

50 POINTS—Sharpshooting Russell Boone of Sweeny, 1954 Conference A champions, is seen launching one of the field goals with which he set a new scoring record of 50 points in a single game in the State Boys Basketball Tournament. The new mark was set against Sundown in the 92-67 title game which also revised a number of team scoring records. Boone's 39 points against Buna earlier boosted his two-game

total to 89, beating the 1947 total of 86 scored by Marcus Freiberger of Greenville in three games. In this picture, Dave Hogue of Sundown (wearing glasses at left) awaits a rebound from Boone's leaping shot, while Sundown's Don Koonce, No. 60, seems to be giving Boone a boost.

Bowie, Cayuga, and Pampa Repeat as State Boys Champs

A high-scoring Conference A champion team from Sweeny was joined by runner-up Sundown in re-writing a dozen meet and eight Conference A scoring records at the Thirty-Fourth State Boys Basketball Tournament.

The outstanding performance by Sweeny and its chief point-maker Russell Boone, overshadowed temporarily the fact that three teams repeated as champions in their conferences—Cayuga in B, Bowie in AA and Pampa in AAAA.

The other new champion is Alamo Heights of San Antonio, recapturing the AAA crown it held in 1952.

The crowds which overflowed Gregory Gymnasium at the University of Texas on several occasions helped match last

year's total estimated attendance of 43,300. The largest crowd was about 19,000 on Saturday, the day of the championship games.

Bowie's championship extended its own tournament record from three to four, and it enabled Coach R. E. Mattingly to take from former Coach Jimmy Kitts of Athens the title of "winningest" coach. Kitts set the record of three titles during 1927-31 while at Athens. Mattingly tied him last year.

The Conference B title game was a carbon copy of 1953, with Cayuga again defeating Big Sandy, 79-59, in a game which contributed to four new B records and set a new tournament high score for one team in three games. Cayuga dropped

in 207 points while defeating Avoca 59-44, Krum 70-49 and Big Sandy. That total exceeds, also, the 188 points accumulated by Athens in a four-game series in 1933.

In Class A first round, Sweeny was forced into an overtime game to defeat Buna, 74-72. The contest set new records which Sweeny later broke when it walloped Sundown, 92-67. Many of the old records were set only last year, most of them by South Park of Beaumont.

Boone, 6-4 senior center, contributed 39 points toward the victory over Buna. His amazing record of 50 points in the finals against Sundown beat the 46 points by Marcus Freiberger, Greenville, in 1947, and brought his two-game total to 89. That surpassed the 72-point record set by Jerry Mallett of South Park last year in two games. It also topped the 86 points Freiberger scored in three games in 1947. The record book shows that Boone did not commit a single personal foul while setting his 50-point record for a single game. His 44.5-point average per game also is a new mark.

Sweeny's tournament team records are for high scoring in one game, for two games, for high average, for most points in a championship game, and for most field goals in one game. Boone also picked up a record for the most points in a title game. With Sundown, Sweeny now holds the record for total score in one game, and in a championship game. Sundown's 67 points was also the most scored by a loser in a title-deciding game. Similar records were carried over into Conference A.

Bowie didn't have much trouble turning back Spring Branch of Houston, 70-40, to hang on to its first-place AA trophy. The AAA championship game was a see-saw affair most of the way, with Alamo Heights finally edging away from Galena Park, 67-60.

A fitting climax to the tournament was the 47-44 overtime game in which Pampa nosed out Crozier Tech of Dallas to hold on to its AAAA title.

Late in the game Pampa, trying to hang on to a lead, began playing ball possession, but Crozier Tech managed to grab the ball often enough to knot the score at 33-33 at the end of regulation play. Two

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Area One-Act Play Meets Listed for District Winners

The one-act play winners of the districts (or winners of the contest of districts combined in parentheses) listed below will participate in the area one-act play meets as given. The director of each area meet is located at the institution listed for the meet unless otherwise noted.

As soon as district winners are determined they should write their respective area play directors, giving cast, stage plot, heavy props, and the like. Although the area meet must be held sometime between April 9-16, it will be noted that in a number of instances the exact date has not yet been set. Winning district play directors will be able to find out exact time, place, and other information by getting in touch with the area play director. Winners of the area meets are eligible to advance to the regional meets.

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE ONE-ACT PLAY AREA MEETS—CONFERENCE A

REGION I
Amarillo Junior College, J. C. McDonough, Director. April 10th: Districts (1-2), 3, 4.

Midland Senior High School, Miss Verna Harris, Director. April 13th: Districts 5, 7, 8.

REGION II
Albany Senior High School, B. E. Teague, Principal, Director. April 9th: 1:00 P.M. Districts 9, 11, 13.

Foreign Trade Voted National Debate Topic

The National Committee on Debate and Discussion has announced that the States voted to adopt the following big area for debate during the 1954-55 school year, with a choice from three debate propositions within that area.

The League Office will appreciate any expression as to your preference from among the three listed propositions, or any suggestions you have to offer.

Problem Area: What should be the foreign trade policy of the United States?
Debate Propositions:

- Resolved, That the Federal Government should initiate a policy of free trade among nations friendly to the United States.
- Resolved, That the reciprocal trade agreements are detrimental to the best interests of the American people.
- Resolved, That the Congress should abolish protective tariffs.

For the convenience of the public school officials and coaches who call the office throughout the year, the League telephone numbers are listed: Phone 2-3406 or 2-2747. The mailing address is: Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Texas. The Street Address is 18th and Sabine in the Extension Building.

San Angelo Junior College, Miss Vivian Chenault, Director. April 9th: Districts 10, 12, 14.

REGION III
Wichita Falls Senior High School, Mrs. T. R. Moss, Director. April 9th: 1:00 P.M., Districts 15, 16, 17.

East Junior High School, Waco, Texas. Paul Baker, Baylor Univ., Director. Date to be arranged. Districts 19, 20 (21-22-23).

REGION IV
ETSTC, Commerce, Texas, Curtis L. Pope, Director. April 9th: Districts 24, 35.

Carthage Senior High School, Glynn Granger, Director. April 13th: Districts 26, 27, 28.

REGION V
West Columbia Senior High School, Charles D. Worley, Prin., Director. April 9th: Districts 29, 30, 31.

Galena Park Junior High School, Frank T. Harrowing, Prin., Director. Date to be arranged. Districts 32, 33, 34.

Lamar College, Beaumont, Texas, Mrs. Jewel D. Blanton, Director. April 14th: Districts 36, 37.

REGION VI
Alamo Heights Senior High School, San Antonio, Texas, E. C. McCarty, Trinity University, Director. Date to be arranged. Districts 40, 42, 43.

University Junior High School, Austin, Texas, Miss Margaret Breedlove, Director. April 9th: Districts 38, 39, 41.

REGION VII
(No area Meets)

CONFERENCE B

REGION I
Frank Phillips College, Borger, Mrs. V. A. Mieluka, Director. April 12th: (daytime) Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 10.

Sightseeing Seminars Offered by Extension

Overseas seminar conferences on secondary education this summer, combined with sightseeing, have been announced by the Division of Extension, University of Texas, in cooperation with the British and French Ministries of Education.

Six semester hours of credit beyond master's degree are offered, or the six-week course may be audited without credit.

Seminar dates are: London, June 21-25; Paris, June 29-July 9; Biarritz, July 11-24; aboard ship, August 2-6.

All weekends and the week of July 26 will be available for tours to Oxford, various points in and around Paris, Biarritz (including one weekend in Spain), Brussels, Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

For information contact the director of the seminars, J. G. Umstatt, Professor of Secondary Education, The University of Texas, Austin.

SUPPLY EXHAUSTED
The supply of Declamation Bibliographies is completely exhausted. The revised pamphlet containing the most recent Declamation Books and Sources will be available after September 1, 1954.

Hutchinson Jr. High School, Lubbock, Mrs. Kathryn Taylor, Director. April 9th: (6:30 p.m.) Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

REGION II
San Angelo Junior College, Miss Vivian Chenault, Director. April 9th: Districts 18, 19, 23.

Tarleton College, Stephenville, Dr. O. A. Grant, Director. April 16th: Districts 15, 16, (21-22).

Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Dr. Katherine Boyd, Director. Date to be arranged. Districts 11, 13, 14, 17.

REGION III
Denton Senior High School, Mrs. Venson Hall, Director. April 16th: Districts (25-26), (27-28), (29-31), 40.

Arlington State College, R. L. Slaughter, Director. April 9th: Districts 30, 32, 33, 38.

Navarro Junior College, Corsicana, M. S. Cook, Director. Date to be arranged. Districts 34 (35-39), 36.

REGION IV
Pittsburg Senior High School, Mrs. Janet Hargrove, Director. April 13th: Districts (41-54), 43, 44, 53.

Kilgore Junior College, Mrs. Lillian Hope, Director. Date to be arranged. Districts (48-49), 50, 56.

Stephen F. Austin College, Nacogdoches, Dr. Robert Capel, Director.

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TRAXEL STEVENS

Stevens Is New Journalism Director

The new director of the Interscholastic League Press Conference is Traxel Stevens, a former University of Texas student with experience in reporting on State and local government.

Effective March 1, he replaced William J. Harding, who left the ILPC to become associate editor of the Texas Outlook, The Texas State Teachers Association magazine, with offices in Austin.

Stevens has done some sports writing, radio news writing, served as Austin correspondent for a number of Texas daily newspapers and various trade journals, did a brief stint with Associated Press, and helped edit two weekly newsletters covering State government and developments in the water and soil conservation field.

The new journalism director received a B.A. degree from Louisiana College, Pineville, La., in 1942.

Soon after that he entered the armed forces, serving until 1946 as a medical administrative officer.

In June, 1946, Stevens entered The University of Texas to work toward a journalism degree. While a student, he covered the city hall and county courthouse beats for 18 months for Radio Station KVET.

In January, 1949, he moved up to the State Capitol pressroom, as part of Long News Service, which serves as Austin correspondents for 13 Texas daily newspapers and for trade journals, covering the Legislature and State governmental agencies. It was here that his newsletter experience was acquired on Austin Report and Texas Water Report.

During that service he was loaned to the Associated Press for a short time.

Stevens is married and has two children.

Regional Meet Directors Give Tentative Schedules

Directors general of regional meets have supplied the Leaguer with tentative schedules for regional meets.

Locations and dates for these regional meets were given in the Official List of Spring Meet schools in the Interscholastic Leaguer, but they are being repeated here.

Schools with qualifying contestants should contact the Regional Director for the official and final contest schedule. Under Article IX, Section 7, of the Constitution and Rules of the League, "Entries in Regional meet shall be in the office of Regional Director on Monday preceding the day of the meet." With meets scheduled for April 23 and 24 this year, entries should reach regional directors on Monday, April 19.

REGION I, AA, A AND B
Site: Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

Director General: Dr. P. Merville Larson, Department of Speech, Texas Tech.

Conference AA: Districts 1 and 2.

Conference A: Districts 1-8, inclusive.

Conference B: Districts 1-10, inclusive.

April 23: Golf, Country Club Golf Course, 8:00 a.m. Meeting of tennis coaches and players, Tech Gymnasium, 9:00 a.m. One-act play contest, Conference AA, 7:45 p.m., Speech Building Auditorium.

April 24: All other contests will be held on Saturday, beginning at various hours from 8:30 a.m. on.

REGION II, A AND B
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.

April 23: Tennis, college courts, 8:30 a.m. Golf, Brownwood Country Club, 8:30 a.m. One-act play

contest, Conference A, 1:00 p.m., Brownwood High School Auditorium. Debate, Administration Building, 1:30 p.m.

April 24: All other contests, Conferences A and B, at various hours beginning at 8:30 a.m.

REGION II, AA
Site: Tarleton State College, Stephenville.

Director General: W. P. Shewalter, Tarleton State College.

Power Show Set For Rally Date

A feature related attraction to the annual Interscholastic League meet in May is The University of Texas Power Show, scheduled this year for Friday, May 7, from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.

A part of the all-University Exposition, the Power Show will demonstrate what makes the vast industrial empire of the United States tick. Visitors will have six hours to make the rounds of the continuous show.

Hundreds of exhibits which are both educational and entertaining will be open for inspection. The College of Engineering (Aeronautical, Architectural, Ceramic, Chemical, Civil, Drawing, Electrical, Mechanical, Mechanical and Petroleum), School of Architecture, and the Chemistry, Physics, and R.O.T.C. Departments all combine to produce this show which attracts over 15,000 visitors yearly.

No matter what the visitor's interest in science may be, he will find some exhibit related to that interest. Models of the latest jet airplanes, chemical processing equipment, a complete foundry, a high-voltage exhibit, models of dams, and many other such devices will be on display.

Conference AA: Districts 3-5, inclusive.

April 23: One-act play, Main Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

April 24: All other contests, beginning as early as 8:00 a.m.

REGION III, AA AND A
Site: Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

Director General: Dr. James H. Mailey, Southern Methodist University.

Conference AA: Districts 6-9, inclusive.

Conference A: Districts 15-23, inclusive.

April 23: Golf, Tennis Park Golf Course, Conference AA at 7:30 a.m. and Conference A at 8:00 a.m. Tennis, Conference A,

meet in Joe Perkins Gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. Conference AA, Dallas Country Club, 9:00 a.m. Debate, Fondren Science Building, 3:00 p.m. One-act play Conference AA, Highland Park Junior High School, 8:00 p.m.

April 24: All other contests at various hours, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

REGION III, B
Site: North Texas State College, Denton.

Director General: Dr. Harold Farmer, North Texas State College.

Conference B: Districts 24-40, inclusive.

April 24: All contests Saturday. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Five Will Conduct Spring Meet Study

Dean James R. D. Eddy, Chairman of the State Executive Committee, has appointed the following committee to study the problem of revising the Spring Meet classification assignments:

The Legislative Advisory Committee recommended that such a committee be appointed by the Chairman of the State Executive Committee for the purpose of studying the advisability of making some changes in the present Spring Meet District assignments.

Some of the problems considered by the Council were: (1) The Superintendent E. H. Black, La Marque, Chairman.

Superintendent John Culwell, Breckenridge.

Superintendent F. G. Dillard, Overton.

Superintendent E. L. Wildman, Kerrville.

Superintendent Joe C. Barnes, Georgetown.

advisability of setting up spring meet districts to conform to present football and basketball district assignments; (2) to study the advisability of combining the five football and basketball conferences into three divisions at the regional meet, thus allowing divisional championships at the regional meet and at the state level; (3) to study the travel aspects of such a combination of conferences to see whether it would be feasible since there is no income from Spring Meet Contests, such as accrues from Football and Basketball athletic contests.

The advantage of the present classification plan is that it involves very little travel expense to the district meet.

Members having any suggestions or comments concerning the above proposal should give them to some member of the Committee.

All-Star Game Warning

Recent developments in the field of "all-star games" indicate a need for calling the attention of high school football coaches to Rule 34 of the Football Plan, as contained in the Constitution and Rules of the League.

Rule 34 says: "All-Star Games.—No athletic director, coach, teacher, administrator or school district of a member-school shall at any time assist either directly or indirectly with the coaching, management, direction, selection of players, promotion, officiating, or allow public school facilities or equipment to be utilized in any all-star game (exception, Texas High School Coaches Association game), in which one or more of the competing teams is composed of a player or players who, during the previous school year, were members of a high-school football team. Any member high school violating the provisions of this all-star contest rule shall be subject to probation or suspension."

Some Texas high school coaches have recently been contacted to coach an all-star game to be played in Cookville, Tennessee on July 30, under sponsorship of the Christian Athletic Association.

In view of the Rule 34 ban on such participation "in any all-star game," except for the Texas High School Coaches Association game, it is the interpretation of the League that the above mentioned game or any similar one, in Texas or elsewhere, would be in violation of Rule 34.

Coaches and other high school personnel who might be interested in such projects should check carefully to avoid bringing probation or suspension to their school.

Tournament Conduct Lauded

The Thirty-Fourth Annual State High School Boys' Basketball Tournament is now history. According to the records, it was one of the best in League history. The conduct of the players and fans in attendance at the Tournament was very commendable.

