

Choral Sessions Prove Profitable

By the middle of November, Choral Clinic-Workshops will have been held in nine areas of the State co-sponsored by the University Interscholastic League and local colleges and universities. It is still too early for final attendance reports, but judging from the effort which has been expended by the local host institutions in securing outstanding authorities in the field of choral music, many Texas students and teachers will profit.

For the first time since the idea of choral workshops was initiated by the League, there is considerable competition for performance times on the workshop schedules. More choirs wish to perform for criticism than there is time for in the one-day schedule. The original idea of allowing an entire choral unit to perform under the direction of the local instructor seems to have been an improvement over the customary procedure of selecting an "all district" choir to perform with the guest conductor.

The first Choral Workshops held during this school year were at the University of Houston and at Texas Christian University. Dr. Merrill Lewis and the University of Houston brought Dr. Orville Borchers of Southern Methodist University to Houston as clinic director on November 7. The staff of Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, Dr. T. Smith McCorkle and Dr. Charles F. Lehman, teamed up to work with the choral groups from Region X and vicinity also on November 7.

The city-wide workshop sponsored by the San Antonio Independent School District and the League was organized by G. Lewis Doll. Dr. Norman Lockwood, the new Dean of Music at Trinity University worked with the San Antonio choirs on Nov. 10. Dr. Dallas Draper from Louisiana State University was the guest of Lamar College of Beaumont and George Parks, Chairman of the Music Department at the divisional workshop at Beaumont on Nov. 13. W. Edward Hatchett, chairman of the Choral Division of the Texas Music Educators Association was the clinic conductor for the Region VI workshop at the University of Texas on Nov. 13. Dr. E. W. Doty, Dean of the College of Fine Arts, Dr. Archie N. Jones and Dr. Benjamin Bakkegard served as host-chairmen and section clinicians.

Four areas sponsored workshops on Nov. 14: Tarleton State College at Stephenville, Baylor University at Waco, Sam Houston State College at Huntsville and Odessa College at Odessa. Dr. J. Campbell Wray of Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Dr. Robert Hopkins and Miss Ruth Miller of Baylor and Mrs. Renee Slate of Huntsville were the Texas educators who worked with these workshops and Odessa College brought Dr. Harry Robert Wilson from New York to work with the Region VIII affair at Odessa.

Five workshops are scheduled for the first two weekends in December. Dr. James E. Richard and Floyd Hanson of East Texas State College in Commerce will combine their efforts and works with the choral groups of Northeast Texas in Commerce on Dec. 4. Arrangements have been completed to hold another workshop for Region X and parts of Regions I and II at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls on Dec. 5. William V. Boland, Director of Choral Activities at Midwestern has announced that Caro Carapetyan of the University of Michigan has been retained as clinic director.

Dr. Shelby Collier, Head of the Music Department at Wayland College will assist Dr. Gene L. Hemmle at the Region I workshop in Lubbock at Texas Technological College on Dec. 12. On the same day, Dr. Travis Shelton, Professor of Music Education at Southern Methodist University will be the clinic director for another Region II workshop at San Angelo College. Max Coggins will act as host chairman. Negotiations are still under way for a clinic director for the workshop scheduled at Stephen F. Austin State College in Nacogdoches. Dr. Frederick Beaumgardner and Lawrence Franks, Director of the Office of College Information will serve as host chairman for this activity on Dec. 12.

Dr. Houston Bright of West Texas State College in Canyon informs us that arrangements are complete for the workshop-festival to be held there on January 8. Dr. Archie N. Jones, Professor of Music Education at the University of Texas has been secured as clinic director.

All schools in the areas of these workshops are receiving special announcements from both the League Office and the sponsoring institutions several weeks before the announced dates.



DR. HARRY WILSON
... Consultant From Columbia University

Spring Meet Assignments, Directors' List Announced

Tentative List Names and Addresses of District and Regional Directors
This is the tentative list of schools participating in the spring activities of the League.

Concerning all details relating to the District Meet, communicate with your Director General. 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, Box 8028 University Station, Austin, Texas.

Note the strictly junior high school districts that have been set up. Other junior high schools may be placed in these districts upon request to the State Office. If any errors are discovered in the list please notify the State Office. Districts are urged to organize as quickly as possible in order that coaches and contest directors may make their plans.

CONFERENCE AA

Region I

District
1. Amarillo, Borger, Pampa, Plainview.

2. Big Spring, Lamesa, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa.

Region II

3. Abilene, Brownwood, San Angelo, Snyder, Sweetwater.

4. Breckenridge, Vernon, Wichita Falls, Weatherford.

5. Fort Worth: Arlington Heights, Center - Riverside, Fort Worth Technical, North Side, Paschal, Polytechnic.

Region III

6. Corsicana, Cleburne, Temple, Waco.

7. Arlington, Denton, Garland, Grand Prairie, Highland Park (Dallas), Irving, Pleasant Grove (Dallas).

8. Denison, Gainesville, Greenville, McKinney, Paris, Sherman.

9. Dallas: Crozier Technical, Forest Avenue, Hillcrest, North Dallas, South Oak Cliff, Sunset, Adamson, Wilson.

PROGRAM

Thirty-First Annual
Interscholastic League Breakfast and Section Meeting

Cactus Room, Hotel Adolphus
November 27, 1953, 7:30 A.M.

T. H. SHELBY, Dean Emeritus

Division of Extension, University of Texas

Presiding

J. O. WEBB, Houston, Secretary

League Section Motto:

Better Citizenship Through Contests

Invocation

Introduction of Speaker—Dean T. H. Shelby, Dean Emeritus,
Division of Extension, University of Texas

Address—"When Are Contests Desirable?"—Roy Bedichek

MENU
Fruit Juice
Crisp Bacon
Two Fried Eggs
Toast Jelly
Coffee

Reservations, \$1.75 per plate. Make sure of a place by forwarding \$1.75 to Miss Willie Thompson, Secretary of the League, Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Texas, at once. Tickets will be forwarded on receipt of price.

Advisory Panel Stands Pat On 'Pure Amateur' Ruling

The Advisory Council once again took the stand that there can be no compromise with true amateurism in declining to act upon a request for a less strict interpretation of the League's Amateur Rule.

The request for a more liberal view came from the Southwest Conference in recommending that high school athletes not be considered ineligible for further high school competition after signing a "letter of intent" or for accepting an expense paid visit to any Southwest Conference school for the purpose of considering an athletic scholarship.

D. X. Bible athletic director of the University of Texas; Howard Grubbs, executive secretary of the Conference; and Dr. H. B. Hart of TCU appeared on behalf of the Conference.

The three delegates pointed out that the letter of intent had re-

ceived unanimous support of all Conference schools and was very well received by high school administrators. They contended the signing of a letter of intent gave an athlete "peace of mind" in that he was not bothered by coaches of any other schools nor was he bothered by interested alumni of other schools after signing such a letter.

The Southwest Conference withdraws an athlete's freshman year and first year of varsity competition should a boy decide to change conference schools after signing such a letter.

The Conference delegation pointed out that the primary problem in recruiting high school athletes lies in limiting activity where alumni are involved with getting athletes to go to their school.

"We can't control it and I don't think you can. It's a situation you have to live with," Council members were told.

It was pointed out that in the first year of trial, Southwest Conference coaches did far less traveling and encountered less friction from rival schools because of the letter of intent.

One of the Conference delegation members said, "We are interested in the same boys for the same reasons you are. We're interested in the boys after you're through with them. We believe the letter of intent is definitely for the boy's best interest, the high school's, the college's, and everybody's welfare. The boy's welfare must come first if our programs are to mean anything."

The group also spoke on behalf of letting high school athletes accept expense-paid visits to campuses. It was pointed out that it would have to be on a day when such a school could "show itself to best possible advantage."

Again the matter of alumni pressure and encouragement was given as an unfortunate evil which must be lived with.

When the Council started its deliberation, one member said, "The Amateur Rule is basic philosophy. We cannot afford to throw away or set aside any part of the strict amateur rule."

