Benedict, former president of the University, quoted a statement made by Senator L. T. Wigfall on January 16, 1858, in which Senator Wigfall, in arguing for the establishment of the University, said:

"Then let us bring our youth from the east and from the west, from the north and the south, and . . . teach them to feel that they are Texans. When their hearts are most susceptible, impressions allow them to form friendships which will last a lifetime. When they meet, let them meet like brothers."

We believe this statement expresses the spirit and purpose of the State Meet. It is not the cash value of the State Meet awards that is important to the contestants but the great honor that comes in struggling for victory which is itself the object of ambition. We believe that every aspect of human life is shot through and through with the competitive spirit. The athlete, the actor, the debater, the journalist compete in an atmosphere of friendly rivalry which we believe is valuable preparation for "life privately as human beings and publicly as citizens."

Non-Contestants Urged To Attend Conferences

The forthcoming State Meet will be the Forty-third Annual State Meet.

Please note the program appearing in this issue and the special notices to sponsors and contestants. We hope that sponsors not having contestants in the State Meet will attend one of the many excellent pre-contest conferences scheduled at the same time.

If a sponsor has good contestants coming up next year, it would be a fine opportunity to bring them to the State Meet and let them sit in on these pre-contest conferences and also hear and see some of the final contests.

There could be no finer method of stimulating interest for next year's program.

Don't Fail to Certify

Each year some schools fail to certify the names of the boys and the events they are to enter at the State Meet. Remember that no boy is permitted to enter the State Track and Field Meet unless his name has been certified by the school that he is to represent.

Travel Talks Urged

Following the State High School Basketball tournaments we commended the participating schools for their gentlemanliness and the general good conduct of the guests.

Teachers, principals of schools and sponsors are urged to repeat the travel courtesy talks to the boys and girls preparing to attend the State Meet.



SCHOOLS SUSPENDED

At the meeting of the State Executive Committee on March 18, 1953, the following schools were suspended for the 1953-54 school term for failure to submit either eligibility reports or season reports:

Marion and Zapata in Boys' Basketball.
Liberty Hill, Marion, and Zapata in Girls' Basketball.

SLOCUM SESPENDED

Slocum High School has been suspended for the 1953-54 season in Boys' Basketball for mistreatment of officials.

SPELLING LIST ERROR

The word in fourth column, page 13 which is listed as "sebacious" is not correctly spelled. The spelling should be "sebaceous."

SHORTHAND DICTATION

There is an error in the Constitution and Rules, page 74, Rule 14, Rate of Dictation should read:
"The contest material shall be dictated in respective meets and conferences"

at the following rates per minute: District Meets held prior to and including March 28, 70 words; district meets held prior to and including April 18, 80 words; Regional Meets, 90 words; State Meet, 100 words."

PICTURE MEMORY:

In the Picture Memory Contest, under Name of Artist to be written in by the contestant, only the last name of the artist, as it is spelled on the individual picture itself, needs to be put down on the contest paper. The writing may be done in either pencil or ink.

BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
The State Baseball Tournament will be held on June 3, 4, and 5, 1953, rather than June 1, 2, and 3, as found in the Interscholastic League Calendar for 1952-53.

WHEELER

Wheeler High School has been suspended in football for the 1953-54 season for failure to furnish correct information on eligibility, and for the use of ineligible player.

STRONG (Shelbyville)

Strong High School of Shelbyville has been placed on probation in football for the school year of 1953-54 for violation of the Football Code and for failure to participate in the work of its district executive committee.

OLTON

Olton High School has been placed on probation in football for the school year of 1953-54 for failing to completely abide by Rule 25 of the Football Code.



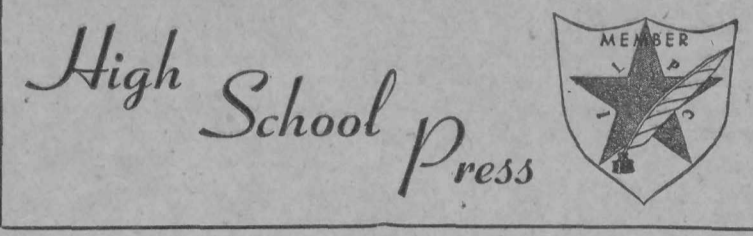
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NEW JB—The new Journalism Building will be the air-conditioned headquarters for the 26th Annual Convention of the Interscholastic League Press Conference. All but the two general sessions will be held in its rooms, and the contests in Journalism will be held in it for the first time, May 7, 8 and 9.



By BLUFORD B. HESTIR
Director of Journalism

With a new contest, a new fun period for student participation, and a repeat on last year's highly popular boat-ride and picnic, the 26th Annual Interscholastic League Press Conference Convention promises to be another "big week."

IN CASE your calendar isn't up to date at the moment, put a circle around the dates May 7, 8 and 9. Those are the convention dates for this year, when 350 to 400 ILPC members, students and sponsors, will assemble to have fun, exchange ideas on scholastic journalism, and will learn some new techniques for the next year's work.

The convention is open to all staffs publishing papers in schools within the Interscholastic League. It will be held concurrently with the state final contest in journalism, but the attendance at the convention is by no means restricted to the 46 regional winners in journalism. So it's time for staff and sponsors alike to begin making plans for the affair.

As usual, the festivities will begin with a reception Thursday evening—an informal open house—sponsored by the Austin Maroon chapter of Quill and Scroll. Time: 7:30 p.m., at the Scout Hall of the University Methodist Church's Educational Building. That's right across 24th Street from the campus.

EVENTS FOR FRIDAY, May 8, will include the usual array of speeches, work-shops and clinics for student publications, and at least two extra-specials. One will be a repeat on the lake ride aboard the Commodore. We can truthfully say that the repeat is "by popular demand." All over the state, young journalists who went on, or heard of, the 1952 boatride, begged us to have another this year. Your word is law.

The other "extra-special" for May 8 will be the announcement of the first winners in ILPC's newest contest or rating. We are offering this year for the first time, awards in seven classifications of journalistic work, based on the best samples from the year's work, as clipped from ILPC member papers. Already entries in features, featurettes, news writing, sports writing, spot news photos, feature photos, and editorials are pouring into the office. Winners will be decided before the ILPC convention begins, and presentations made to students who wrote or photographed the winning entries, and who are also present at the convention. Those who are winners but cannot be present, will have to receive their awards by mail.

Principals to Study Boys and the Draft

The main discussion at the Austin spring conference of the Texas Study of Secondary Education will concern the problems of preparing high school boys psychologically for induction into the Armed Forces. A nationally-known service man will speak, and a panel of five or six Texas principals who have studied the problem will discuss different aspects.

The speech, discussion, and panel will take from the time of the opening of the May 8 meeting at 9 a.m. until about 11 o'clock. The program will be in the ballroom of the Driskill Hotel.

An hour during the day will be set aside for business meetings of the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals. Afternoon sessions, at places to be announced in the morning, will be divided into junior high school and senior high school groups. Programs will be set up for each. The meeting will end about 5 p.m.

WE HAVE LINED UP an unusually good movie for showing, and are cooking up something mildly hilarious in the quiz show line. Both are guaranteed to be both entertaining and educational. Full information on the program will be mailed ILPC members, and the doors will be flung open in welcome. Which brings us to the "best of all" announcement: All contests and all workshop sessions will be held in the air-conditioned new School of Journalism building. And all general sessions will be held in a beautifully redecorated Geology auditorium.