It is also noteworthy that a new Tournament scoring record was set in one of the conference Championship games by Russell Boone of the Sweeny High School and the outstanding feature of this accomplishment was that he achieved this record without committing a single personal foul during the game. This young man has demonstrated on the field of play, under the stress and strain of a Championship game, all the fine qualities that the sport represents. This shows that we can have a good, clean, hard game of basketball without the personal fouls that so often mar the games and breed contempt for the officials and result in poor inter-school relationships.

Report Ready on Athletics

The National Education Association of the United States and the American Association of School Administrators at their February, 1954 annual meeting published the results of their year-long study of high school athletics. A copy of this report may be secured by writing to the National Education Association, 1201 Sixteenth Street Northwest, Washington, D. C.

The report points out many of the evils of interscholastic athletics that most school administrators are already thoroughly acquainted with. However, it failed to give equal emphasis to the constructive aspects of the high school interscholastic athletic program.

Dr. Rhea Williams, Interscholastic League Athletic Director, has, in other sections of the *Leaguer*, set forth his views on the report. It is hoped that school administrators will read the N.E.A. report and also the views of Dr. Williams on this subject.

League Work Shown On KUHT Television

The University of Houston in cooperation with the Interscholastic League is presenting a bi-weekly television show on KUHT, channel eight, featuring the activities of the League.

The program began in October and will continue until May, at the close of League competition.

The half-hour shows have been presented every Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. Students representing the member schools in Region V, plus high school, University and League personnel have appeared on the program demonstrating the different phases of League activities.

Some of the subjects discussed have been athletics, journalism, band, speech, debate, drama, mathematics and other fields of interest.

Many of the teachers in the participating high schools have helped to create interest in the program



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MISSPELLED WORDS

There is an error in the Word Lists for Spelling Contests. Change the following: on page 15, column 11, the word degradation to the correct spelling, degradation. On page 10, column 15, straightforward should be changed to straight-forward.

The following corrections should be made in the Word Lists for Spelling Contests: On page 13, column 4, change the word ostracize to ostracize. On page 16, column 10, change air corps to Air Corps, capitalizing the first letter of each word. On page 15, column 12, Terribery should be territory, removing the first-letter capitalization (Since the words of Hawaii are in italics on the list, they do not affect the spelling of the contest word.)

ROCKDALE

Rockdale placed on probation in football for 1954-55 year for using ineligible players in non-conference "A" games. Action recommended by Football 22 A District Committee.

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.

There are a few errors in the Constitution and Rules which should be corrected to read as follows: Page 10, basketball Plan, Rule 31: "00 should read \$7.00. Please note under the Football Plan, Rule 20, the following dates for the 1954 season:

Confereces AAAA and AAA—
First date for fall practice, August 27, 1954.
First date for playing game, September 10, 1954.
Confereces AA, A, B, Six-man—
First date for fall practice, August 23, 1954.
First date for playing game, September 8, 1954.

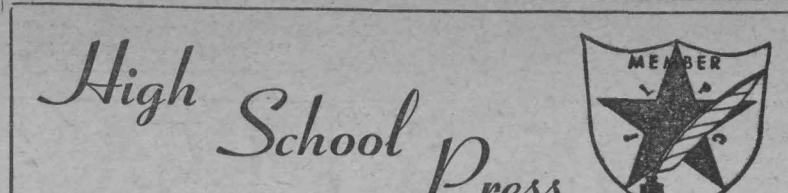
Correction, Slide Rule Contest, Rule 6, Grading the contest, Paragraph (Page 66, Constitution and Rules) should read as follows: "The problem shall be considered skipped and one point shall be deducted."

ATTENTION: TYPEWRITING CONTESTANTS AND COACHES

Please note that only manually operated typewriters are permitted in the typing contest. The League office has received a number of letters from typewriting coaches asking whether it would be permissible to use electric typewriters. The answer is No.

This issue of the *Leaguer* carries the Regional Meet schedules as sent in to the League office by the Regional Directors.

Please be advised that this schedule is not official Regional Meet program but represents only an announcement of the date and time of the events. For the Official Program, the qualifying schools should contact the Regional Directors of their respective regions.



By the time this issue of the *Leaguer* reaches your school, all ILPC members will have received copies of last year's editorial and feature stories that were regional and district winners.

Also included were the third and fourth ILPC pamphlets of the year—one on replacing the Gossip Column and another on writing featurettes.

With interest and enthusiasm for the coming regional and state journalism contests reaching a high point, advisers are urged to check the regional contest listings carried elsewhere in this issue.

There are two contests conducted at this time of the year. One is for ILPC members only; the other for members and non-members alike.

The regional and state journalism contest is an all-around competition including tests in copy-reading, news reporting, headline writing, feature and editorial writing.

ILPC members will automatically receive regional certification blanks. Students of schools which are League members but which have not joined the ILPC may enter the contest upon certification of eligibility by the school principal or superintendent. Such certification blanks may be obtained from the Director of Journalism, Box 8028, Austin.

The ILPC contest for members only is the Individual Achievement Awards Contest. It offers an opportunity for students to win in their specialty.

First, second, and third place medals are issued in five classifications for high school students and also for junior high school ILPC members.

Medals are paid for out of the voluntary fee paid by each member school.

The five high school classifications are comparable to the League's AAAA through B ratings.

Individual contests include: editorial writing, news writing, sports writing, photos (spot news), photos (feature), feature writing, featurette writing (also called "brights"—humorous short items not more than 4 1/2 inches in type, exclusive of headline).

Deadline for entry in the Individual Achievement Contest is April 15.

Here is how entries should be made:

1. Each ILPC member paper may submit three entries in each category listed above. These should be chosen by sponsor or staff as

the best work done during the year.

2. Mount each entry on a sheet of paper (standard size). Do not include the headline—only send the story. Do not include by-line.

3. Type at the top of the entry sheet the contest in which it is to be judged. Type on the back of the entry sheet the names of the author or photographer, the paper, and the school.

4. Send all entries to Director of Journalism, Box 8028, University Station, Austin.

5. Entries will be judged and winners announced at the State Meet in Austin. Medals will be presented to those winners attending. Winners who do not attend the State Meet will have their medals mailed to their schools.

\$200 Journalism Scholarship Given By UT Theta Sigis

In addition to the five Brackenridge Scholarships in Journalism announced in the February issue of the *Leaguer*, the \$200 scholarship given each year by Xi Chapter of Theta Sigma Phi will be awarded again this year to a boy or girl planning to major in journalism at The University of Texas.

The winner of this scholarship will be chosen on the basis of applications filed with Dean W. D. Blunk, Box 7994, University Station, Austin 12, Texas. The deadline for applications was March 15.

The winner will be announced at the state convention of ILPC, May 6, 7, and 8.

Booklet Tells How Laws Are Made in Texas

Continuing demand for information on the lawmaking process in Texas has brought a second printing of "How Bills Become Laws in Texas," revised edition, a University of Texas Institute of Public Affairs publication.

The booklet gives, as simply as possible, the formal progress of a bill through the Texas Legislature. It is limited to the Legislature's part in the legislative process, and does not take into consideration the role played by the governor, other public officials, political parties, pressure groups, or private citizens.

Copies of "How Bills Become Laws in Texas" are available at 50 cents each from Institute of Public Affairs, University of Texas, Austin 12.

One-Act Play Meets Listed

tor. Date to be arranged. Districts (46-47), 45, 51, 52.

REGION V
Anahuac Senior High School, R. F. Riley, Supt., Director. Date to be arranged. Districts 59, 66, 68. Sam Houston College, Huntsville, Charles Schmidt, Director. April 9th: Districts 58, 60, 61, 62. Katy Senior High School, James A. Harris, Principal, Director. April 13th: (tentative) Districts 64, 65, 67.

REGION VI
University Junior High School, Austin, Texas, Miss Margaret Breedlove, Director. April 10th: Districts 70, 71, 72, 73. Harlandale Senior High School, San Antonio. Mrs. Geraldine Mullins, Director. Date to be arranged. Districts 74, 77, 79. Southwest Texas Junior College, Uvalde, Mrs. Minnie S. Greene, Director. April 15th: Districts 75, 76, 78.