It was suggested that a four-year the 118 high school athletes signing letters of intent last year was a very small percentage of the 75,000 boys participating in League football (including reserve and junior groups).

Another superintendent suggested that if the welfare of the boy really comes first, there can be no other course than to let the boy graduate without bothering him—then approach him about a scholarship.

It was suggested that four-year athletic scholarship is the equivalent of approximately \$5500 and must be considered promise of "valuable consideration." One member suggested that if the League approve such a request for the Southwest Conference, there would have to be later adjustments for letting a boy sign a professional baseball contract and not get paid until after he graduated.

A motion that the rule interpretation not to be changed to

permit athletes to accept money for travel and expenses to visit college campuses to consider athletic scholarships was unanimously passed.

Another motion to table the Southwest Conference request for more liberal interpretation of the letter of intent was passed by an overwhelming majority.

The Council heard a report from Pat Gerald, president of the

Texas High School Coaches Association in which he extended greetings to the Council and reported his group was completely satisfied with the way things were operating and has no suggestions for any anticipated changes.

L. W. McConachie, executive secretary of the High School Coaches Association also spoke briefly to the group.

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141 District Titles Almost Decided

During the last two weeks in November, 890 participating schools will finish their 141 district schedules in six football conferences and will certify their champions to the State Office.

The last day for certifying Conferences AA, A, and Six-man football district championships is Nov. 21, while Conferences B, AAAA, and AAA must certify district winners to the League Office by Nov. 28.

Conference B and Six-man football will compete for regional championships, with Conferences A, AA, AAA, and AAAA going to state championships.

The latter part of September each school participating in League football was sent an official list of football schools. The list was arranged by districts and regions. By reference to your official list the following elimination schedule will be understood:

CONFERENCE AAAA—Bi-district games and subsequent eliminations will be arranged in numerical order. The winner of District 1 vs. winner of District 2; 3 vs. 4, and so on.

CONFERENCE AAA—Bi-district games and subsequent eliminations will be arranged in numerical order. The winner of District 1 vs. winner of District 2; 3 vs. 4, and so on.

CONFERENCE AA—Bi-district games and subsequent eliminations will be arranged in numerical order. The winner of District 1 vs. winner of District 2; 3 vs. 4, and so on.

CONFERENCE A—Bi-district games and subsequent eliminations will be arranged in numerical order. The winner of District 1 vs. winner of District 2; 3 vs. 4, and so on.

CONFERENCE B—In each region four districts are listed. Bi-district games will be arranged in the order as listed. Example: Region 1, winner of District 1 vs. winner of District 2; winner of District 3 vs. winner of District 4.

SIX-MAN—In each region four districts are listed. Bi-district games will be arranged in the order as listed. Example: Region III, winner of District 9 vs. winner of District 10; winner of District 11 vs. winner of District 12.

The bi-district games, AAAA, AAA, and B, must be played not later than December 5, and for AA, A, and Six-man not later than November 28. In Conference B the survivors in each region will play for the regional championship not later than December 12, and in Six-man not later than December 5.

In games outside of the district in Conferences AAAA, AAA, AA, A, B, and Six-man, notice that the tie-games rule, Rule 14 of the Football Plan in the Constitution and Rules, applies.

District committees are reminded that in case two or more schools are tied for the district championship at the end of the regular season the committee must select the school to represent the district in inter-district play.

State elimination games may not be scheduled earlier than the first week after the certification date for district champions.

MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM COMPANY

1953 Championship Broadcasts

City	Station	Kilocycles
Abilene	KRBC	1470
Amarillo	KGNC	710
Austin	KNOW	1490
Austin	KTBC	590
Beaumont	KRIC	1450
Big Spring	KBST	1490
Breckenridge	KSTB	1430
Brownwood	KBWD	1380
Corpus Christi	KSIX	1230
Dallas	KRLD	1080
Dallas	WRR	1310
El Paso	KROD	600
Fort Worth	KFJZ	1270
Greenville	KGVL	1400
Houston	KTRH	740
Longview	KPRO	1370
Lubbock	KSEL	950
Lufkin	KTRE	1420
Midland	KCRS	550
Odessa	KOSA	1230
Palestine	KNET	1450
Paris	KPLT	1490
Port Arthur	KPAC	1250
San Angelo	KGKL	960
San Antonio	KABC	680
Sherman	KRRV	910
Temple	KTEM	1400
Texarkana	KCMC	1230
Tyler	KTBB	600
Waco	WACO	1460
Wichita Falls	KWFT	620

Change Proposed For Debate Plan

The Texas Speech Association committee, composed of Dr. Fred Barton, President, Abilene Christian College, Mrs. Jane Whitworth, Amarillo High School, and Miss Verna Harris, Midland High School and Dr. Crannell Tolliver, West Texas State College, Canyon, and Bruce Roach of the League Office, has proposed that the debate contest season be changed.

The Committee has recommended that the debate season start in January and close the second weekend in February with a "round-robin" in the district or a tournament within the district. First and second place district winners would then qualify for the Debate Regional Tournament the last weekend in February. The winners qualifying to the State Final Debate Tournament the second weekend of March.

Under such a plan of competition, the District Committee would be able to allow each school to enter two debate teams at the district meet and thus increase participation in this public speaking contest. This plan would eliminate one of the chief criticisms directed at the present debate procedure—that a student devotes many hours of work to debate and is eliminated in the first debate. The season has ended here.

It is further recommended that the main speech in debate be cut from 10 to 7 minutes and that the rebuttal speaker be limited to notes he has made during the debate. Such a plan would eliminate the "canned rebuttals" now in use. Judges would be instructed to place greater value on rebuttal speeches and less on the main speech.

The debate contest is in for a "general overhauling" and now is the time for any interested coaches or teachers to send in suggestions and ideas to improve it.

The State Executive Committee has suggested that social science teachers be encouraged to take over the Debate Contest and correlate the Debate questions with

the social science courses. Most debate questions are very closely related to state and national social science problems.

A special committee of school administrators has been devoting a considerable amount of time to revision and changes in the speech contest. Members of this committee are: Chairman R. B. Norman, Amarillo, Terrell Ogg, superintendent at Freeport; Q. M. Martin, superintendent at Carthage; E. B. Morrison, superintendent at Cuero; and Chester Strickland, superintendent at Denton.

ONE-ACT PLAY DEADLINE NEAR

December 3, 1953, is the deadline date for sending in the Entry Card for the One-Act Play Contest. If your school has not yet received an Entry Card, write a note to that effect to the State Office, and a card will be made out for you in order to protect your entry.

Advisory Council Complete With New Members' Election

Ten newly elected representatives are now serving on the Legislative Advisory Council. They are:

Region I, Conference AA, Superintendent Frank Monroe of Midland, replacing Principal R. B. Norman of Amarillo.

Region II, Conference AA, Principal O. T. Freeman of Wichita Falls, replacing Superintendent John F. Bailey of Breckenridge.

Region III, Conference A, Superintendent J. E. Gardner of Ennis, replacing Superintendent Dale Douglas of Pleasant Grove.

Region IV, Conference A, Superintendent E. D. Cleveland of Palestine, replacing Superintendent Hollis A. Moore of Tyler.

perintendent Fred Covin of Pittsburg, replacing Superintendent F. L. Moffett of Center.

Region VI, Conference A, Superintendent J. L. Buckley of Lockhart, replacing Superintendent Sterling H. Fly of Crystal City.

Region VI, Conference B, Superintendent P. J. Dodson of Bastrop, re-elected.

Region VII, Conference AA, Principal John S. Gillett of Kingsville, replacing Principal Minton White of Alice.

Region VII, Conference B, Superintendent G. M. Blackman of Banquete, replacing Superintendent Walter Coers of Los Fresnos.

perintendent Wright Chrane of Pyote, re-elected.

All but two of the representatives were elected to a full four-year term. Superintendent J. L. Buckley of Lockhart was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Sterling H. Fly who moved out of the district he represented, and Principal John S. Gillett of Kingsville was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Principal Minton White of Alice, who was transferred out of Region VII.