Please allow me a personal word. I have worked with ILPC through five school years—two years as assistant under Dr. De Witt Reddick, and three years as the first paid director. With this issue of the Leaguer will come and pass my final chance to say to many ILPC members: "Thanks for your support, your friendship and your interest in the work of the press conference."

For, beginning immediately after the ILPC State Convention, I shall be working as Director of Publicity for the Southern Presbyterian Church, covering 18 states, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. The new work offers great opportunities of continuing the use of journalistic techniques and clinic-workshop methods which we have worked out together here in Texas, in a field of broader service. But it cannot possibly be more enjoyable, nor richer in friendships enjoyed.

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Typewriting Contest, Waggener Hall 216.
Journalism Conference, Geology Bldg. 14.
Number Sense Contest, Architecture Bldg. 105.
10:00 A.M.—Short-hand Contest, Waggener Hall 316.
Debate Finals, Conference AA, boys' division, Speech Bldg. 212.
11:00 A.M.—Tennis Finals, girls' singles and doubles, Conferences A and B, Penick Courts.
Finals, boys' singles and doubles, Conference A and B, Penick Courts.
11:30 A.M.—Debate Finals, Conference B, Speech Bldg. 212.
1:00 P.M.—Track and Field Finals, Texas Memorial Stadium.
2:00 P.M.—Tennis Finals, boys' singles and doubles, Conference AA, Penick Courts.
2:30 P.M.—One-Act Play Contest, Conference B, Hogg Auditorium, four plays.
4:00 P.M.—Tennis Finals, girls' singles and doubles, Conference AA, Penick Courts.
6:30 P.M.—One Act-Play Contest, Conference B, Hogg Auditorium, four plays. Judges' decision and awards immediately following.

SPECIAL NOTICES

ALL CONTEST DELEGATES should come to Gregory Gymnasium immediately upon arriving in Austin and register. Unless you are registered, we cannot undertake to deliver messages, letters or telegrams, or advise your friends where you may be found.

DELEGATES' BADGES are issued only to delegates and contestants to the Meet, and to no one else. Delegates and contestants are cautioned against losing or misplacing badges. Duplicates are not issued.

LODGINGS, beginning Thursday at 2:30 P.M., will be assigned to delegates requesting such. Conference A play casts will be assigned to lodgings on Wednesday. Those delegates who have already requested lodgings will be given assignment slips and those who have not made previous arrangements will be assisted. Two types of lodgings are available: those in commercial type lodgings for which the student pays and those in barracks type accommodations where the expense will be borne by the League. Note: Article XI, Section 2, Constitution and Rules reads: "At the final contests at the University, contestants shall bear their own expenses as in the first instance."

Contestants and delegates should not count on receiving rebates while the meet is in progress. Checks are not mailed out until after the meet has been held. Substitutes on teams or alternates are not assigned free lodgings or entitled to rebates.

Coaches or faculty representatives will be expected to lodge with contestants if assigned to a dormitory or hotel.

EACH contestant in the Track and Field Meet will be required to wear a number on his back. These numbers should be secured at Gregory Gymnasium during registration. Those arriving Friday morning may get them at the Texas Memorial Stadium.

Dressing room facilities are at Gregory Gymnasium, Room 19. Do not leave any money or valuables in your clothes.

DELEGATES' TICKETS admit them to the One-Act Play tournament and the Track and Field events free of charge. Others will be charged 60 cents, adults, per session, and 30 cents, children.

High School Musicians Invited To Perform in UT Workshop

Selection of outstanding Texas High School musicians to perform in The University of Texas Summer Workshop-Clinic will be completed on or about May 1, 1953. Participants will be notified shortly after that date by Workshop officials concerning their selection and details relative to the workshop. There will be no fee required of these students, but they will be required to take care of their own lodging and meals. Accommodations are being provided in a University dormitory under competent supervision and a nominal charge will be made for these services.

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ALL-TEXAS BAND and ORCHESTRA
ORCHESTRA, JUNE 14-20 BAND, JUNE 21-27

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Age _____ School Classification _____ No. Yrs. Inst. Study _____
Do You Desire to Play in the Band or Orchestra? _____
Instrument _____ Please Indicate Your Contest Rating _____
In the Following: Solo _____ Ensemble _____ Orchestra _____ Band _____
Have You Been a Member of the T.M.E.A. All-State Band or Orchestra? Yes _____ No. If So, When _____?
"If Selected for Either of the Honor Groups, I Agree to Abide by the Rules of the Organization, and to Conduct Myself in Such a Way as to Bring Credit to Me and My School."
Signed: _____
Approved: Director _____

More Interest Found In Grade School Meets

A growth in interest and emphasis in grade school competition under the League program is reported from many areas. Following the recent district meet for elementary schools in District 84-B, A. L. Peay, Superintendent of Edcouch-Elsa Schools reported on a similar development in that district.

The schools in that area, he states, put a greater emphasis this year on elementary school competition. Nine of the 13 eligible schools entered Declaration, ten groups competed in Number Sense, ten in spelling, and fewer schools were represented in the lower grade contests of Story Telling and Picture Memory.

"A GOOD BIT of interest has been taken in the Tennis meet for grade school boys and girls, and teams from the majority of schools have competed in volleyball and softball," Supt. Peay says.

"We feel that a good start has

been made toward creating anew interest in these events and toward getting more participation. Some of us who are older in the game have been somewhat reluctant to put too much emphasis on the contests for fear that we would return to the "cut-throat" competition so many of us found in the years before World War II, in both high school and grade school contests.

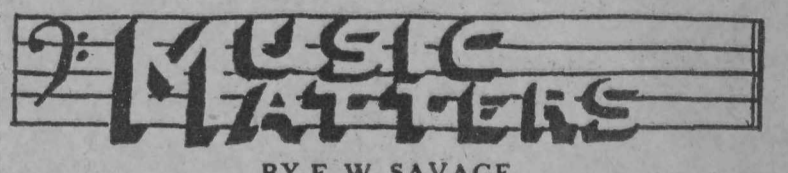
"I, PERSONALLY, do not feel that the good derived can justify the ill feelings of high-pressure competition, and have been content so far to throw the meet open and enter only those who actually made some indication of interest, not try to select a few and drill them to the exclusion of the rest. I believe that most of the schools in 84-B have the same feeling, and as a result our meet was one of interest, with nothing but harmonious cooperation on the part of everyone. We hope to keep it that way," Supt. Peay declares.

THE BAND DIVISION of the Workshop is scheduled for June 21-27 and the Orchestra Division on June 14-20. High school students are expected to attend all classes in music theory, music literature and special instrument classes in addition to the Band and Orchestra work. Some of the best instrumentalists of Texas and the nation have been scheduled to give instruction to these students in Band and Orchestra.

In addition to the instruction which the students will receive, they will be participating in the

music reading sessions which will be held when the official University Interscholastic League Music Selection Committees meet to select prescribed music to be used by the public schools during the school year 1953-54. The Orchestra Music Committee will meet on June 18-19-20 and the Band Committee will meet on June 25-26-27.