REGION VII
Wm. Adams Senior High School, Alice, Texas, Mrs. Margaret Bowers, Director. April 9th: Districts 82, 84, 87. Refugio Senior High School, Mr. R. H. Renfro, Principal, Director. Date to be arranged. Districts 80, 81, 83. No Area Meets for Districts 88, 86. (Advance to Regional from District.)

REGION VIII
No Area Meets for Districts 38 through 93. (Advance to Regional at Odessa from District.)

Haskew Elected to Lead For Teacher Education

Dr. L. D. Haskew, University of Texas College of Education dean, is new president-elect of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, a National Education Association department.

The association includes more than 250 colleges and universities which train teachers.

Dean Haskew will succeed Dr. Herbert D. Welte, president of the Teachers College of Connecticut, New Britain, who is current president. He was elected at the association's sixth annual convention in Chicago, Ill.

Dean of the University of Texas College of Education since 1947, Dr. Haskew formerly was director of teacher education at Emory University and Agnes Scott College. He also has taught at Columbia University Teachers College, New York University, the University of Georgia, Georgia Teachers College and numerous other teacher-education institutions. He began his professional career as an athletic coach and high school principal in Georgia and later was a school superintendent in that state.

Regional Meets List Tentative Schedule

Literary events entries and school representatives meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Union Building auditorium. Coaches and contestants in athletic events meet at Men's Gymnasium at 9:00 a.m. Tennis and golf begin at 9:15 a.m.; track meet starts at 9:15 a.m.

REGION IV, AA
Site: S. F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches. Director General: Lawrence T. Franks, S. F. Austin State College. Conference AA: Districts 10 and 11. April 24: All events will be held on Saturday. Track coaches meet at the new gym at 9:30 a.m. Tennis starts at 1:00 p.m., literary events at 1:30 p.m., one-act play at 7:00 p.m.

REGION IV, A AND B
Site: Kilgore College, Kilgore. Director General: Randolph C. Watson, Dean, Kilgore College. Conference AA: Districts 24-28, inclusive. Conference B: Districts 41-57, inclusive. April 23: Golf begins at 8:00 a.m., tennis at 9:00 a.m., and volleyball at 9:30 a.m. April 24: Other contests at various hours. A general assembly for the literary division will be held at 8:30 a.m. Track and field begin at 9:30 a.m.

REGION V, AA, A AND B
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 58-68, inclusive. April 23: Tennis coaches' meeting, Conferences A and B, 8:30 a.m., preliminaries at 9:00 a.m. Golf, Conferences AA, A and B, 8:00 a.m. April 24: All other events. Tennis coaches, Conference AA, will meet at 8:30 a.m., track coaches, Conferences AA, A and B, meet at 8:30 a.m., and the first literary event will start at 9:30 a.m.

REGION VI, AA
Site: Trinity University, San Antonio. Director General: Dale M. Morrison. Conference AA: Districts 15-16, inclusive. April 23: Boys' golf singles at 8:00 a.m., and boys' golf teams at 9:00 a.m., Brackenridge Park. April 24: All other events at various hours, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

REGION VI, A AND B
Site: Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos. Director General: Dr. Pat H. Norwood, Southwest Texas State College. Conference A: Districts 38-43, inclusive. Conference B: Districts 69-79, inclusive. April 23: One-act play contest, Conference B at 2:00 p.m., Conference A at 7:00 p.m., at Little Theatre. April 24: All other events, beginning at 8:00 a.m. for athletics and 9:30 a.m. for literary events.

REGION VII, AA, A AND B
Site: Texas College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville. Director General: Dr. Eldon D. Brinley, Texas College of Arts and Industries. Conference AA: Districts 17 and 18. Conference A: Districts 44-48, inclusive. Conference B: Districts 80-87, inclusive. April 23: Golf, Conferences AA, A and B, 8:00 a.m. Tennis, Conferences A and B, 1:00 p.m. Other events in all three conferences begin as early as 8:30 a.m. and continue through the day. April 24: Ready writers, number sense, slide rule, tennis semifinals and finals, and track and field are scheduled for Saturday, starting at 8:00 a.m. with track and field.

REGION VIII, AA
Site: Texas Western College, El Paso. Director General: J. M. Hanks, superintendent, Ysleta. Conference AA: District 19. April 23: Literary contests from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. One-act plays begin at 6:00 p.m. April 24: Track and field, beginning at 9:00 a.m., finals at 1:30 p.m.

REGION VIII, B
Site: Odessa College, Odessa. Director General: Jack Rodgers, Vice-President, Odessa College. Conference B: Districts 88-93, inclusive. April 22: Golf, Odessa Country Club, 8:00 a.m. Tennis preliminaries, 1:00 p.m. April 23: Debate at 8:00 a.m., journalism at 9:00 a.m., tennis finals at 1:00 p.m., and one-act play contest at 4:00 p.m. April 24: All other contests, beginning at different hours.

BULLETINS EXHAUSTED
The State Office has exhausted its supply of the following bulletins for the current school year. Please do not send in orders for them:
The official debate handbook
Junior and Senior declamation bibliography
Prescribed music for 1953-54
Interscholastic League spelling list
Art appreciation studies
Girls basketball guide 1953-54

GENERAL FEE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand, September 1, 1952	\$16,836.00
Membership fees	129.50
Breakfast ticket sales, Dallas, November 23, 1952	182.60
Breakfast ticket sales, State Meet, May 9, 1953	1,750.00
Fee paid by Magnolia Petroleum Company for broadcasting rights of the Boys' Basketball Games, Austin, March 7-9, 1953	1,548.50
Boys' Basketball Tournament receipts, Austin, March 5-7, 1953	2,490.05
Girls' Basketball Tournament receipts, Austin, March 12-14, 1953	1,215.75
Baseball Tournament receipts, Austin, June 3-5, 1953	1,647.90
State Track and Field Meet and One-Act Play receipts, May 7-9, 1953	191.20
Program sales, Boys' Basketball Tournament, March 5-7, 1953	40.85
Program sales, Girls' Basketball Tournament, March 12-14, 1953	48.70
Program sales, Baseball Tournament, June 3-5, 1953	535.00
Rental of night reading music used in the Regional Competition Festivals	55.80
Broadcasting fees from ESTJ, KTBB, KPND, KCLW, KVWC, KPAD, KRUZ, KRIC, KDDD Stations	388.23
Re-appropriated for printing	8.85
Unwestern Telephone Company (refund)	7.00
Un cashed checks for 1952-53	781.4
Total Receipts	\$41,275.87
Grand Total	\$48,395.54