Superintendent Walter Coers of Los Fresnos and Principal R. B. Norman of Amarillo were pioneer members of the Legislative Advisory Council, Mr. Coers having served since its inception and Mr. Norman since 1945.

Old Water Bucket

With all of our knowledge and information about health and hygiene, one still sees the old time water bucket in use at many of the high school football games. The bucket is carried out on the field and all players dip water from it and perhaps later the team manager will dip a towel into the same bucket and run out on the field to rub the face of some boy who has been shaken up in a play.

One wonders how long it will take for schools to start using sanitary drinking cups at athletic events.

Local health authorities should not tolerate some of the practices now in vogue. It is no wonder that sometimes the entire team is stricken with virus and in some instances polio and other infections.

Check Spring Practice

It should be noted that Rule 30 of the Football Plan goes into effect at the close of the 1953 football season, and will be in effect for the 1954-55 school year. This means that in Conferences AAAA and AAA spring football practice shall be limited to 21 consecutive calendar days. In Conferences AA, A, B, and Six-man there shall be no football practice or scrimmages after the close of the district schedule except as incident to the football championship play-offs.

The first date for conducting fall practice in Conferences AAAA and AAA for the 1954 football season shall be August 27, 1954, and no game may be played prior to September 10, 1954.

In Conferences AA, A, B, and Six-man fall practice shall not commence earlier than August 23, 1954, and no game shall be played prior to September 3, 1954.

Grade Schools Compete

Last year there were more than ninety grade schools having spring meets in Texas.

"Little League" baseball has pointed up the importance of a good school athletic program for the under-twelve group. The League provides such a program and the rules for it. The League offers the following contests for grade school students: Personal Sense, Ready Writers, Declamation, Spelling and Plain Writing, Junior Track and Field, Playground Ball, Junior Tennis, Volley Ball, Picture Memory and Story Telling.

Grade schools may organize their meets in one of two ways: First, the grade school meet may be set up and run off along with the high school meet. Under this plan, the participants are limited to the schools in the conference and district to which the high school belongs.

Second, any group of grade schools, conveniently located, may organize an independent meet and elect their own director general and contest directors.

Whichever plan is adopted, the League office needs information from the Districts and schools as to the type of organization followed, the date and place of the meet, etc. Please advise the League office as soon as the district is organized and furnish the League office with the name and address of the Director General.

Regional Meets

- April 24, 1954**
- Region I**
Site: Texas Technological College, Lubbock.
Director General: Dr. P. Mervile Larson, Department of Speech, Texas Tech.
Conference AA: Districts 1 and 2, inclusive.
Conference A: Districts 1-8, inclusive.
Conference B: Districts 1-10, inclusive.
- Region II**
Site: Tarleton State College, Stephenville.
Director General: W. P. Showalter, Tarleton State.
Conference AA: Districts 3-5, inclusive.
- Region III**
Site: Howard-Payne College, Brownwood.
Director General: Dr. Z. T. Huff, Dean, Howard-Payne College.
Conference A: Districts 9-14, inclusive.
Conference B: Districts 11-23, inclusive.
- Region IV**
Site: S. F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches.
Director General: Edwin W. Gaston, Jr., S. F. Austin State College.
Conference AA: Districts 10 and 11, inclusive.
Conference A: Districts 15-23, inclusive.
- Region V**
Site: University of Houston, Houston.
Director General: Walter Williams, University of Houston.
Conference AA: Districts 12-14, inclusive.
Conference A: Districts 29-37, inclusive.
Conference B: Districts 57-67, inclusive.
- Region VI**
Site: Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos.
Director General: Dr. Pat H. Norwood, Southwest Texas State College.
Conference AA: Districts 15 and 16, inclusive.
Conference A: Districts 38-43, inclusive.
Conference B: Districts 68-78, inclusive.
- Region VII**
Site: Texas College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville.
Director General: Dr. Eldon D. Brimley, Texas College of Arts and Industries.
Conference AA: Districts 17 and 18, inclusive.
Conference A: Districts 44-48, inclusive.
Conference B: Districts 79-86, inclusive.
- Region VIII**
Site: El Paso.
Director General: J. M. Hanks, Superintendent, Ysleta.
Conference AA: District 19, inclusive.
- Region IX**
Site: Odessa Junior College.
Director General: Jack Rodgers, Vice-President, Odessa Junior College.
Conference B: Districts 87-92, inclusive.

STATE MEET
May 6, 7, and 8, 1954
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

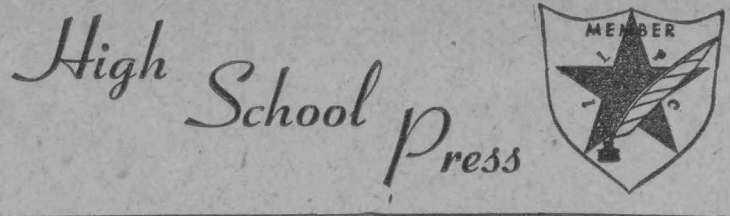


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Check Your District and Regional Spring Meet Assignments