STUDENTS WHO are interested in attending the Music Workshop-Clinic should clip out the accompanying Application Blank, fill it out and mail to Workshop-Clinic, Music Building, The University of Texas, Austin.



BY F. W. SAVAGE
Director Music Activities

MORE ON AUDITIONS
After our "blues" story on the results of the auditions in the last issue of the Leaguer, we have received several letters telling us not to be discouraged. "There is much value in the idea of screening auditions and after a few difficulties are worked out and directors become accustomed to the procedures, these auditions will go a long ways toward accomplishing the objectives claimed for them." This is the attitude of many letters we are receiving from directors.

We have been informed that at least one Region which did not use the auditions this year has indicated that they will install the plan in 1953-54 in an attempt to prevent overcrowding and raise the standards of performance. According to all indications, the plan of District Auditions will be in effect again next year. Directors and administrators are encouraged to write this office and offer suggestions which will improve their operation.

DON'T MAKE EXCEPTIONS

This year for the first time since the League offered competition in music, we have received a series of semi-protests concerning various omissions or exceptions being made in some Regions. When such inquiries reach the state office, we have no alternative but to read the rules strictly as they appear in the Constitution and Rules. Most of the cases involved resulted

primarily from the negligence on the part of the "defendant" in not reading the rules at all.

Many people question the advisability of filing "acceptance cards" for competition in music. This acceptance card is designed in such a fashion wherein in reality it is a contract between the individual school unit desiring to participate in music competition and all other member schools of the League that the school "agree(s) to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth in the Constitution and Rules." When a superintendent or principal signs this card, the assumption is made by this office and by all the member schools that the signer and the various music directors have read the music plan and agree to compete under the restrictions and conditions contained therein.

Parallel with this assumption, we assume that when a school signs the acceptance card, it will not make nor demand exceptions to the rules and all other competing schools reserve the right to refuse such exceptions without prejudice.

There are only two places where rules affecting music competition appear. One is the section on Music beginning on page 81 of the Constitution and Rules and ending on page 96. The other is in the Foreword of Bulletin 4919 and enumerates the regulations relative to music performance. No music director should even consider entering music competition until he has thoroughly digested these sections and all other directors have the right to assume that he has.

Furthermore, no committee nor official in the entire League structure has the authority to make exceptions to any rule appearing in the Constitution and Rules or its complementary bulletins. This is not confined to music rules but is also applicable to all other League-sponsored competition. This statement applies to all so-called State Directors and to the State Executive Committee and the State Advisory Committee.

Bad rules cannot be invalidated by the simple process of making exceptions. Such rules must be replaced on the books through the regular prescribed procedures. Until these rules are replaced, any school signing an acceptance card is bound by his "contract" to abide by the rule as it is written.

SUMMER CLINICS

Following our recent rather lengthy description of the summer workshops to be held at the University and at North Texas State College in connection with the meetings of the Music Selection Committees, we have received several requests from various institutions that we advertise their summer courses and workshops. As much as we would like to assist on this matter, we are forced to barely mention them in this column since our space is limited and this is the last issue for the year. May we suggest that if you are interested in any of these sessions, you write the Dean or Registrar of the institution concerned and get full details.

C. R. Hackney of Sam Houston State College at Huntsville announces "Six Weeks of Music Activities for Music Directors," June 1 through July 10 and President Wm. F. Kraushaar of Texas Lutheran College at Seguin announces a clinic for high school orchestra musicians, June 7-19 and a clinic for junior and senior high school choral and band musicians and twirlers, August 3-15. Most of the other colleges in the state plan some similar activity, so may we suggest that you pick the college of your choice and contact them for more details.

Debate and Speech Reception

Speech delegates are invited to hear The University of Texas debaters who are competing in the "Lutcher Stark Debate Prize" finals on the Texas High School Debate question, Atlantic Federal Union on Thursday May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the International Room, Texas Union. Immediately following the debate finals, a reception will be held by the Speech Department for all visiting speech delegates.

Journalism Conference Entertainment

A reception for University Interscholastic League Press Conference delegates will be given by the Austin High School chapter of Quill and Scroll, Thursday, May 7, from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., at the Scout Hall, University Methodist Church Education Building.
A lake boatride and picnic supper for journalism delegates will begin at 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 8. Full information on location and route will be available at ILPC registration desk.
Sessions of the Press Conference will be held in Geology Building 14, Friday, May 8, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and in rooms 203, 205, 209, 305 and 307 in the new Journalism Building, Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Saturday program will be in Geology Building 14, from 9:30 until 1:00 p.m.

Tennis Coaches' Meeting

Tennis Coaches' Board of Directors Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7 at the Campus Cafeteria, 504 West 24, one block west of Quadalupe, with Dr. D. A. Penick, manager of the Tennis Tournament, presiding.

The High School Tennis Coaches Association Breakfast will be held on May 8 at 7:30 a.m. at the Home Economics Tea Room, at \$1.00 a plate.

Tennis Clinic

Dr. D. A. Penick will hold a clinic on Penick Courts Friday at 9:00 a.m. assisted by Col. Allison and Miss O'Gara. Assignment to courts will be made at this time. After the clinic, contestants will find assignments posted on the bulletin boards at Penick and Freshman Courts.

Typing and Shorthand Conference

A conference for all coaches of Typing and Shorthand teams and for any other commercial teachers who desire to attend will be held in Waggener Hall 112, Friday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. Miss Florence Stulken, director of Typing and Shorthand Contests, will preside over the conference on interpretation of rules. The pre-contest discussion should save time Saturday in checking and rating papers. It is desirable for each person to bring a copy of the rules. There will be discussion of suggestions concerning revision of rules for future contests.

Annual Breakfast

The Interscholastic League Breakfast and State Meeting of Delegates will begin at 7:30 a.m., Saturday in the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill Hotel. Reservations are \$1.10 per plate and must be made at Registration Headquarters. There will be tickets on sale at the door if space is available.

Slide Rule Activities

Horace Staph, state director of Slide Rule, has organized for contestants and coaches: A conference Friday at 9:00 a.m., Architecture Bldg. 105; and a tour, centering around Physics Bldg. 418, at 10:30 a.m. Friday, to include a demonstration of Dr. S. Leroy Brown's mechanical harmonic analyzer which is capable of solving 15th degree and differential equations. The group will also meet representatives of the Mathematics Department.



We have had many requests from teachers for the titles of the plays that have won the District Meets. Since the District Meets were held earlier this year, we are pleased to have this information to pass along to you. With the exception of a few contests among the AA Conference Schools, all of the District One Act Play Meets are now over.

Here is a quick run-down of titles of District Winners for 1953: Cutting of ANTIGONE; THE ROMAN CERS; THE SILVER CORD, Act III; Cutting of BLITHE SPIRIT; PINK AND PATCHES (twice); THE ROCK; SPECIAL GUEST (twice); SUGAR AND SPICE; WHO GETS THE CAR TONIGHT. Also, HE DAY AFTER FOREVER (twice); THE RUNNING TIDE; THE WHITE LAWN; SENOR FREEDOM (twice); SPARKIN' (three times); THE BATHROOM DOOR; FOG ON THE VALLEY; Cutting of FAMILY PORTRAIT; LOST VICTORY (three times); ILE (twice); Cutting of I REMEMBER MAMA; THE VALIANT; Cutting of GLASS MENAGERIE (twice).