DISBURSEMENTS

Rebate, State Meet, May 7, 8, 9, 1953	\$ 7,469.72
Rebate, Girls' Basketball Tournament, March 12-14, 1953	877.00
Rebate, Boys' Basketball Tournament, March 5-7, 1953	1,112.40
Rebate, Baseball Tournament, June 3-5, 1953	312.60
R. J. Kidd (traveling expenses)	224.75
W. J. Harding (traveling expenses)	45.72
Richard B. Hieser (traveling expenses)	22.70
Rhea H. Williams (traveling expenses)	70.60
Roy Bedichek (traveling expenses)	134.45
Bruce Roach (traveling expenses)	24.25
F. W. Savage (traveling expenses)	79.76
University Printing Division	1,738.23
Visual Instruction Bureau	208.76
Choral Music Selection Committee (traveling expenses)	127.94
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	33.50
Austin Typewriter Company (services)	91.80
Underwood Corporation (1 typewriter)	145.00
Officials, Boys' Basketball Tournament, March 5-7, 1953	980.00
Officials, Girls' Basketball Tournament, March 12-14, 1953	350.90
Officials, Baseball Tournament, June 3-5, 1953	150.00
Roland Bloomquist (services, Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournaments)	49.00
Services, Girls' Basketball Tournament, March 12-14, 1953	307.25
Services, Baseball Tournament, June 3-5, 1953	155.00
Services, Boys' Basketball Tournament, March 5-7, 1953	1,092.50
Nelson Davis and Son (copy)	12.50
Police services, Boys' Basketball Tournament, March 5-7, 1953	1,114.50
Police services, Girls' Basketball Tournament, March 12-14, 1953	109.75
Police services, State Meet, May 7-9, 1953	32.50
Police services, Baseball Tournament, June 3-5, 1953	25.00
L. C. Phares Detective Agency (services, Girls' Basketball Tournament, March 14, 1953)	20.00
Reimbursement for lodgings, Boys' Basketball Tournament, March 5-7, 1953	1,546.00
Reimbursement for lodgings, Girls' Basketball Tournament, March 12-14, 1953	960.00
Austin Baseball Club (for use of Ditch Field for Baseball Tournament, June 2-5, 1953)	285.60
Southern Music Company	613.20
Railway Express Agency	208.95
Balance of Boys' Basketball Tournament receipts due participating teams	10,601.76
Balance of State Baseball Tournament receipts due eight teams	59.20
Salaries (Anne Mangham, Laura Rutland, Elizabeth Doyle)	12,120.00
Oshman's Outdoor Store (tennis balls)	64.44
Levine's Department Store (pillow cases)	72.01
Cybaris Electric Company (electric clock)	2.00
C & S Sporting Goods Company (baseball medals and trophies)	148.78
C & S Sporting Goods Company (Boys' and Girls' Basketball trophies)	613.05
C & S Sporting Goods Company (baseballs for both tournaments)	116.70
C & S Sporting Goods Company (trophies and medals for State Meet)	1,291.85
L. G. Balfour Company (medals for boys' and girls' basketball tournaments)	465.69
Home Economics Tea Room (luncheon for Advisory Council, November 2, 1952)	49.50
Hotel Cortez (breakfast, League Meeting, November 28, 1952)	166.25
Driskill Hotel (League breakfast, May 9, 1953)	183.70
Ms. Vernon Motor Courts (lodging, May 7, 1953)	8.00
Kinman Courts (lodging, May 7, 1953)	16.00
Lodgings, State Meet, May 1, 1952 (Airport Motel, Murray's Motel, Oak Motel, Waldorf Motel)	40.00
Southwest Tablet Mfg. Company (roll tickets)	24.85

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

September 1, 1952 — September 1, 1953

Supplies (Raw's Lumber Company, Grove Drug Company, Bradford Paint Company)	49.70
H. L. Green Company (ribbon for badges)	214.00
Salaries	3,869.18
Services (Curry Office Supply, Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation, IBM Corporation, Robert Fowler, William McCullough, Leonard Kreis, Horace Staph, Roland Bloomquist, J. C. Bair Company)	729.65
Gregory Gymnasium (laundry services)	55.18
Industrial and Business Training Bureau (reproduction of music)	68.32
Aguren Photo-Lith Lab. (services)	7.50
Western Union Telegraph Company	90.49
San Jacinto Dormitories (lodgings, Baseball Tournament, June 2-5, 1953)	58.00
P.X.R. Telephone System (services, Texas Memorial Stadium, May 8 and 9, 1953)	18.00
Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournaments (setting and removing bleachers at Gregory Gymnasium)	675.35
Public Address System in Press Room at Stadium for Track Meet, May 8 and 9, 1953	41.17
Public Address System and Timing Unit for Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournament	110.27
Hauling and constructing stand at stadium for High School Track Meet	104.25
Hauling bedding to Little Campus	17.00
Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company	141.15
Refund of fee	4.00
Choral Music Selection Committee (traveling expenses)	67.27
Orchestra Music Selection Committee (traveling expenses)	191.98
Band Music Selection Committee (traveling expenses)	185.17
Encumbrances	91.66
Total Disbursements	\$40,527.81
Balance on hand, September 1, 1953	2,867.73
Grand Total	\$43,395.54

FOOTBALL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand, September 1, 1952	\$20,790.78
Fee paid by the Magnolia Petroleum Company for broadcasting rights of the Conference Championship Games for 1952	\$ 5,000.00
Re-appropriated	195.20
Five per cent of gross receipts of championship games	19,616.11
Southwest Football Officials' Association (services rendered by the League)	600.00
Refunds of deposits made with the Court of Civil Appeals and Supreme Court in the case of Midwestern University vs. Interscholastic League	192.00
Broadcasting fees (KTRU Station, V. N. Keyes)	8.00
R. E. Shipp (services rendered by League)	5.00
Total Receipts	\$25,516.31
Grand Total	\$46,307.09

DISBURSEMENTS

University Printing Division	\$ 4,628.97
Crown Office Supply Company (letter files)	158.40
Rhea H. Williams (traveling expenses)	284.39
R. J. Kidd (traveling expenses)	16.20
Gulf Oil Corporation	15.95
J. H. Hart (legal services)	1,667.00
Advisory Council (traveling expenses)	863.39
Notices published in The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, San Antonio Express, Dallas Morning News, Houston Post, requesting bids for broadcasting rights	181.91
Salaries (Anne Mangham, Laura Rutland, Elizabeth Doyle)	6,283.67
C & S Sporting Goods Company (trophies)	223.52
Services (Leona Thurman, John Burk, Simon Garcia, Elizabeth West, G. H. Lamley, C. M. Wilson Company, H. V. Porter, IBM Corporation)	2,558.90
Little Campus Motor Pool	248.95
Capital Printing Company (transfer cases)	83.39
Industrial and Business Training Bureau	104.38
Superior Body Works (services)	55.00
Amount due participating teams from the fee paid by the Magnolia Petroleum Company for broadcasting the Conference AA Championship Game for the season of 1952	4,465.08
Amount due Terral and Youkum High Schools from the fee paid by the Magnolia Petroleum Company for broadcasting the Conference AA Championship Game for the season of 1952	285.00
Home Economics Tea Room (luncheon, May 6, 1953)	3.63
Encumbrances	36.80
Total Disbursements	\$22,800.40
Balance on hand, September 1, 1953	24,006.69
Grand Total	\$46,307.09

BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 5, 6, and 7, 1953

RECEIPTS	
Tournament receipts	\$15,648.50
Sale of programs	191.20
Magnolia Petroleum Company (broadcasting fee)	1,750.00
Broadcasting fees (KPND, KCLW, KVWC, KPAT, KRUZ, KRIC, KDDD, KSTJ, KPLT)	79.80
Total	\$17,669.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Rebate for Boys' Basketball Tournament	\$ 1,112.40
Services (Officials)	980.00
Police services	100.75
Reimbursement for lodgings	

MUSIC MATTERS

By F. W. SAVAGE
Director of Music Activities

ENTRY FEES

DEADLINES
In keeping with the practice which we began last month of repeating in this column all the entry deadlines which occur before the next issue of the *Leaguer*, we present the following:

- March 31—Region IV—Band Concert
- April 1—Region XI—Marching, Band and Orchestra Concert.
- April 3—Region X—Twirling, Instrumental and Vocal Solos and Ensembles.
- April 6—Region IV—Vocal Concert, Vocal Solos and Ensembles.
- April 8—Region VI—Vocal Concert, Vocal Solos and Ensembles.
- April 9—Region II—Band and Orchestra Concert and all Instrumental Solos and Ensembles.
- April 9—Region IX—Vocal Concert, Vocal Solos and Ensembles.
- April 10—Region I—Marching, Band and Orchestra Concert, Instrumental Solos and Ensembles.
- April 10—Region III—Vocal Concert and Vocal Solos and Ensembles.
- April 10—Region X—Band, Orchestra and Vocal Concert.
- April 16—Region III—Band Concert, Orchestra Concert and Instrumental Solos and Ensembles.

Entries must be postmarked by 12:00 midnight on the day listed as the closing date. All entries postmarked later than this time are automatically rejected. Duplicate entries must be mailed to the State Office at the same time original entries are mailed to regional officials.

AUDITIONS FAILING

If current trends are any indication, the plan of District Auditions is failing again this year. One specific example may serve to point out what we believe to be the major difficulty with the entire plan of solo and ensemble competition.

One junior high school band has managed to qualify fifty-six soloists and fifteen ensembles composed of 51 students. This is all perfectly legal but we would like to raise the following question. What sort of a job of evaluation will a judge do who has to listen to twelve young clarinet soloists in a row from the same school, six of whom are playing the same solo; five immature alto saxophone soloists similarly unformed, four playing the same solo; followed by six young flutists in the same uniform, half of whom play the same number? The obvious answer to this question causes us to ask another . . . the answer to which this office is going to considerable difficulty to find before the rule-book is written for another year: **just exactly what do we expect to gain from the solo and ensemble competition?** Do we achieve these results best by allowing every child who is enrolled in school and who possesses a horn to enter the highest and most "sacred" inter-school music event we have, or do we get closer to achieving the desired results by supporting rigid district eliminations from which only the most proficient and mature performers progress?