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- District**
2. Austin Junior (Amarillo), Borger Junior, Houston Junior (Amarillo), Mann Junior (Amarillo), Nixon Junior (Amarillo), Pampa Junior.
- Region IV**
3. Canadian, Childress, Clarendon, LeFors, Memphis, McLennan, Panhandle, Shamrock, Wellington, White Deer, Abert, Crosbyton, Floydada, Lockney, Odessa, Paducah, Ralls, Spur, Tulia.
- Region V**
4. Brownfield, Levelland, Littlefield, Morton, Muleshoe, Post, Slaton, Tahoka.
- Region VI**
5. Bowie Junior (Odessa), Crockett Junior (Odessa), Hutchinson Junior (Lubbock), Matthews Junior (Lubbock), Midland Junior (Lubbock), Slaton Junior (Lubbock), Snyder Junior, Thompson Junior (Lubbock).
- Region VII**
6. Alpine, Crane, Fort Stockton, McCombs, Marfa.
- Region VIII**
7. Andrews, Denver City, Kermit, Monahans, Pecos, Seminole.
- Region IX**
8. Anson, Haskell, Stamford, Throckmorton.
- Region X**
9. Brownwood Junior, Edison Junior (San Angelo), North Junior (Abilene), Reagan Junior (Sweetwater), Lee Junior (San Angelo), South Junior (Abilene).
- Region XI**
10. Colorado City, Hamlin, Merkel, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan.
- Region XII**
11. Ballinger, Brady, Coleman, Lakeview (San Angelo), Winters.
- Region XIII**
12. Cisco, Comanche, De Leon, Dublin, Granbury, Hamilton, Ranger, Stephenville.
- Region XIV**
13. Burnet, Fredericksburg, Goldthwaite, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Marble Falls, San Saba.
- Region XV**
14. Archer City, Burk Burnett, Chillicothe, Crowell, Electra, Holliday, Iowa Park, Quanah, Olney, Seymour.
- Region XVI**
15. Birdville (Fort Worth), Bowie, Brewer (White Settlement), Fort Worth, Decatur, Diamond Hill (Fort Worth), Graham, Handley (Fort Worth), Henrietta, Jacksboro, Mineral Wells, Newcastle, Nocona, Denton, Justin.
- Region XVII**
16. Denton Junior, Gainesville Junior, Greenville Junior, North Texas Junior (Denton), Reagan Junior (Wichita Falls), Vernon Junior, Weatherford Junior, Zundelwitz Junior (Wichita Falls).
- Region XVIII**
17. Fort Worth: Carter-Riverside Junior, Dazgett Junior, Elder Junior, James Junior, McLean Junior, Meadowbrook Junior, Monning Junior, Parker Junior, Rosemont Junior, Stripling Junior.
- Region XIX**
18. Gatesville, Groesbeck, Itasca, La Vega (Waco), Marlin, Mart, McGregor, Teague, Waco Technical, West.
- Region XX**
19. Central Junior (Temple), Cleburne Junior, Corsicana Junior, East Junior (Waco), Lamar Junior (Bryan), North Junior (Waco), Reagan Junior (Temple), South Junior (Waco), West Junior (Waco).
- Region XXI**
20. Athens, Ennis, Hillsboro, Mexia, Waxahachie.
- Region XXII**
21. Garland Junior, Grand Prairie Junior, Highland Park Junior (Dallas), Irving Junior, Pleasant Grove Junior (Dallas), Scott Junior (McKinney).
- Region XXIII**
22. Benham, Carrollton, Lancaster, Mesquite, Plano, Rockwall, Seagrave, Terrell.
- Region XXIV**
23. Canton, Edgewood, Grand Saline, Mineola, Pine Tree (Greggton), Van, Willis Point, Commerce, Gilmer, Mount Pleasant, Mount Vernon, Pittsburg, Talco, Sulphur Springs, Wynnboro.
- Region XXV**
24. Hogg Junior (Tyler), Kilgore Junior, Longview Junior, Lufkin Junior, Marshall Junior, Roberts Junior (Tyler), Rusk Junior (Nacogdoches), Texarkana Junior.
- Region XXVI**
25. Bangs, Blanket, Brookesmith, Early (Brownwood), May, Santa Anna, Zephyr.
- Region XXVII**
26. Edin, Eola, Lohn, Lometa, Melvin, Millersville, Paint Rock, Richland Springs, Rochelle.
- Region XXVIII**
27. Aspermont, Avoca, Hawley, Lawn, Leaders, Noodle (Merle) Old Glory, South Taylor County (Tuscola), Trent, Wylie (Abilene).
- Region XXIX**
28. Blackwell, Divide (Nolan), Flavanna, Hermleigh, Highland (Roscoe), Hobbs (Rotan), Ira, Lorraine, McCaulley, Westbrook.
- Region XXX**
29. Ballinger Junior, Barnhart, Bronte, Mertzon, Miles, Norton, Robert Lee, Wall, Water Valley.
- Region XXXI**
30. Burkett, Centennial (Valera), Coleman Junior, Mozelle Junior (Channelview), Galena Park Junior, Mann Junior (Baytown), Smiley Junior (East and Mt. Houston, Houston), Travis Junior (Conroe), Woodland Acres Junior (Galena Park).
- Region XXXII**
31. Alvin Junior, Angleton Junior, Clute City Junior, Freeport Junior, Lake Jackson Junior, Velasco Junior, Austin Junior (Galveston), Jackson Junior (Pasadena), La Marque Junior, Lovenberg Junior (Galveston), South Houston Junior, Southmore Junior, Texas City Junior, Houston: Deady Junior, Hamilton Junior, Hogg Junior, Marshall Junior, Jackson Junior.
- Region XXXIII**
32. Austin (Port Arthur), French (Beaumont), Jasper, Kirbyville, Liberty, Nederland, San Augustine, Silsbee, Vidon.
- Region XXXIV**
33. Amelia Junior (Beaumont), Bowie Junior (Beaumont), Carr Junior (Orange), Crockett Junior (Beaumont), Dowling Junior (Beaumont), French Junior (Beaumont), Groves Junior (Port Neches), Kountze Junior, MacArthur Junior (Beaumont), Nederland Junior, Port Neches Junior, Port Arthur.
- Region XXXV**
34. Bellville, Brenham, Caldwell, La Grange, Navasota, Schulenburg.
- Region XXXVI**
35. Belton, Cameron, Georgetown, Killen, Rosebud, Taylor.
- Region XXXVII**
36. Gonzales, Lockhart, Luling, San Marcos, Seguin.
- Region XXXVIII**
37. Alamo Heights Junior (San Antonio), Allan Junior (Austin), Baker Junior (Austin), Fulmore Junior (Austin), Harlandale Junior (San Antonio), McCallum Junior (Austin), New Braunfels Junior, University Junior (Austin).
- Region XXXIX**
38. Devine, East Central (San Antonio), Edgewood (San Antonio), Floresville, South San Antonio.
- Region XL**
39. Carrizo Springs, Cotulla, Crystal City, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Pearsall, Uvalde.
- Region XLI**
40. Beville, Cuero, Edna, Kenedy, Port Lavaca, Refugio, Yoakum.
- Region XLII**
41. Aransas Pass, Falfurrias, Freer, Robstown, San Diego, Sinton.
- Region XLIII**
42. Driscoll Junior (Corpus Christi), Memorial Junior (Kingsville), Wynn Seale Junior (Corpus Christi), Victoria Junior.
- Region XLIV**
43. Donna, Mercedes, Mission, Raymondville, Rio Grande City, Weslaco.
- Region XLV**
44. Central Junior (Edinburg), Cummings Junior (Brownsville), Gay Junior (Harlingen), San Benito Junior.
- CONFERENCE B**
- Region I**
1. Channing, Dumas Junior, Finch Junior (Dalhart), Gruver, Hartley, Morse, Phillips Junior, Spearman, Stinnett, Stratford, Sunray, Texline.
- Region II**
2. Allison, Booker, Briscoe, Darrouzett, Follett, Higgins, Kelson, Lela, Miami, Mobeetie, Perryton Junior, Wheeler.
- Region III**
3. Alameda, Claude, Dodson, Goodnight, Groom, Lela Lake, Quail, Samnorwood.
- Region IV**
4. Carey, Estelle, Flomot, Hedley, Kirkland, Lakeview, Mataora, Quanah Junior, Quitaque, Silvertown, Turkey.
- Region V**
5. Cotton Center, Dimmitt, Hale Center, Happy, Hart, Kress, Nazareth, Petersburg, Spring Lake (Earth).
- Region VI**
6. Amherst, Anton, Bula (Enochs), Central Junior (Littlefield), Muleshoe Junior, Pep, Pettit, Spade, Sudan, Three Way (Maple), Whitharral.
- Region VII**
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Mrs. Margaret Wisdom has a chart posted in the paper's office listing every organization in school and its sponsor. After each edition, a record is kept on the number of stories and inches given to each club. If a club has not had a story in three or more issues it quickly becomes apparent on the chart.

Bruce Monical, Milby staff artist, has drawn the two very expressive cartoons used on this page to illustrate what teachers' reaction is if all events are fairly covered and what it is apt to be if one club is ignored, regardless of what may be the reason.

One of the first things a journalist or prospective journalist should be made to realize is the tremendous force for good or evil which lies in the power of words.

Any simple statement can be distorted by implication carried through sloppy or careless writing. It also is possible to distort news by deliberate intent.

For example, a few years ago a graduate student turned down a State Department job in Washington, D.C. in order that he might continue his study of the famed

Browning collection at Baylor University.

A news release emphasized the young man's desire to further study these great works.

Yet the story could have been maliciously distorted even using the same basic set of facts. It could have been made to read:

"A young man this week refused to serve his country in the vitally important State Department, which desperately needs qualified, young statesmen.

"—He preferred to stay in college and study poetry."

Hardly anybody would distort the facts to such an extent, yet careless reporting or ill-considered choice of words can unintentionally deeply hurt a student, teacher, principal, or parents.

It is in the danger of careless reporting or ill-considered jibes that the gossip column comes in for its greatest criticism.

Reporting of high school romances, in most cases, does no particular harm. The danger—and it is a very real one—comes when some shy, sensitive person may be deeply embarrassed or hurt when the school paper carries notice about her secret admiration for a particular boy. The hopelessness of some such "matches" may be hilarious to some of the students but it makes such a girl retire even further from normal friendships.

High school life should be wholesome enough to help young people meet and enjoy each other's company. It ought to enable students to meet each other freely.

Defining a "gossip column" is very difficult. The school paper should contain stories which have appeal for every single reader.

So must its humor. If humor comes at the cost of a single student, it should be left out.

Probably the greatest disadvantage of a gossip column is the indication that a school staff does not have ingenuity enough to do some down-to-earth digging for features, hobbies, out of the ordinary news, and plain hard work to replace the space filler which comes easiest—that gossip column.