Also, FIRST DRESS SUIT; PERFECT GENTLEMAN (three times); BALCONY SCENE (twice); BREAD; OVERTONES; THE BISHOP'S CANDLESTICKS; GLORIA MUNDI; SUNDAY'S CHILD; SWEETMEAT GAME; FARCE OF THE WORTHY MASTER PIERRE PATELIN; MOONCALF MUGFORD (twice).

Also, DARK WIND (three times); LAND AND LARNIN'; AN TIC SPRING; AFTERWARDS; MINOR MIRACLE (five times); HAPPY JOURNEY; QUIET PLEASE; ANOTHER BEGINNING; SUPPRESSED DESIRES; Cutting of GREEN GROW THE LILACS; ANGEL STREET, Act III; CRIPPLED HEART; HIGH WINDOW; ONE WHO CAME TO GETTYSBURG.

Also, SISTERS MCINTOSH; AH, SWEET MYSTERY; NO BODY SLEEPS; WHERE THE CROSS IS MADE; MADAME PRESIDENT; PINK DRESS; DOUBLE DATE; ALL AMERICAN; CALL ME MAC; ROAD INTO THE SUN; ANDANTE; SO WONDERFUL IN WHITE; Cutting of ARSENIC AND OLD LACE; JINXED; BLUE BEADS (twice); THE DEAR DEPARTED; FOG; TOOTH OR SHAVE.

Some of the other interesting entries this year from which no report has been received yet (April 10) are these:

Cutting of YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU; Cutting of MEDEA; Cutting of LITTLE FOXES; Cutting of LADIES OF THE JURY; Cutting of HOME OF THE BRAVE; Cutting of MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT; Cutting of VICTORIA REGINA; EL CHRISTO; PRINCESS MARRIES THE PAGE; BOX AND COX.

SURVEY REPORT
An interesting summary of a survey conducted by the National Secondary Committee on Speech and Drama has come to our attention, and we are passing some of the information along to you. How does your program stack up with the average across the nation?

To the question: "What do you regard as an adequate program of dramatic productions for public performance for the average high school?" The 150 directors reporting said an average of "2.7 full length plays are recommended for the school year."

TO THE QUESTION: "What types of full-length plays should be chosen?" Practically all of the directors chose comedy, first; serious play second; and if there is a third play, a mystery or comedy. Poor choices according to this group were, in this order: children's plays; classics; and farces (this received lowest rating of all).

About half of the directors favored production of an operetta in addition to the production of one or more full-length plays. About one-third of the directors favored production of a revue in addition to one or more full-length plays. About a fourth of the directors favored production of a pageant in addition to the production of one or more full-length plays.

About half of the directors recommended production of from 5 to 9 one-act plays a year. About one-fourth thought one to five one-act plays were enough. The other fourth of the directors thought schools ought to do over nine one-act plays a year (average number, 15).

BY FAR the largest number (95%) recommended a predominance of comedies for use in high

Educational Theatre: A New Definition Of Its Aims and Broader Opportunities

By MAJOR LOREN WINSHIP

(Editor's Note: Major Winship, presently on leave in the Air Force, will resume the Chairmanship of the Department of Drama, University of Texas, next fall. He has given a great deal of time and thought to the following article on the aims and objectives of educational theatre.)

An understanding of scholastic drama depends largely upon the ability of educators, especially those engaged in play production and the teaching of drama, to define educational theatre and to establish basic objectives and an acceptable philosophy for theatre in the schools.

EDUCATIONAL THEATRE is a term which has varying connotations for different persons. It is a term which is peculiarly susceptible to misunderstanding. Educators frequently refer to it as scholastic drama, dramatics, or drama. Those in the professional theatre often refer to the educational theatre as the tributary, non-commercial, amateur, or non-professional theatre.

While several different titles can be applied to the theatre of the schools, there exists an even larger number of varying concepts concerning its nature. The typical public school administrator thinks of it as an extracurricular activity related to "putting on the junior and senior class plays." Most teachers, including many of those who direct such productions, share this concept of school dramatics. Some college and university speech instructors still accept the philosophy that educational theatre is a part of the "speech family." In recent years certain educators, who are apparently convinced that dramatics should be considered a liberal arts subject, have classified it in the general field of communications along with journalism, literature, speech, English, and

foreign languages. Some teachers think of dramatics as a device to be used primarily for the purpose of improving the cultural and literary understanding of the students. There are still those to whom the theatre is an immoral activity, sinful, wasteful of time, and contrary to Biblical law and commandment. It is likely that most of those who are concerned with educational processes consider acting to be the predominant, and in some instances, the only phase of educational theatre which is normally included in the curriculum. Finally, there are some persons who accept generally the description and definition of educational theatre which is based on the teachings of George Pierce Baker, Thomas Wood Stevens, and other pioneers in this field.

REPEATEDLY, contemporary writers in the field of educational theatre have stressed the need to realize that the art of theatre is a creative art which includes all other arts, that it relates itself to the various ramifications of the sciences and of the humanities, and that it is an art which exerts an influence upon almost every aspect of human behavior. The universal appeal of the theatre to man's deepest instincts is clearly presented by Gassner in the preface of his book on the history of the drama.

"This book is an attempt to pay homage to one of the greatest mediums of human expression. It regards the drama as a comprehensive art that is inalienable from civilization. The drama arose out of the fundamental human needs in the dawn of civilization and has continued to express them for thousands of years. It represents humanity in moments of maximum tension, conflict, and crisis . . . and levies tribute upon all the arts in order to achieve this purpose . . . The impulse for dramatization can not be suppressed for long."

How, then, shall educational theatre be defined? Perhaps it may be defined most completely by describing the principal objective which has been placed in the book by ballot of the member schools.

who work in play production. Such an activity makes a definite contribution to the improvement of democratic processes of the community.

MODERN EDUCATIONAL theatre is a creative activity which has personal and therapeutic values. The student develops such qualities as self confidence, poise, cooperativeness, initiative, resourcefulness, self control and self discipline, and a sense of understanding and appreciation of the abilities and efforts of others. He learns the importance of systematic organization, orderly procedure, and detailed planning because even the most casual type of play production encourages and requires the development of organizational abilities.

The student in the educational theatre experiences keenly the feeling of belonging, he is provided with a controlled outlet for physical, emotional, and mental disturbances which seem common to most young people. He discovers through dramatics a more definite purpose for staying in school and an acceptable reason for giving closer attention to other scholastic pursuits. If he is shy, he is taught to overcome shyness. If he is too aggressive, he learns to temper his aggressiveness with consideration for others. In play production he finds an opportunity to expend excess energy in a constructive and educationally productive way, to develop his imagination, and to use his leisure hours to better advantage.

THUS, THE educational theatre is a creative segment of academic life which becomes more than an extracurricular activity, more than a medium of entertainment, more than a mere production of a class play, more than a minor phase of some integrated program or a few subjects in a combination department. Educational theatre is one of the fine arts which provides for the student vocational opportunities which increase in number each year.

It provides actual experience in practicing democratic principles of living which increase his potential worth to his community. It supplies personal and therapeutic values for the student which give him a greater emotional and mental stability, and which enhance his chances to provide an adequate livelihood for himself and his dependents.