The music educators "kicked up quite a storm" in Dallas during the recent convention about some of the administrative shenanigans affiliated with music competition. We are sorry to report, however, that to our knowledge, no consideration or discussion was devoted to the problem previously stated: what are the objectives of solo and ensemble competition and how shall we proceed to best achieve those objectives. When these answers are agreed upon, we believe that most of the problems considered by the Texas Music Educators Association will be automatically solved.

For example: Music educators and administrators alike are concerned with the costs of inter-school music competition . . . not the per-pupil costs, necessarily, but the total costs. Imagine the thoughts of the superintendent of the junior high school band pervasively mentioned as he authorized a check for \$141 for entry fees in solos and ensembles from one junior high school band. It is fairly obvious that he has some misgivings concerning this method of "motivation." When music educators finally decide which method is the best to achieve the desired results, our financial structure can be adjusted in accordance.

The music educators passed a resolution requesting voting membership on the regional executive committees. To quote Robert Fielder, President of the T.M.E.A., "The lack of representation of music people in making decisions and plans affecting these programs has resulted in a feeling that the competition activities are not giving the boys and girls who participate the maximum benefit that could be expected." President Fielder goes on to say, "Music educators in general wholeheartedly subscribe to the principle of control of school activities such as music contests by school administrators."

We presume on Bob Fielder's good nature to combine and reword his statement: music educators want to have a hand in prescribing the technical aspects of the activity and are perfectly willing to leave the policy making and final control in the hands of the school administrators.

COMPARISON

May we state an interesting comparison. Neither Texas administrators nor Texas football coaches construct the football playing rules. These regulations are "handed down" from technical experts operating on a national level. Not so in music competition. Some group in Texas is forced to prescribe playing rules in music. In general, Texas administrators are not greatly concerned with the technical aspects of the football playing rules. They are perfectly willing for other groups to construct them, but they are interested in how these rules are followed and who does or does not follow them. In our opinion, Texas administrators are not greatly concerned with the "playing rules" in music, but are interested principally in the results achieved and the costs in time, trouble and money.

Now, when music educators can agree among themselves on the ultimate objectives to be achieved and adopt an open-minded, intelligent and scholarly approach to finding a method of achieving those objectives, it is our opinion that the administrators will gladly delegate the construction of playing rules to these technically qualified music educators.

As our part in working toward this harmony of action, we are going to endeavor to arrange a lengthy meeting of representative music educators to sit down and try to answer the question posed in previous statements. When these answers are found, then the group can develop ways and means to achieve these objectives. In effect, this is the construction of "playing rules."

When an agreement is reached, the playing rules can be presented to the State Executive Committee for consideration. Since most of the changes will be confined to "playing rules," the State Executive Committee has the authority to "set up plans of competition and promote the same." Unless major changes are involved, no referendum to the member schools will be necessary and the plan can go into effect immediately.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

Recreation in the American Community, by Howard G. Danford.

Harper & Brothers, 49 East 33rd Street, New York. 464 pages. Price \$5.00.

An important new addition to the literary field of recreation is now available with the publication of "Recreation in the American Community" by Danford. As there is more leisure time available, the problem of desirable and adequate recreation assumes tremendous importance in the over-all planning of our school and community agencies. This treatise is well written and presents a splendid and practical philosophy for the administration of the recreational program.

It is complete, concise and presents an analytical evaluation of what a good recreation program should consist of, and what it should produce in terms of human relationships. Emphasis is given to designing recreational centers, making recreational surveys, organizing for community action, public relations, safety, budget, and financing the program, and legal aspects of the recreational program.

One problem that continually arises is that sponsors are inclined to use "winning" poems or prose selections over and over again. First of all, of course, it is the student's interpretation of the selection that makes the selection a winner. But care must be exercised in selection and use of declamations. One of the judging standards for declamation is that of suitability. Is the selection suitable material for the student giving it? Does the student understand the purpose the author or speaker had in mind when writing the poem or the oration? The director must be careful not to give the student a selection that is too simple, nor yet one that is too complicated for him.

Practice Suggested For Ready Writing

The Ready Writers Contest provides the student with a splendid opportunity to utilize his study, observation and experience in organizing a worth-while essay. So that Directors of Ready Writing may know what type of topics will be used, some samples are given.

1. The Kind of Garden I Would Like to Have.
2. How I Can Help Improve My School.
3. My Biggest Thrill.
4. My Hobby.
5. Why I Am Glad I Live in America.

High School Practice Topics for Ready Writing:

1. What Constitutes Good Citizenship?
2. What I Can Do to Be a Better American.
3. Some of My Classmates Are Real Characters.
4. The Most Interesting Person I Know.
5. Sometimes My Parents Surprise Me.

Tips Offered on How to Win League Declamation Contests

Declamation is the most popular of the speech contests sponsored by the League. Last year some 8,000 students participated actively in the high school junior and senior declamation contests. Local school eliminations and students trained for such eliminations swelled the number to about 25,000. The immense popularity of declamation year after year demands selections that meet the individual differences of this great group of young people. Declamation sponsors are constantly on the lookout for new and fresh material for their students.

Enough of the declamation bibliographies were kept over for this year to last until contest time. Just last week the last of these bibliographies was sent out. The new bibliography will be a complete revision of the old one, and the Speech Director will welcome suggestions for the bibliography from any declamation sponsor who has found good books or other sources for acceptable declamations.

One of the best sources for suitable senior declamations is the student himself. Original orations are more and more being used in the senior division of declamation. The student who writes his own declamation has a great advantage in naturalness because he is using his own words. When the student uses a topic closely akin to his community or to his own environment, he can certainly speak from a knowledge of the subject. Declamation directors will do well to

"Heart's Ease" by Walter S. Lander, "Scum O' the Earth" by Robert H. Schuffler, "Bingen on the Rhine" by Caroline E. Norton, "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again" by Eva R. York, "I Hear America Singing" by Walt Whitman. Most of these must be cut to the five and one-half minute limit. However declamation directors, with a little thought and patience, can keep the spirit and context of the poems and still cut them to acceptable length.

Senior declamations may come from any prose source as long as the general subject is good citizenship. New speeches by prominent speakers are published twice a month by "Vital Speeches" (City News Publishing Co., 33 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. at \$6 per year—special student rates are also made). In addition, editorials, feature articles, and radio commentaries often provide excellent sources for senior declamations.

Attention of all speech and drama teachers in the State is called to the fact that the Southern Speech Association Convention is to be held in Texas for the first time in several years. The time of the convention is April 1, 2, 3. The place is the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas. The Congress and Tournament in connection with the convention will be held March 29, 30, 31, also in Dallas.

encourage their students to study good speeches and then write their own.

Among new sources for both junior and senior declamation are these:

PROBLEMS IN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION SERIES, D. C. Heath Co. (Available from Texas Bookstore, Austin, Texas, for \$1.10 each). The series includes books on *Education for Democracy*, *Loyalty in a Democratic State*, *The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution*.

Commager, H. S., and Nevins, Allan. *The Heritage of America*. New York: D. C. Heath Co. 1949. (Available from Texas Bookstore, at \$4.40 each. Many of the selections, written by the people who lived at the time, are eminently suitable for senior declamation).

Speech, Drama Teachers Meet at Dallas in April

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News and Views of the Coaches

By STAN LAMBERT
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Texas High School Coaches Assn.
COACHES RECOGNIZED BY T.E.A.

Time marches on, and one thing brings on another. For the second time in as many months, Commissioner of Education Dr. J. W. Edgar has recognized the high school coaches as a part of the general educational picture in the state. In December he contacted Pres. Pat Gerald and asked the coaches association to "assume the leadership" in promoting the athletic side of the Centennial of public school education celebration in Texas this year. At its December meeting, the board accepted the responsibility, and Pres. Gerald appointed a committee to carry on in the name of the association and notified the Texas Education Agency of the action.