A school runs a multitude of risks in the gossip column. The entire year may pass without making a bad mistake. But if a serious mistake does get into the paper, it casts criticism on judgment of the editor, the column writer, and the copy editor.

The League is opposed to gossip columns because there is so much of real news value in school life that can be just as interesting. A paper is not graded down if it has an interest column on the love affairs of students. It can be handled without offense.

Yet, the League does feel that extra work in replacing gossip with legitimate features should be recognized and does tend to grade up for such efforts.

At best, every gossip column will step on some toes from time to time. At its worst, it can make people extremely angry and cause some pretty disturbing moments within the homes on occasion.

DEBATE TOURNAMENTS

A number of requests have come to the State Office for the dates of various Invitational Debate and Speech Tournaments being held during the current school year. Here are some that have come to our attention. Coaches and debaters interested in attending any of these tournaments should write the Debate Coach, in care of the respective institutions listed.

Denton High School, Oct. 30-31. Muskogee, Okla., High School, Nov. 20-21. Galena Park Jr. High School, Dec. 12.

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Univ. of Houston, Jan. 22-23. Alice High School, Feb. 5-6. Baylor University, Waco, Feb. 19-20.

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Freeport High School, March 19-20.

Suggested Plays For High Schools

COULDN'T I KISS YOU GOOD NIGHT? by Christopher Sergel. 2m3w, 1 act, comedy, Dramatic, non-royalty. 40c. Modern costumes, interior. There is much worry by the family of a teenage girl because she has not returned from a date. Finally, when the young people do show, the parents get even more unhappy when they overhear the boy and girl as they are bidding each other goodnight. The boy cannot understand why—even on the first date—he cannot kiss the girl goodnight. Things work out satisfactorily all around, however.



KEEP HER HAPPY—One of the problems of a high school newspaper is seeing that each club and its sponsor gets fair representation in the school paper.



A GLOOMY DAY—Continued neglect of individual school organizations and sponsors will bring nothing but ill feelings and justified criticism from the faculty.



Those of you who have sent in your Entry Cards for the One Act Play Contest have already received the new Prescribed List of One Act Plays. The problem of selecting a play is generally a big one. You have to consider the experience of your group, the capacities of the people with whom you work, your own limited time, your limited facilities for rehearsal, and perhaps most important, your own capabilities as a director.

As many of you directors know, the Prescribed List is issued mainly as a suggestion list pointing the way to a few acceptable plays. Directors should not feel limited by the list, for the world of drama is full of many other plays equally suitable for contest use. When you run across a play you would like to do, send a reading copy to the State Office, and unless some rule of the Contest is violated by the script (use of actual firearms on stage, violent death on stage, excessive swearing or situations that are lewd in nature) you will generally have no trouble in getting permission to produce the play.

Quite a few new one-act plays have been received in the last few months. We are sorry to report that most of these new ones do not have enough substance to merit the several months study generally required for contest work. Some of them might profitably be used as acting exercises in drama classes or as assembly program plays.

THE ANCHOR, by Elizabeth G. Spere. 4w., drama, Roy. \$5, Baker. Interior, Modern costumes. A serious play about four girls who have been separated for a number of years. The sisters all come back to their old home at the invitation of the one sister they all think has been successful (wealth, social position, travel). They find out, however, the sister they thought was successful needs to be pitied rather than envied.

GOIN' ROUND THE HOOP, by Peter Jerome. 2m2w, 1 act, comedy-drama, Roy. \$5, Baker. 50c. Modern costumes, interior. A widow is about to be put out of the house where she has lived for sixty years, because she cannot pay the mortgage. She wants to stay 'and go around the hoop' to the end of her life there. The man who has been courting her for twenty years is no nearer to marriage than when he first started. The widow's sons come to the rescue, however, and with one thing and another, the whole thing is satisfactorily resolved.

GEORGE, by Van H. Cartmell. 2m2w, 1 act, comedy, Roy. \$5, French, 50c. Modern costumes, interior. A flighty wife becomes fascinated by a stilted stuffed-shirt named George. She invited George (the stuffed shirt) to visit her home. When George arrives, she is out, but her husband entertains him—by gradually disillusioning him about the wife. George is much relieved when his own wife calls up on the phone and asks him to come back home. The whole thing gets pretty farcical and ridiculous.

THIS WAY TO HEAVEN, by Douglass Parkhurst. 2m2w, 1 act, fantasy-comedy, Roy. \$5, French, 50c. Modern costumes, interior. An angel is sent down from Heaven to secure a cook for his section of the celestial land. He must get a good cook or he will not earn his wings. He arrives in the kitchen of a lovely old woman and has quite a verbal tussle with her. This is rather an interesting play and is a little unusual in tone.

MRS. PIPWORTHY'S LITTLE GIRL, by Harold V. Lynch, Jr. 6w, 1 act, comedy, Roy. \$5, French, 40c. Modern costumes, interior. Some girls who are restricted to their rooms in a girls' school decide to call up the head of a school they formerly attended. They try to enroll an imaginary daughter of an imaginary Mrs. Pipworthy. Finally, they tell the school authority that the girl has two heads. The joke backfires, however, when the police apparently intervene. Light little comedy for an all girl cast.

DEEP FREEZE, by J. C. McMullen. 4m5w, 1 act, comedy, non-royalty, Baker, 50c. Modern costumes, interior. A newly married couple is presented with a huge deep freeze by a wealthy aunt. When the big refrigerator unit arrives, there is no place for it but the living room. Having the deep freeze there causes all sorts of complications, but when the aunt returns, all the family squabbles are settled amicably. This is an interesting little play which has some fairly clever writing in it. The staging of the play might present some problems since a very large deep freeze is required. This might be overcome by constructing one of plywood or beaverboard, however.

Judging Standards Varied for Debate

The question is often asked: On what standards should a debate be judged? How can one evaluate just what is meant by a good debate or good debater?

To these questions there are as many answers as there are judges to give them. Yet, down through the years there have come to be certain common denominators or axioms that have been accepted as basic in setting up standards for debate. It will be possible to discuss only a few of these in this article.

Anyone who has had much experience either as a debator or as a debate coach can enumerate numbers of times when he has been subjected to decisions which seemed to him unjust. One of the big problems seems to be that there are no very well defined standards which have real meaning to all: debaters, coaches, judges, and audience alike.

First of all, debate in high school should be recognized as a student activity. It should be student motivated and student conducted. Faculty advice and sources of material should be subordinated to this student motivation. The contest, when properly conducted, is an exercise of active minds participating in a highly stimulating situation. If the stimulation is allowed to operate freely among all the participants, then the exercise will generally be a success, regardless of the decision rendered. This means that debate is not an activity in the field of declamation where students learn set speeches and repeat them, but is an activity of stimulating thinking conditioned by the thoughts of the two opposing teams. Such debating will show the evidence of hard work on the part of the debaters, for preparing debates calls forth the best effort on the part of all participants.

Second, all persons concerned with debate should recognize several phases of debate and learn to what extent these phases affect a successful debate. The most important of these phases might be listed as: (1) Effectiveness of presentations; (2) Argument and clarity of organization; (3) Evidence; (4) Adaptation to opponents' cases; (5) Rebuttal; (6) Ability to define issues.

These phases are by no means of equal importance. In fact, one of the places where judges differ is on this point of which of these should be given the most weight. Debate coaches in general rate the above phases in ascending order, giving the most weight to the ability to define issues and the least importance to effectiveness of presentation. If a coach has not had very much training in debate however, he may be inclined to emphasize the first three—for these may very well be the direct result of the coach's work.