Modern educational theatre is a creative, democratic activity. Students learn the principles of democracy and civic responsibility because these principles are inherent in an effective educational theatre program. Working together in close harmony of a play company, establishing the esprit de corps which occurs so naturally during rehearsal periods, assuming responsibilities as crew members, coordinating all work projects to meet a deadline, settling with tolerance and understanding the differences of opinion and procedure which are always present in a free society, learning to command and be commanded: these are aspects of functional democracy and community leadership which are encountered daily by all

Spring Ballots Must Be Cast By April 26 on 3 Questions

Now in the hands of school administrators throughout the state are two ballots containing important matters for the Interscholastic League as a whole.

One ballot contains the two items which the League's Legislative Advisory Council asked a referendum on, and the other contains the debate question for 1953-54.

LAST NOVEMBER the Advisory Council recommended that a referendum be submitted on the Spring Football Training Rule, and on the Out-of-State Competition Rule. Both are of considerable importance, and all school administrators are urged to use their right to vote on the rules which govern their activities.

In the case of the Spring Training Rule, two alternates are offered as proposed changes to Football Rule 30. Vote by conference is required, with majority to govern in each conference. The first choice listed on the ballot would set up spring football practice on the basis of 21 consecutive calendar days. Fall football practice would be permitted no earlier than one week prior to the first Friday in September, and no game would be permitted until the second week-end after the beginning of fall practice.

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THE SECOND ITEM on the ballot is a proposed amendment to Article VIII, Section 20, the Out-of-State Competition Rule. If the proposed amendment is approved, a further exception to the rule would go into the books. At present the rule forbids participation in out-of-state athletic contests which have not been approved by the State Executive Committee, but specifically excludes regularly scheduled school games arranged by school officials. The amendment would also make an exception, from enforcement of the rule, to "athletic contests participated in between the closing and opening of the participant's school terms," provided the Amateur and Awards Rules are not violated. Effective date of the change, if approved would be the school year 1954-55.

Next year's debate question will be determined by a separate ballot, sent with the larger. It will be on the general topic of "How should we select the President of the United States." The specific wordings on which choice is offered are:

"Resolved, That the President of the United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people," or

"Resolved, That the electoral vote of each of the states should be cast in proportion to its popular vote."

ALL BALLOTS are marked for return to the League Office by April 26. R. J. Kidd, League Director, asks that any administrator who has not received a copy of these ballots contact the League Office immediately. A duplicate will be mailed.

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MILDRED BROWN



TALKA HARBER

Girls Take Top Honors In Typing, Shorthand

Winner of the 1952 first place awards in Conference A typing and shorthand, the first person to win both awards in Interscholastic League history, was Mildred

Slide Rule Meeting Set at UT May 8

The Annual Slide Rule Conference will be held in The University of Texas Architecture Building, Room 105, starting at 9:00 a.m., May 8. Announcement of time and place was made by Horace Staph, State Director of the Slide Rule Contest.

"Parents and friends are welcome, as well as contestants and directors," Director Staph states. "The program hasn't reached its final form, but tentative plans are for greetings to be extended to you from representatives of the engineering and mathematics departments. Then will follow a discussion of problems encountered during this year's Slide Rule Contests, discussion of the rules, and finally, outlining of the procedure to be followed in the State Meet Slide Rule Contest itself."

Among other things on the schedule, Mr. Staph lists a 10:30 a.m. visit to the Physics Building for a look at Dr. S. Leroy Brown's mechanical harmonic analyzer.

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UIL Revises State Meet Housing Plan

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Austin during the State Meet for their senior classes or some other group. This practice causes considerable difficulty for League officials and much inconvenience for the qualified contestants and sponsors. Please schedule this senior trip at some other time.

Austin is equipped to care for six thousand people directly concerned with the State Meet very comfortably, but a great deluge of excursions of one kind or another makes it very difficult for the League to provide accommodations, necessary for qualified people.

As a service to schools desiring hotel accommodations, the League has compiled a directory of the Austin hotels at which reservations have been blocked during past years. If time permits, the reservation clerks at these hotels desire

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The procedure for requesting assistance on lodgings during the 1953 State Meet will be the same as it has been in the past. After reports are received in the State office from Regional Director Generals, principals, or superintendents of schools listed on these reports having qualified contestants to the State Meet will be sent a letter containing specific information concerning housing and an application form upon which a request for assistance may be made.

This form is actually a contract, which when properly executed, obligates the school to pay for any charges resulting from the request. When an administrator fills out this blank, whether or not confirmation is received prior to the State Meet, he should be certain that the lodgings so requested are filled at the time listed on the request.

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Interscholastic League Calendar 1953 - 1954

- September 1—Fees for 1953-1954 accepted. Constitution and Rules available.
- (Note: All schools should keep membership receipt on file. Grade schools now pay nominal fee of \$1.00.)
- September 15—Last day for filing acceptance of Football Plan.
- September 17—Last day for meeting of District Football Committees to be called by Temporary Chairman.
- October 15—Last day for filing acceptance of Boys and Girls Basketball Plans.
- October 15—Last day for District Basketball organization.
- October 24—Student Activities Conference, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.
- October 24—Student Activities Conference, University of Houston, Houston.
- November 7—Student Activities Conference, Abilene Christian College, Abilene.
- November 14—Student Activities Conference, Kilgore College, Kilgore.
- November 21—Student Activities Conference, University of Texas, Austin.
- November 21—Last day for certifying Conferences AA, A and Six-Man District Football Champions.
- November 28—Last day for certifying Conferences AAAA, AAA and B District Football Champions.
- December 1—Last day for filing Music Acceptance Cards.
- December 3—Last day for filing entry in One-Act Play Contest.
- December 12—Student Activities Conference, Odessa College, Odessa.
- To Be Set—Student Activities Conference, Texas Technological College, Lubbock.
- January 9—Student Activities Conference, Sam Houston State College, Huntsville.
- To Be Set—Student Activities Conference, West Texas State College, Canyon.
- January 15—Last day for filing entry in Journalism Contest as Interscholastic League Press Conference member.
- January 15—Last day for paying League Membership fee.
- January 16—Student Activities Conference, Texas College of Arts & Industries, Kingsville.
- January 23—Student Activities Conference, Southwestern University, Georgetown.
- February 1—Last day for organizing District Spring Meets.
- (Note: Please send name of your Chairman to State Office.)
- February 15—Student Activities Conference, S. F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches.
- February 20—Last day for certifying Conferences AAAA, AAA, AA, A & B District Boys' Basketball Champions.
- February 27—Regional Boys' Basketball play-offs for Conferences AA, A & B.
- February 27—Bi-district Boys' Basketball Play-offs, Conferences AAAA & AAA.
- February 27—Last day for certifying Conferences AA, A and B District Girls' Basketball Champions.
- March 1—Last day for filing Acceptance of Baseball Plan.
- March 4, 5, 6—State Boys' Basketball Tournament.
- March 6—Last day for Regional play-offs, Conferences AA, A & B Girls' Basketball.
- (Note: Conferences AA and A merge at Regional play-off.)
- March 6, 7—Student Activities Conference for holding District Spring Meets.
- March 11, 12, 13—State Girls' Basketball Tournament.
- March 15—Last day for organizing Baseball Districts.
- March 27—Last week-end for holding District One-Act Play contests, Conferences A and B.
- April 9-16—Week for holding Area One-Act Play Contests.
- April 17—Last week-end for holding District Spring Meets.
- April 24—Regional Meets.
- May 6, 7, 8—State Meet; 27th Annual Interscholastic League Press Conference Convention.
- May 15—Last day for certifying District Baseball Champions, Conferences AA, A and B.
- May 25—Final day for determining bi-district champions, Conference AA Baseball.
- June 2, 3, 4—Conference AA State Baseball Tournament.
- June 4—Last day for determining Regional Conference A Baseball champions.
- June 4—Last day for determining bi-district Conference B Baseball champions.