Then last month, Lee Wilborn, who is Dr. Edgar's right arm in the Agency, extended the association an invitation to send representation to a T.E.A. committee appointed to study a request from Texas Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation have a state director as a part of the Agency. It fell my lot to represent the association.

THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST TIME

So far as we know this is the first time in history that coaches have been recognized at the state level in the field of education as anything other than coaches. Although there is much palaver, particularly at the administration levels, about coaches' being teachers as well as coaches nobody ever thought about recognizing them as specialists in the field of physical and health education and consulting them on the problems in that field of endeavor.

The personnel of the committee was composed of representatives from the State Health Department, the Texas Association of PHE&R, the Health Section of the TSTA, the School Health Services, the Interscholastic League and the coaches association. The group kicked the idea around for nearly three hours. After hearing from all allied areas, the group finally recommended that a steering committee be appointed to collect all the ideas and to submit a single recommendation. This, we understand, is to be done and the coaches association will be represented.

NOTES FROM OUR SCRATCH PAD

Dr. Edgar said at the outset that he was not sold on the idea of a state supervision for physical and health education, but that he could be changed . . . that the general plan in education today is to have the curriculum in the first eight grades pretty well standardized for all students and for the last four grades to be diversified through the use of electives; and that he wondered if a similar plan would not be practical in this field . . . that

as a rule coaches are overloaded with classes when they are under strong pressures from the outside . . . that he would not favor any plan whereby coaches had to teach (only) physical education . . . that he favors improving the status of physical and health education teachers through leadership and education rather than passing more legislation "with teeth in it" . . . to quote him, "We have plenty of laws now but we also have a situation that we have to live with." . . . (I left with the idea that in him we had a friend who would do anything in the bounds of reason to improve our situation; but that he also has responsibilities in other areas that kept him from feeling as keenly on the subject as this group of specialists in the field.)

Dr. Lynn W. McCraw, of the physical and health education of the University of Texas paid the coaches a very nice compliment. He pointed out that 80 per cent of the physical education teachers in the state were coaches and stated very candidly that he felt that the physical education teaching profession was very fortunate in having these men in the program because he felt that if the coaches were not in it that the profession could not hope to attract the high caliber teachers that it now has. He said that the coaches as a rule were doing a fine teaching job when they were not overloaded with classes.

Dr. D. K. Brace, head of the department at the University, came through as those who know him have learned to expect, with a fine contribution. He was concerned about students being excused from physical education classes for so many reasons, even in schools where physical education was required. He listed varsity sports, band, pep squad, ROTC, flimsy doctors' excuses, private music lessons, etc., as commonly accepted substitutes for physical education. He was also interested in more laws making the subject compulsory throughout the schools and the TEA's withholding financial aid when the laws were not followed. (I had the feeling that he is still "a little ahead of his time" or at least a few years ahead of where Dr. Edgar thinks he can lead the public school administrators now.)

There were some other aspects of the conference that we feel it best not to put in print; but the coaches can rest assured that we were unable to detect anyone advocating that athletics be made a subsidiary to physical education (and really we expected it to crop out).

Miss Margaret Bray, of Ray, Corpus Christi, is Secretary-Treasurer of the Association and is ready to take your \$1.00 membership dues. If our profession is not worth a hunch it's not worth staying in. We could pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps as teachers in this organization just as we did as coaches in the THSCA. With that much power Dr. Brace would not be so far ahead of his time.



Thousands of high school students are now in the process of putting on plays. In considering dramas for both reading and production, especially production, play directors, teachers and students in schools must remind themselves continually that educational theatre is not part of the professional stage of metropolitan cities. The point here is that simply because a play attains professional success on Broadway, it does not necessarily follow that such a play is a fit vehicle for high school production. Of course, the opposite is true, too. Because a play has been a failure on Broadway, directors should not ignore such a play as a possibility for the high school theatre.

High school actors and audiences generally have two distinguishing characteristics. First, neither the students nor the audience suffers from too much theatre attendance; and second, both the actors and the audience have a delightful flexibility (actually, a tolerance) of response so often lacking in hardened theatre-goers. As a result, many plays are possible for production in high school that are considered old and worn out by a sophisticated adult audience.

Many of the "classics" have proved to be excellent material for high schools. Among the youthful perennials are such plays as Goldsmith's *SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER*, Sheridan's *THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL* and *THE RIVALS*, Wilde's *THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST*, Moliere's *THE WEALTHY UPSTART* and *THE DOCTOR IN SPITE OF HIMSELF*, Shakespeare's *TWELFTH NIGHT*, *THE COMEDY OF ERRORS*, and *THE TAMING OF THE SHREW*, the medieval French farce, *PIERRE PATHELIN*, Rostand's *THE ROMANSCERS*, and Sophocles' *ANTIGONE*, to name but a few.

In considering Broadway successes, some of these are good for school performance but most of them are not. Clarence Stratton has given us a significant commentary on the use of Broadway successes in schools: "If receipts of money must be the test of the school production perhaps some well-known success of the regular theatre may have to be chosen, but even starting with such a necessity, may it not be an excellent procedure to follow it with something better, a play more significant, a drama more moving—perhaps even disturbing, a recognized masterpiece of literary history, gradually raising the tone of productions with attendant rise in pupil appreciation, and gradually (never too rapidly) developing the taste of the audience? A wise director of plays must be careful not to move away too rapidly from his supporting audience or his acting pupils.

This is fatal and must be avoided. But certainly a goal can be set.

This is the time when many schools are getting started on the annual Senior Play. The Interscholastic League Drama Service gets many requests for reading copies of suitable three-act plays for such productions. One of the things that seems to us to be a poor policy is the attempt of some directors to use all of the graduating class in the Senior Play. Typical of the requests is this one, "Can you send me some good humorous plays for our graduating class? There are nine girls and five boys in the class. Two of the boys and three of the girls do not speak easily. It would be better if they could play silent parts."

In considering such requests, it must be remembered that most of the good plays have more male roles than female roles. Then, too, the director has not considered the fact that back-stage jobs are equally as important as acting jobs. Instead of choosing a mediocre play which will use every member in the graduating class, a good deal more good can be done, and educational purposes will be served much better if the director and students choose a play that has some literary merit and makes the whole production—backstage, house management, ticket sales, advertising, and the like, a worthwhile experience for all the students, letting each fill the job to which he is best suited.

Some directors request plays that have large, flexible casts and use as many people as possible. These directors, too, will be wise if they turn to the best plays of the world's literature. Often the much maligned "Classics" call for choruses, attendants, mobs, armies, pageants or processions.

Novels and short stories have long been used as the basis for some of the best plays written. Directors will find many excellent plays for their use if they will check carefully the catalogues of the various play publishers. In the realm of children's theatre, The Children's Theatre Press of Anchorage, Kentucky, has published perhaps the greatest number of dramatized children's stories and books. For high school production, Samuel French, Walter Baker, and Dramatic Publishing Co. have all published acting versions of a number of books, both classic and modern.

VANITY FAIR, adapted by Jean Brandon-Thomas from the novel by William Makepeace Thackeray. French, 13m10w, comedy, Roy. \$25, 3 act (9 scenes). The ruthlessness of the immortal Becky Sharp is coherently and faithfully told in this adaptation of the Thackeray novel.

Federation Heads View Non-School Activities

The winter meeting of the National High School State Federation Secretaries was held at Atlanta, Ga., on Jan. 7, 8, and 9. This meeting is part of the annual football rules meeting of the Federation.

Among the many topics presented for consideration were: non-school promotions, inter-state and national contests, the Sanctioning Policy of the National Association of Secondary Principals, the music educators' program and policies, and a review of major developments pertaining to athletic and group accident benefit plans.

A summary of some of the major points of emphasis included:

1. Schools and states must be constantly on the alert to check the tendency by non-school groups to promote national and interstate meets.
2. Unless non-school essay and similar contests can be handled as an integral part of the instructional program, there is little or no justification for sanctioning them.
3. Awards for all activities—school or non-school—are generally tending toward the elimination of all merchandise and cash; and only medals, trophies, letters, or scholarships administered solely by the colleges themselves, are considered desirable.
4. The growing number of non-school promotions such as the Kellogg Orange Bowl Contest, the Lakeland Leather Project, the Babe Ruth Baseball Project, the Hopping Project in Swimming and others indicate the need for a definite and constructive policy and program to protect American youth from exploitation.