They can largely be prepared in advance, and require little ingenuity on the part of the debaters to present. This is shown by the fact that coaches invariably put weak debaters in the first affirmative position where the least adaptation ability is needed. Indeed, intensive drill often takes the place of adaptive thinking. Ability to adapt to the opponent's case, rebuttal, and the ability to define issues in a de-

bate are distinctly the work of the debater. Many debates, unfortunately, show very little aptitude on the last three points and judges are forced to base decisions on the less important points. Or, sometimes if the debate is extremely good, and there is expression of really keen thinking, the judge may be forced to make his decision on the basis of delivery. Let us hasten to add, however, that this is definitely the exception rather than the rule.



Dear Dr. Williams:

I read with a practical appreciation your article under "Postscripts on Athletics" found in the October edition of the Interscholastic Leaguer. This information placed in the hands of school men and the general public will have a tendency to help inform them with reference to the various duties and responsibilities delegated to the local superintendent by the University Interscholastic League and thereby better enable him to exercise his prerogative, as extended by the League, in the all-inclusive enforcement of eligibility rules and the management and control of athletics as he carries carries out his plans toward an orderly and successful operation of the program.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph A. King,
Superintendent,
Paint Rock Public Schools

Dear Mr. Kidd:

Three or four years ago, Mr. Glen A. Redfield, at a basketball rules interpretation meeting, explained his method of staying up with the rules. It was to sit down each year, upon receipt of the rule book before beginning of the sport, and to read it in its entirety, marking for further study those parts he was not sure of.

I think it would be well to remind the readers of the Interscholastic Leaguer to do the Constitution and Rules the same way. I have not been closely connected with many phases of League work since 1950, and found that I was "way off base" when I started reading. There are enough changes in the points to the All-Round Championship to well repay one for time spent in reading.

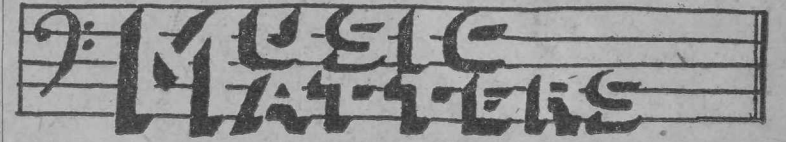
Sincerely,
Elwin Mathis
Principal and Coach,
Carney High School,
O'Brien, Texas

Gentlemen:

After reading the October issue of your paper, La Marque High School would like to go on record as being in favor of the proposed changes and additions to the declamation contests as stated in your paper. We feel that an Original Declamation division and a Poetry Reading division for seniors would be a fine addition to Interscholastic League competition.

We are also very much in favor of encouraging schools to adopt the round-robin style of debate elimination in their district contests, and eventually we hope to find this method adopted by the League as the means for holding debate eliminations at all levels. We have found in our participation of private speech tournaments, that this style not only helps the winner to become better prepared for future contests, but gives all participants the valued experience of debating several times, win or lose.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Opal Harmon
Director of Speech,
La Marque High School
La Marque, Texas



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ATHLETIC POSTSCRIPTS

Football Conduct On 'High Plane'

BY DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS
State Athletic Director

For the 1953 season, 890 high schools are fielding football teams in Texas. This is the largest number of scholastic teams playing football in any state in the Union. Each Friday night from the Gulf of Mexico through the Panhandle, and from Texarkana to El Paso there are over 400 games being played from the smallest hamlet to the largest metropolitan city. There will be 4,596 League football games played in Texas this year, with around 40,000 boys participating and with an audience of over 6,000,000 fans. In addition, there is an estimated 35,000 boys participating on reserve football teams.

POSITIVE FACTS

These pertinent points about the scope of high school football in Texas are not given to impress anyone of its size and magnitude but to bring home the fact that, by far and large, most people connected with the game (teachers, students and fans) conduct themselves on a high plane. Last year there were only four cases of misconduct by fans, players or coaches of sufficient gravity to be investigated by the State Executive Committee, and of these four only one was serious enough to result in suspension. This is an excellent record of proper conduct, and I challenge anyone to find a comparable situation, where emotions are so aroused, to produce a finer record of conduct. Newspapers, magazines and many speakers often deride the football program about poor sportsmanship and conduct and pick out one or two incidents to illustrate this point—but they ignore the 99 44/100% of the proper and positive conduct surrounding these games and emphasize the 56/100% which is bad and negative. It seems to be the philosophy of many writers and speakers to stress the sensational and bad, but to neglect the proper conduct of people. This writer contends that in general the conduct and sportsmanship of teachers, players and spectators at athletic events is desirable.

LOPSIDED SCORES

There is one item in sportsmanship which is bothering many coaches, students, fans and administrators. Each weekend in scanning the high school football results we note that many are marked by one-sided scores. The entire classification rules of the League are designed to equalize competition, but as everyone realizes, it is impossible to completely assign schools so as to insure absolute equal competition. High school enrollment is the best basis for equalizing competition but even here nationality, traditions, economic—social status, etc. create unusual situations.

It is difficult to understand why a few coaches will repeatedly "run up" large scores against teams with inferior material. The reasons which first run through your mind for "compiling such scores are: headlines, records, "Booster" clubs, Chamber of Commerce attitude, etc. Such practice cannot be condoned as educational, and coaches who deliberately "masse" the other team are violating all codes of ethics and sportsmanship.

We are not referring in this column to the coaches who use all the players suited up and still run up a large score.

FAIR PLAY

The effect on your best players

Speech Program Sent Members

Final Program for the Texas Speech Association Convention has been distributed. The Convention meets in conjunction with The TSTA Meetings in Dallas, November 27.

First item on the program is the Executive Council Breakfast, Friday Morning Nov. 27, in Room 4 of the Baker Hotel, Dallas. Then the Convention moves to the S.M.U. Campus for the main part of Speech meetings.

At 12:00 noon the Luncheon Business Meeting for all members and guests will be held in the S.M.U. Men's Faculty Club, basement of Atkins Hall. Reservations for this luncheon (\$1.75) should be made to Dr. Edyth Renshaw, Speech Dept., S.M.U., before convention time, if possible. Dr. Harold Weiss of S.M.U. who has just returned from Siam will be the main speaker at this session.

who run up such scores cannot be good, as they know they are mercilessly beating an inferior team, depriving other boys on the bench from playing, and building up a psychology of community and perhaps personal over-confidence. The substitutes feel that all their practice is in vain when they see the "slaughter" going on and are not allowed to play. The winning coach in such a situation knows that if the losing coach ever gets the opportunity he will "pour it on" his team in return. The losing coach has a terrific problem in restoring confidence to his boys and trying to explain the poor sportsmanship of the winning coach in running up a large score with substitutes on the bench. No one really wins under such circumstances.

The coach who deliberately runs up large scores is losing the opportunity to really "educate" in sportsmanship, and proper ethics.

News and Views of the Coaches

BY STAN LAMBERT
Public Relations Director
Texas High School Coaches Association

Things are pretty quiet on the political (pardon—I mean "public relations") front in interscholastic circles about this time of the year. Writing this column before the November meeting of the UIL Advisory Council meeting also puts us at a distinct disadvantage because something big could be in the offing that we do not know anything about. However, if a big story does come out of that meeting we believe that it will be unpremeditated because we can't find out anything from anybody that is in a position to know. With news so scarce we even made three long distance calls trying to stir up something.