Claude and New Deal Win Basketball Titles

Thirty-four of 68 conference and state records in girls basketball were changed as the result of the Third Annual State Tournament, March 12-13-14.

When three days of basketball were over, Claude had successfully defended its Conference B state title for the second time, to become the second team in Interscholastic League basketball history to win three consecutive championships. In Conference A-AA, defending champion Hamilton was knocked out in the second round of tournament play, and New Deal became the new champion.

CLAUDE'S VICTORY over Bryson in the final game, 40-30, continued the reign of the Panhandle team that has dominated the Class B play since the beginning of League's girls' basketball. New Deal's victory over Whitesboro, 58-44, resulted in the crowning of the third champion in as many years in Conference A-AA. Comanche was the first big school champion, and was followed by Hamilton.

Bryson and New Deal, however, were the teams which did the most damage to the record book. LaRue Matlock, Bryson's star forward, and Wanda Arant of New Deal each scored 36 points for a new state individual high-scoring record, and their total was, of course, a new record in their respective conferences. Miss Arant also appears now in the state records as highest scorer in tournament history, with an aggregate of 87 points, as the high individual scorer in a championship game, with 32 points, as the individual with greatest total of field goals in a tournament (41) and the most field goals in a single game (17). All these are, of course, new marks in the Conference A-AA records.

BRYSON'S re-writing of the records also included the highest team score in tournament history—68 points, and the highest aggregate for a single game, when the 68 points were combined with Magnolia's 43, for a new total of 111 points. Bryson also scored the most field goals in a single game—29. These were all new state records. Additional records in Conference B resulted from Bryson's showing in the tournament, when LaRue Matlock hit 15 field goals for a conference mark for a single game.

By coincidence, the only other changes in Conference B records resulted from the low-scoring contest between Bryson and Claude for the championship. Each team went into the books for aggregate low scoring in a Class B championship game, and for winning and losing teams' low scoring.

Other changes in Conference A-AA records included a new high for team scoring in championship game—58 points, a new high aggregate scoring in one game for the conference—102 points, when New Deal and Whitesboro played, a new low team scoring mark in one game—16 points, by Vidor,

and two new free throw marks. Billie Earl of Whitesboro sank 13 free throws for a new record, and Joella McMillan of Carrizo Springs hit eight consecutive free throws for a new mark in this field. Miss McMillan's achievement is also a new state record.

CONFERENCE A-AA opened the tournament with a quarter-final match between Nocona and Hamilton, which the defending champions won 50-43. Whitesboro came from behind to down Jasper 40-39 in the second game. Muleshoe took the third game from Carrizo Springs 41-30, and New Deal won the final game in the opening round of play 58-16, from Vidor.

In semi-final play, Hamilton lost in the final seconds to Whitesboro, 52-48, and New Deal defeated Muleshoe 32-24 in a game which featured exceptionally fine defensive play.

The state championship in Conference A-AA was decided by New Deal's 58-44 victory over a game Whitesboro squad that put up an exceptionally strong fight despite injuries.

IN CONFERENCE B, Claude took the first game in the opening round, from Van Horn, 45-20. Emory won the second game, 37-32, from Ben Bolt. Leakey defeated Avoca 49-38, and Magnolia lost to Bryson in the record-breaking 68-43 match.

Semi-final victories were won by Claude, 37-32 over Emory, and Bryson, 38-37, over Leakey. Claude's third championship came with the 40-30 victory over Bryson.

CONFERENCE AA

Following is a list of the district winners in this conference, arranged numerically: Perryton, Tulia, Wellington, Colorado City, Spur, Muleshoe, Burk Burnett, Lakeview (San Angelo), Comanche, Nocona, Mesquite, Sherman, Sulphur Springs, (District 14 did not participate), Jacksonville, Jasper, Humble, (District 18 did not participate), Hamilton, Georgetown, Fredericksburg, Bellville, West Columbia, Angleton, Vidor, Uvalde, Beeville, Aransas Pass, Weslaco.

CONFERENCE A

District winners were: Panhandle, Dimmitt, New Deal, Morton, Marfa, Sonora, Roby, Cross Plains, Henrietta, Bridgeport, Granbury, Plano-Seagraves (co-champions in District 12), Whitesboro, James Bowie of Simms, White Oak, Leverett's Chapel at Overton, Hemphill, Elkhart, Dayton, Rockdale, Mason, Columbus, East Central of San Antonio, Kerens, Sweeny, Kenedy, Carrizo Springs, George West-Three Rivers (co-champions in District 28), Premont, Lyford.

A-AA REGIONAL WINNERS

Conferences AA and A were merged in the Regional tournaments. Winners were: Region I, New Deal; Region II, Muleshoe; Region III, Nocona; Region IV, Whitesboro; Region V, Jasper; Region VI, Hamilton; Region VII,

Vidor; Region VIII, Carrizo Springs.

CONFERENCE B

District winners: Gruver, Moebette, Claude, Lakeview, Cotton Center, Bula at Enochs, Idalou, Peacock, Meadow, Klondike at Lamasa, Friona, Rule, Paint Creek at Haskell, Pottsview, Lipan, Bula at Clyde, Olden, Early at Brownwood, Rochelle, Avoca, McCaulley, Bronte, Knott, Mozelle at Fisk, (Districts 25 and 26 did not participate), Lockett at Vernon, Forestburg, Bryson, Collinsville, Celina, Krum, Crandall, Burleson, (District 35 did not participate), Springtown, Richland, Penelope (by default), Chilton, Windom, Delmar at Howland, Avery, Kil-dare, Boles Home at Quinlan, Kemp, Arp, Karnack, Gary, Harmony at Gilmer, Central Heights at Nacogdoches, Slocum, West Delta at Klondike, Sulphur Bluff, Emory, Zavalla, Bronson, Fannett at Beaumont, Warren, Goodrich, Glover at Augusta, Buffalo, Somerville, Garwood, Hitchcock, Magnolia, Hardin, Burton, Shiner, Troy, Leander, Lomet, Prairie Lea, Medina, Big Wells, Utopia, Leakey, Jourdan, Poth, Tidehaven at El Maton, Woodsboro, Tuloso-Midway at Corpus Christi, Ben Bolt, Los Fresnos, Valentine, Rankin, Balmorhea, Van Horn.

Representation to the State Tournament from this conference was determined by regional playoffs, with the following results: Region I, Claude; Region II, Avoca; Region III, Bryson; Region IV, Emory; Region V, Magnolia; Region VI, Leakey; Region VII, Ben Bolt; Region VIII, Van Horn.

Foreign Students At UT Total 404

The University of Texas has 404 foreign students from 66 political sub-divisions of the world outside the continental U.S., Joe W. Neal, International Advisory Office director, announced recently.

Of the total, 348 are men and 56 women, an analysis of the international enrollment shows. More of the undergraduate students are studying engineering than any other subject—152. The Graduate School claims 123, many of whom are also studying engineering.

Iraq has 40 students registered to lead the list of countries represented. Mexico is second with 24. Altogether, 226 students come from outside the Western Hemisphere and 178 from this half of the globe (including 150 from Latin America). Of the 404, 167 are new at the University this year.

The University's foreign-student enrollment has grown steadily since World War II. The first semester of 1946-47 found 249 registered, compared with this semester's 404. This year's international enrollment includes representatives of the following:



NEW A-AA CHAMPION—New champion of Conference A-AA is New Deal High School. The Lionses won 41 games without a defeat during the season to become the only undefeated team in League girls' basketball. Members of the new title winners are, back row, left to right, Assistant Coach Vera Nell Davis, JoAnn Perrin, Wanda Arant, Mary Ann Looney, Novella Abbe, Maxine

Wales, Pat Crews, Linda Kay Miller, Anniece Durham, Ruth Cox, JoAnn Ashmore, and Coach Toby Waggoner. Front row, left to right, are Manager Dolores Reagan, Vana Snider, Sylvia Wright, Charlie Meyer, Salla Croasnoe, Yvonne Wright, Jerry Sue Perrin, Shirley Davis, Rita Bumpass and Manager JoAnne Linccuum.

Postsprints on Athletics

Brief Athletes on Amateur Rule

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SUMMER'S COMING

With the approach of the summer months, and especially the baseball and rodeo seasons, a word of caution relative to participation in these events by high school students is in order. The Amateur Rule, Article VIII, Section 8, is the item which may be violated unless coaches and administrators advise their athletes of this provision. It is the responsibility of the school authorities to have group meetings of all athletes and to inform them completely of all League eligibility rules, especially those relating to scholarship and the Amateur Rule.

AMATEUR RULE

The Amateur Rule is violated when any pupil receives cash or valuable consideration for teaching, officiating or participating in any athletic sport, or game, or who in any game outside of games played as a member of his school team or the League has, within the last twelve months, competed on an athletic team with a paid player or contestant, or who for valuable consideration has allowed his name to be used for the promotion of any product, plan or service. The following activities are considered athletic sports or games: baseball, basketball, bowling, boxing, football, golf, rodeo events, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, weight lifting, and wrestling. This rule does not apply to pupils who were under fifteen years of age at the time payment for athletic services was made. A pupil adjudged by an appropriate committee to be in violation of this rule is ineligible for one year from the time of violation.

KNOW THE RULE

Violation of the Amateur Rule results not necessarily from participating in a rodeo even but from accepting cash or valuable consideration. In other words, a pupil

may enter a rodeo contest as an individual entry and win the event without violating the Amateur Rule—but if he accepts cash or valuable consideration he is in violation of this rule. A student who participates on the same team with a paid player is violating this rule. Please note that a pupil may play against a paid player but not on the same team. This is an essential interpretation as you could not expect a pupil to know the innately details relative to players on another team.

VALUABLE CONSIDERATION

The acceptance of cash or any item which has valuable consideration is a violation of this rule. Any item which has re-sale value is usually considered to have valuable consideration and includes such items as watches, boots, shirts, belts, etc. An appropriate committee must in the final analysis determine if an item has valuable consideration. Symbolic items such as trophies, cups and medals usually have no exchange value and are not in violation of the Amateur Rule, but could be of the Awards Rule unless they are given by an organization sponsoring the meet or tournament.

BASEBALL NOTES

A boy may participate in summer baseball under the following conditions and not violate the League's Amateur Rule:

- (1) He must not play on the same team with any paid player or any player who receives valuable consideration. He can play against other teams which may have paid players.
- (2) He cannot receive any expense money of any type for travel, meals or lodging. Any expense money must be handled by the manager of the team in the same way that the high school coach would handle the funds, and the boy must never receive any cash or transportation tickets.
- (3) Any money that may accrue from the gate receipts or from any other source cannot be distributed

among the players on a team without those players becoming paid players. If a high school boy played on this team he would then become ineligible as he has played with paid players.

(4) It should be kept in mind that any collection taken up at a game as a result of a person hitting a home run or doing any other outstanding feat would make the player accepting this money a paid player, and all players on that team would then become ineligible if they were high school students.

Be sure that the local manager of any baseball team your high school pupils play on knows the League's Amateur Rule and will abide by it, and above all is a man of integrity and honesty.

ACQUAINT PUPILS

School administrators and coaches should assume personal responsibility to see that all athletes, their parents, and local organization sponsoring the various summer athletic events know the League's Amateur Rule. Proper guidance and education can keep most organizations from offering cash or valuable consideration to high school students. Let's not have it said next fall that any student is ineligible for high school athletics because we failed to inform him about the League's Amateur Rule.

15 Stations Carry State Track Meet

Fifteen Texas State Network stations will carry the 1953 State Track and Field Meet on May 9.

The finals of the Forty-third annual meet will be broadcast starting at 2 p.m. on that day. The broadcast will originate from Memorial Stadium at The University of Texas, and will cover the events which determine state championships, plus a portion of the presentation ceremonies for some of the victors. The program is carried as a public service feature of TSN. Stations scheduling the broadcast are:

- KCRS, Midland; KFRO, Longview; WACO, Waco; KCMC, Texarkana; KABC, San Antonio; KPLT, Paris; KNOW, Austin; KTTB, Tyler; KRIO, McAllen; KRBC, Abilene; KGVL, Greenville; KFJZ, Fort Worth; KBWD, Brownwood; KTRH, Houston; and GKGL, San Angelo.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Question. Does a boy who has been a member of a basketball team and who has represented his school in one or more games, and then withdraws from the team, have the right to play on another team after he has withdrawn?

Answer. Under the definition of a high school team as found in Article VII, Section 22, any student who participates in any game which counts on League standing is a member of the team, and once he has played in a game which counts on League standing, in my opinion he is covered under Rule 29 of the boys' Basketball Plan, and may not participate on any non-school basketball team after the close of the school's regular season schedule.

Q. Does this rule apply while the season is in progress; that is, does a boy who is playing on the high school team have the right to participate with another team before the season closes?

A. Yes, in my opinion he may play on a non-school team up to the close of the school's regular season schedule, but after the close of the season schedule he may not participate on a non-school team without violating Rule 29 of the boys' Basketball Plan.

News and Views of the Coaches

By STAN LAMBERT
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The coaches may not have paid too much attention to news stories in the daily press and the big spread in last month's Leaguer telling about the League's winning its suit in the Texas Supreme Court upholding its authority to enforce Rule 34 in the U.I.L. Constitution and Rules. This was the suit instigated by Midwestern University of Wichita Falls enjoining the League from enforcing the rule that would outlaw the Oil Bowl game in Wichita Falls, which is played in Coyote Stadium. Probably most of the coaches who read it were not concerned one way or the other about Midwestern University nor the Oil Bowl game.