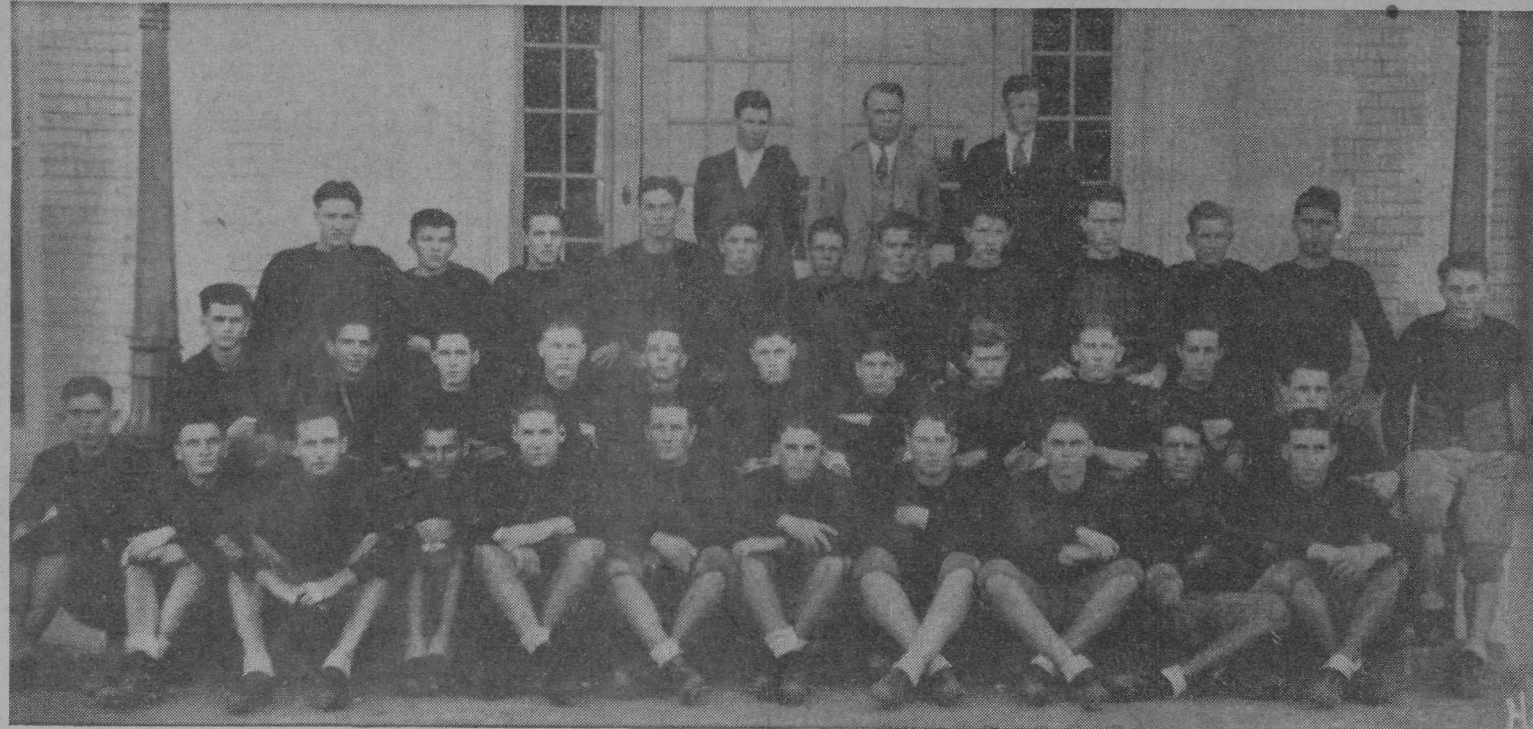
Our first call was to Mr. Kidd. He was out of town so we talked to his first lieutenant, Rhea Williams. He mentioned two or three items of little consequence to the coaches that he knew was on the Advisory Council agenda and summarized his comments with, "It looks as if we're going to have the quietest meeting in several years. Everybody seems to be pretty happy."

Our next call was to Sweetwater for President Pat Gerald. He reminded us that his board of directors did not draw up any recommendations for UIL consideration at its Houston meeting after the coaching school; and he could not think of anything to fuss about either. "I and the rest of the coaches," President Gerald said, "have been so busy trying to beat each other the last couple of months that we have not had time to think of anything else." Another dry water hole for a news seeker!

We had learned from Dr. Williams of Mr. Kidd's whereabouts in Houston so we called him. He merely confirmed what Dr. Williams had told us about the Council meeting, and summarized his thoughts this way, "Things are so quiet that I'm a little scared." All of which is very nice for Messrs. Kidd, Williams and Gerald, but rough on one who does not have anything to fuss about either, but is faced with a deadline for a column that he tries to make interesting.

PROBLEM FOR THE FUTURE
Texas school men and coaches can look for another major shakeup in classification and district alignments in the near future. It's coming in about three years would be a fairly accurate prediction; and when it does come it will be revolutionary. Although it is much easier for schools to rock along in the same ole' rut from year to year, the following school population is not secondary that pattern—it is growing by leaps and bounds. All over the state, school systems are being reorganized and building new buildings to meet the emergency. If that is happening on the local level one can easily see that the state organization which is a composite of these schools must also make some adjustments.

This is due to several causes: 1. The overall population growth of Texas. 2. The war babies from two wars getting into high school. 3. The consolidations as a result of the Gilmer-Alkin laws. 4. The rapid industrialization of Texas which is changing from a rural to an urban citizenry. (There are doubtlessly other reasons that this



CHAMPIONS BY DESIRE—The 1928 Abilene High School football team pushed its tremendous pride in the fundamentals of blocking and tackling into a state championship. Winners of 12 games and tied only once, Abilene scored 410 points to their opponents' 71. Members of that team and their present locations where known are: First Row—John Daniel, Weatherford; Henry Hanna, deceased; Altman Smith, Corpus Christi; Hale Kincaid, Odessa; Dan Salked, Amarillo; Rupert Black, unknown; Truitt Barber, Colorado City; Elva Baker, Greenville; Jack Shackelford, Houston; R. W. Allen, Abilene; Perry Barber, Colorado City. Second Row—Gene Galbraith, Abilene; Jack Smith, Big Spring; Will Edwin Routh, Temple; W. K. Bentley, Abilene;

Lanier Bennett, Baltimore, Md.; Bob Manley, Abilene; J. B. Neely, Big Spring; Johnny Crowder, Morton; Comer Burton, Angleton; Garnet Yoder, unknown; Fred Boyd, Abilene; Hubert Baldwin (standing) unknown. Third Row—W. L. Breeding, Fort Worth; Jerry Hampton, Ballinger; Clinton Murphy, Abilene; Ray Groseclose, Big Spring; Charles Signor, Abilene; Dallas Murphy, Abilene; Fred McKenzie, Odessa; Hayland Arnette, Austin; Wilson Groseclose, Fort Worth; Theo Glascock, Abilene; and Henry Murphy, unknown. Row Four—Pat Murphy, Big Spring public schools business manager; Dewey Mayhew, coach and athletic director at Texas A&I, and Theo Powell, deceased.



SLOCUM SUSPENDED

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

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 1953-54 season for failure to file eligibility blanks and season reports for the 1952-53 school year.

OLTON

Olton High School has been placed on probation in football for the school years of 1952-53 and 1953-54 for failure to completely abide by Rule 25 of the Football Code.

ZAPATA

Zapata High School has been suspended in basketball, both boys' and girls' for the 1953-54 season for failure to file eligibility blanks and season reports for the 1952-53 school year.

KEMP

Kemp High School has been disqualified for district honors for the 1953 football season, and placed on probation for the 1953-54 and the 1954-55 school years, for violation of Awards Rule.

more or less ignorant writer does not even suspect, but these will suffice for this column).

As a result of this growth and the shifts in population trends, the League must either change to meet them or grow stagnant. UIL authorities are looking ahead, checking junior high and elementary-grade scholastics, and visualizing when the present setup will reach its saturation point. When it does happen, the bursting at the seams will be prevented by having a new bag ready.

A MAKESHIFT ARRANGEMENT

The League is keeping the classification setup as static as possible now by changing the limitations of the various classes from year to year. It recognizes this method, however, as a makeshift arrangement, which will suffice for about three more years when the League plans to return to the 16-district setup in 4A and 3A. In order to accomplish this it will be necessary to lower the "floors" for all classifications and change the entire setup from top to bottom. Of course, many schools will remain in their present classification, but there will also be wholesale changes in some areas. Because of the fact that the scholastic population maxims are being lowered very few if any will "lose face" by being placed in a lower classification. However, all schools will face different district alignments.

If we eliminated the unforeseen, this should be the last major shake-up in the foreseeable future. Sixteen districts in these classifications will take care of almost limitless expansion; but of course a population recession could cause a return to the eight-district idea.