However the decision went much deeper than that so far as the high school coaching profession is concerned. The decision also gave the green light to the coaches' association's all-star game because that game was specifically excepted from the ban in Rule 34. One of Midwestern's appeals was that Rule 34 was discriminatory because of this stated exception. However the Texas Supreme Court did not see it that way, and consequently the coaches' association's North-South all-star football and basketball games have been given the stamp of approval of the highest court of the land.

ANOTHER COMPLIMENT

This is indeed the highest compliment that could be paid the Association for the manner in which it is administering the all-star games. When the Supreme Court says that this game is being conducted in such a manner that it makes a contribution to education, who is to dispute it? (Well, we could find people who would dispute it, but thank goodness what they may or may not think makes no difference.)

For example, The Big Ten, Pacific Coast, Big Seven and the Ivy League college conferences prohibit their coaches from coaching all-star teams of any kind. This rule prevents their coaches serving as instructors at our coaching school because the instructors also coach the all-star teams.

NOT REALLY AN ALL-STAR GAME

If all "all-star" games had been administered as the ones sponsored by the THSCA the above rules would never have been passed. They were passed because other states were using them as a medium for the recruiting of high school athletes. What those games amounted to was a "state fair" with athletes being put on exhibition and literally on the auction block to the highest bidder instead of prize cattle. Of course this had to be stopped, and the rules-makers killed the good in order to prevent the bad.

The Texas games, however, are entirely different—even to the point that they are not really "all-star" games. The various restrictions placed on the selection committees prove this beyond doubt. Instead of it being a state fair, the coaches' association has gone to the other extreme. It was the result of a request from the coaches' association that the SWC passed a rule prohibiting its "bird dogs" from contacting an all-star player from the time he left home for the all-star game until he returned. Another factor that has kept the conduct of the games free from commercialism is the fact that the Association divides its proceeds with nobody. It has turned down several lucrative offers in order to carry out this policy. All of which has resulted in these games continuing to live after the others have suffered an ignominious legislative death.

GOOD RELATIONS

The Supreme Court's decision upholding the League's authority to make this exception would have never been made without strong support from the League authorities. The League could have made Rule 34 read "all all-star games without exception" much easier than with the exception. Had the League chosen to "clip" the coaches' association of much of its power by limiting its income, this furnished the golden opportunity. It certainly did not lack for "precedent." Then when the issue went to the Supreme Court, the League could have eliminated that exception and made a stronger case because it would have automatically eliminated one of Midwestern's strong contentions. However, it refused again to compromise on the issue because it was convinced that these games were administered in such a manner that they made a direct contribution to the Texas education picture.

Girls' Basketball Coaches Organize

The Texas High School Girls' Basketball Coaches Association was organized on a temporary basis in Austin on Saturday, April 11, 1953. The following were elected as temporary officials:

President—Mrs. M. B. Harrison, Basketball Coach, Lampasas High School, Lampasas, Texas.

Vice-President—Mr. Toby Waggoner, Superintendent and Girls' Coach, New Deal High School, New Deal, Texas.

Treasurer—Miss Margaret Ross, Basketball Coach, Comanche High School, Comanche, Texas.

The first clinic will be held in Lubbock on a date to be announced in the near future. Plan to attend the clinic this summer.

PATH TO SUCCESS

Big men become big by doing what they don't want to do when they don't want to do it.

Do You Remember When ...?

Many Texans have cause to remember when Electra High School was dominating the sports scene in North Texas and the track and field scene in the state. This domination was not a one-year affair, but stretched for a full decade, from 1917 through 1927.

ELECTRA'S TRACK RECORD during this period is almost unequalled in League history. You may remember that the small school took state championships in 1919, 1923, and 1927, and rolled up so many county and district victories that as early as 1924 the school could point with pride to eight consecutive county championships, seven consecutive district championships, and two state championships in



1923 STAR—Electra's great star of the 1923 championship track and field team, was Lawton Thomas. He set a new record in the 440 in 1922 and broke it in 1923.

five years.

From this school during these years came some of the greatest track and field men of that day, men who continued to dominate the sports scene in college.

The 1919 championship team was composed of Alfred Johnson, Herschel Johnson, Barty Crass, Abe Lincoln, Burt Wright, Loda Burnett, and Tommy Barwise. In the State Meet that year, Alfred Johnson won the 120 yard hurdles in 14 4/5 seconds; Burnett took first in the mile run, in 4 minutes, 54 seconds; and the team piled up enough places to score 19 points and edge out Cleburne with 18 1/2. Crass won second in the 440, Johnson second in the 220, Lincoln third in the 220, and the relay team took fourth.

FROM THIS TEAM, Abe Lincoln and Alfred Johnson went on to become leading track and field men in the Southwest Conference, and Abe eventually became captain of the SMU track team.

Electra's championship team of 1923 had as its leaders two great athletes, Lawton Thomas and Harvey Stanford. Lawton won the 100-yard dash in 10 1/5 seconds, the 440 in a new-record time of 50 1/5 seconds, and second in the 880 yard run. Stanford won second in the high jump, second in the running broad jump, and third in the discus throw. The Electra point total was 21, well ahead of Wichita Falls' 16 (15 of which were scored by Leo Baldwin).

Thomas, who later ran the 100 in 9.9—an amazing performance for a school-boy of the day, defeated everyone who ran against him in the 440 both at the State

Meet, the Texas AAU Meet, and at the New Orleans Olympic eliminations. Only at the Olympic trials finals at Harvard University Stadium was he beaten. For a school boy, running against 21- to 24-year-old men, it was quite an accomplishment. Together, Thomas and Stanford almost won the United States championship in the Chicago Interscholastic Meet, failing by a point. Stanford entered all field events in that meet, and won first in high jump and broad jump.

BOTH THESE early championship teams were developed by B. M. Dinsmore, now County Superintendent at Wichita Falls. He was then an administrator in the Electra school system, coaching football, track, basketball and sometimes baseball on the side. For 11 years he coached all these events at Mineral Wells without assistance and without pay as a coach. During these years Dinsmore's teams lost only five football games, and had two undefeated and untied seasons. The next six years, while at Electra, Dinsmore created the great track teams that won the first two state championships. Speaking of those years, he said recently:

"We had a wonderful school spirit and many great athletic teams of all kinds. We had a balanced Interscholastic League program. There was not any phases of this program that we did not enter. All those years I remember with a great deal of joy and pleasure, even though I never did draw a salary for coaching at any time."

THE 1927 Electra team, was developed by Jimmie Reese, and in-

cluded such stars as Henry Culpepper, Sylvan Cloning, Curtis Echols and Marion Hammond. Culpepper became a champion hurdler in the College Class, running for North Texas State College. Hammond became an all-American tackle for SMU, and was outstanding with the discus and shotput. In 1927, Electra scored 19 1/2



1919 TRACK CHAMPIONS—Electra High School won the Conference A track championship in 1919, the first of three state victories in track and field. The 1919 team was made up of, left to right, back row, Alfred Johnson, Wendall Douglass, Barty Crass, Herschel Johnson. Front row, Loda Burnett, Coach B. M. Dinsmore, Bert Wright and Tommy Barwise. Abe Lincoln was also a member of the team, but was not in the picture.

points, well ahead of Freeport, with 12 points.

Taken all together, the accomplishments of the Electra track stars will be long on the record books, and Electra's three championships in eight years in Conference A (top conference then) is a record few schools have matched.