This plan will renew some old rivalries of the pre-4A days and initiate some new ones. It will also make district scheduling much easier because the districts will be smaller. Travel for both student bodies and teams will not be nearly the problems that they are today. The new plan will afford one more gain in the money-making playoff and of course extend the season a week. On the negative side we can see that non-conference scheduling will be more difficult because there will be more non-conference games.

THE USUAL REPERCUSSIONS

One can expect the usual repercussions when the plan is officially announced. Somebody will "get hurt" as compared to their present status; but these are probably enjoying undue advantage under the present setup and (understandably so) regret to see that gravy train disappear around the reorganization bend. Others will think they are hurt, but will find that they are having false labor pains. Some will gnash their teeth and pull their hair just for the sake of gnashing their teeth and pulling the hair—from force of habit. However, after the tumult and the shouting dies we will probably find that the League has merely bowed to the inevitable over which it had no control. The only way we can see to head it off is to run several thousand junior high kids out of Texas right away.

Anyone who does not appreciate the magnitude of this administrative problem should tackle it some time. It is pretty easy to set up an ideal district for yourself in your own classification. You might even set it up for your own classification on a statewide basis without too much difficulty. But when you add in the other five classifications and then make all of them into four, eight or sixteen districts, complications begin to set in.

Do You Remember When . . . ?

Tremendous pride in the fundamentals of blocking and tackling proved to be incentive enough for Abilene High School to win the state football championship just 25 years ago.

12 games and tied one, while not dropping a single game. They ran up a total of 410 points against their opponents' 71 and were not even scored on in 7 of the games. With only two linemen and two backs returning from the 1927

state finalist starting team, hardly anybody gave Abilene a chance to do much in the state race. The only people who thought they could go all the way were the boys.

Coach Dewey Mayhew, present Texas A&I coach, in reflecting upon his great 1928 Abilene team, said, "The outstanding thing about this squad was their confidence. They took great pride in their blocking and tackling." With a below par passing and kicking game, the Abilene players felt they could run against anybody. And they did.

This team set a record that may be equalled but will never be exceeded in scoring the first time they got the ball against each one of its 13 opponents.

Overanxiety may have been the cause for the tie against a rugged Ranger team. Coach Mayhew sent in a substitute quarterback with the score 19-13 in Abilene's favor and only a few minutes left in the game. With the ball on Ranger's five-yard line, the eager substitute who wanted "to beat them bad" called a pass which was intercepted and run all the way back for a Ranger touchdown. The extra point was missed and Abilene won the game by virtue of its superior statistical performance.

In those days if a boy was removed from the game he could not return in that half.

This love of running with the ball caused Coach Mayhew some anxious moments. Cisco played a 9-2 defense against the running Abilene crew the entire first half of play. At halftime, Mayhew asked his quarterback why he didn't throw the ball and received the reply that it was "good experience" to run against that many as it gave each man somebody to block. "Besides, he told me I had told him to pass when the opponents stopped our ground game and they hadn't done that yet," Mayhew said.

Blocking and tackling was not only a pride with the regular team but with the reserves. "It was the reserves which ran up our big scores," Mayhew related.

The habit of playing reserves was not always a popular move for Coach Mayhew. For the state final game against Fort Arthur on Dec. 21, 1928, a local booster club had promised a school blanket to each boy playing in the game.

It happened that Dec. 21 was Coach Mayhew's birthday and his team presented him with a great present—the state championship. Coach Mayhew was extremely pleased and reciprocated by playing 34 boys—18 of which hadn't played enough to get a letter. They did get a blanket, however, to remember the occasion.

The service club remembered the occasion, too. Coach Mayhew in reflecting upon his burst of generosity said merely, "I was not popular with the club after this."

Mayhew was greatly pleased the Leaguer has seen fit to honor the 1928 state champions. "Paul Tyson and others told me it was the greatest running team they had ever seen. I know that I have never seen a team with as much pride in their blocking and tackling as they had," he said.

- The record of the 1928 champions:
- Abilene 7, Anson 0
 - Abilene 13, Daniel Baker Res. 0
 - Abilene 79, Coleman 0
 - Abilene 25, Howard Payne Res. 0
 - Abilene 19, Eastland 0
 - Abilene 19, Ranger 19
 - Abilene 31, Breckenridge 6
 - Abilene 89, Haskell 6
 - Abilene 25, San Angelo 0
 - Abilene 19, Cisco 13
 - Abilene 26, Amarillo 21
 - Abilene 20, Cisco 6
 - Abilene 88, Port Neches 0

Advisory Council Firm On Amateur Principle

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E. A. Works, principal at Goodrich and president of the Six-Man Football Coaches Association brought greetings of his organization. He spoke briefly on the recent rapid growth of six-man football in the state.

Mrs. Velma Harrison of Lampasas, president of the Texas High School Girls' Basketball Coaches Association, spoke briefly to the Council and thanked League for its efforts in helping set up the girls' coaches group.

Lewis Spears of the Texas Education Agency asked the Advisory Council help determine value of competition in drivers' education. He said several states are experimenting with car rodeos and other events sponsored by outside agencies.

The feeling of the Council was that the event is not yet statewide in scope and is a matter best left to the schools.

Bruce Roach, League director of speech activities, presented a series of suggestions on behalf of the Texas Speech Teachers' Association.

Roach also reported on his many duties to date as did F. Winston Savage, director of music activities, and Bill Harding, director of journalism.

The Council recommended a committee be appointed to give close study to the proposal that all preliminary spring meets be set up as are the present football and basketball districts and that the districts be combined in Divisions I, II, and III at the Regional Meet.

Another committee was suggested on a proposed limitation of spring basketball practice.

The Council approved the proposal that district debate elimination be put on a round robin basis, and that poetry reading and original declamation contests be added.

5,000 Already Attend Activities Conferences

Enthusiasm and heavy turnout have characterized the October and November Student Activities Conferences.

Approximately 5,000 students and advisors have participated in these early activities and have in return carried the inspiration back to their schools.

Conferences at Southern Methodist University and the University of Houston started the round of Conferences off to a fast pace in October.

In November a West Texas Conference at Abilene Christian College, an East Texas affair at Kilgore College, and a Central Texas Conference at the University of Texas in Austin finished well-rounded in different phases of the state.

All of these conferences were attended by Bruce Roach, League director of speech activities, and Bill Harding, director of journalism. In addition, Miss Joyce Jackson, assistant ILPC director, spoke at the SMU and Abilene Conferences. Rodney Kidd, League director, attended the Houston Conference.

The Student Activities Conference at Odessa is the only such conference scheduled during December.

Keynote speaker of the Houston Conference was Dr. Bower Aly. Dr. Bower Aly, one of the nation's outstanding figures in debate, spoke at the Houston Conference on the subject, "Education for Leadership in a Democracy."

Dr. Aly emphasized the importance of leadership and said that if a democracy is to function properly at least one person in 20 must be a leader. He said the high school students attending the meeting must regard themselves as being "20th" persons and upon them rested the responsibility for lead-

ership in their own school and community.

The primary "tool" for such leadership today is "language and the ability to use it," Dr. Aly said.

Section Slated On Slide Rule

Participation in interscholastic high school slide rule competition has increased so rapidly that we have added this event to our Student Activities Conference of the South Central Texas High Schools. Like most other conferences, much is to be gained by association with others of similar interest.

The program for this conference will include an introduction and welcome from the State Slide Rule Director and the Presiding Chairman followed by a program to include basic instruction, visual instruction film, and advanced instruction. We are anticipating some valuable pointers on methods of instruction with the fine cooperation obtained from the speakers on this program.

During this conference, a joint meeting with the Number Sense Group is to be held from 10:00 until 11:00 for the purpose of showing the similarity of background and application. A division in the program will also provide an opportunity to attend part of the Slide Rule program and part of the Number Sense Program.

Arrangements have been made for a display of the many slide rules now being sold. If not complete, this will still be an opportunity to get first hand comparison of the more popular types in use today.