The group went on record as opposing all non-school promotions which were intended to advertise commercial interests, and which use the athletic program of the schools to advance their selfish interests.

5. In a number of states legal and legislative action involving the state associations has developed during recent months. In general, the results have strengthened and upheld the state associations and clarified the league's prestige and power.

6. The athletic and group benefit plans of the states constitute a continuing problem. Claim payments and cases continue to grow; financing the costs of maintaining the programs becomes increasingly difficult. Many states have adopted deductible clauses to prevent abuses.

7. Commercial insurance companies are increasingly becoming active in the field of accidental insurance for school pupils. Most of these policies provide for a considerably higher pupil fee, or provide coverage for only those activities which tend to maintain a low incidence of injury.

Some of the commercial policies are frankly initiated on an experimental basis, without being based on definite data regarding the incidence of injury. In some states there is a feeling that these policies are undermining the benefit programs of the state associations, and that eventually the result will be abandonment of the plan, followed by increased commercial rates.

Land Paid for Schools Originally, Says Webb

In the public lands some 19th Century Texans saw the opportunity to endow the state's educational system without resorting to taxes, Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, University of Texas historian told a College of Education convocation.

Dr. Webb spoke on "Education and the Vanishing Frontier" at the second of four meetings held in observance of the centennial of public education in Texas.

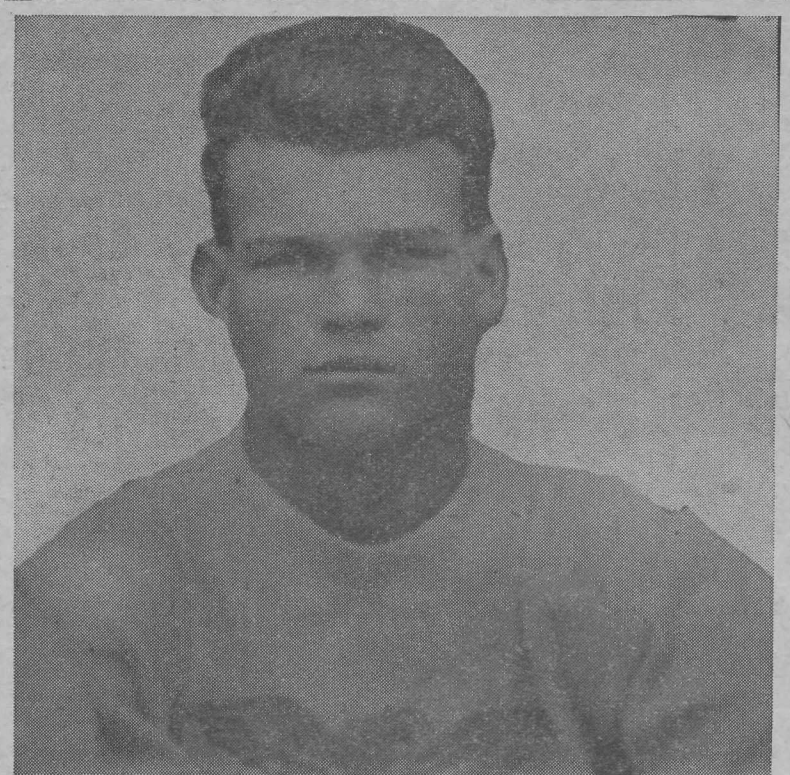
"In my opinion we would have had some form of public education without the frontier, but the system in the nation and in the state would not have been established as early, and it would not be nearly as well developed or as generally accepted or as well en-

dowed as it is," Dr. Webb declared.

A century and more ago, money was scarce and credit difficult, Dr. Webb pointed out. The state was as poor in money as the people, but was rich in land. Therefore frontier land was used as a substitute for money—to lure settlers, reward soldiers, attract railroads and other public-service companies.

Frontier land also was used to start the state's system of free public education, he explained.

Now that the frontier is gone, money must be substituted for land, Dr. Webb asserted. It must come from the people "and from taxes on such resources as we have left."



WILSON H. ELKINS

Do You Remember?

One of the noteworthy combinations of athletic and educational development is demonstrated by the record of Wilson H. Elkins, president of Texas Western College at El Paso, and a former star athlete at San Antonio and The University of Texas.

While a student in Brackenridge High School, San Antonio, Elkins participated in football, basketball and track during the years 1923-26. In 1925-26 the basketball team on which he played won the State championship and later participated in the national championship meet. He lettered in both football and track but says "there were no outstanding achievements."

The record Elkins made while at The University of Texas speaks for itself on his achievements. After attending Schreiner Institute, he entered the University and won eight varsity letters in football, basketball and track, serving as captain of the 1931-32 basketball team. While at the University, 1928-32, he received the B.A. and M.A. degrees. He was president of

the Student Association and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Later he went to Oxford University in England, from 1933 to 1936, receiving the B.Litt. and Ph.D. degrees.

Since then, he has taught two years at The University of Texas, was president of San Angelo Junior College for 10 years, and has been president of Texas Western College since 1949.

In 1937 Elkins and Dorothy Blackburn were married. They now have two daughters, ages 12 and 7.

Here is Dr. Elkins' own view of his experiences: "I have been interested in the athletic program of the Interscholastic League for about 30 years. As a participant I enjoyed the benefits of wholesome competitive sports properly directed, and I owe much to such activities. Since participation, I have observed the activities of the League and, as a result, have formed a high opinion of the contributions which the League has made."

Sweeny Sets Tourney Records; Bowie in Fourth Straight Win

field goals by lanky Jimmy Bond. Pampa's senior center, clinched the title in the closing seconds of the overtime which saw 15 points scored in the extra three minutes. The tournament opened Thursday morning with Krum defeating Samnorwood 55-52 in Conference B. In succession, Cayuga beat Avoca 58-44; Evant overpowered Rankin 85-52, and Big Sandy (Dallardsville) outlasted Pettus, 73-46, in first-round matches. In Friday morning Conference B semi-finals, Cayuga eliminated Krum 70-49, and Big Sandy eased by Evant, 68-37, putting Big Sandy in the finals for the third consec-

utive year. Big Sandy beat Lanesville in 1952, but in 1951 and 1953 they lost to Cayuga. In another thriller, Krum staged a last-quarter spurt before losing to Evant, 48-47, in the consolation game for third and fourth places of B. Thursday afternoon saw Sundown take New Boston 62-47 to open Conference A play. Immediately afterward came the spine-tling Sweeny-Buna overtime game which Sweeny won 74-72. Friday morning Buna defeated New Boston 49-37 to win third place in A. The historical Sweeny-Sundown match came Saturday afternoon. The score again:

Sweeny 92, Sundown 67. Conference AA started out with a close one Thursday night, Spring Branch of Houston winning over Lamar of Richmond-Rosenberg, 51-47. Bowie, paced by Temple Tucker, followed with an easy 66-37 win against Childress. In the consolation game, it was Lamar 51, Childress 42, for Conference AA third place. Bowie ended the AA play with its 70-40 defeat of Spring Branch for the championship, its fourth in a row. Conference AAA games began Friday afternoon, as Galena Park won going away from Sherman, 75-62, after a close match most

of the way. Alamo Heights and Plainview then tied up in a game which saw each team alternate in holding a brief lead. Alamo Heights managed to be ahead when the final gun sounded, 60-58. Plainview went on to lose to Sherman, 53-45, for third place, but Alamo Heights beat Galena Park, 67-60, for the AAA title. Wichita Falls gave defending champion Pampa a good battle before going down, 55-47, in the opening round of AAAA Friday night. Crozier Tech of Dallas and Milby of Houston met in the feature game of the evening, with Crozier the winner, 63-43. Milby took Wichita Falls, 54-38, before Pampa went on to defeat Crozier before a screaming, frenzied crowd which packed Gregory Gym from the rafters to the floor space along the sidelines. The tournament, directed by Dr. Rhea Williams, League athletic director, was dedicated to the first one hundred years of public school education in Texas, 1854-1954, in conjunction with the centennial being celebrated this year.

Representation to the state in this conference is determined by regional playoffs, and the winners were as follows: Region I, Childress; Region II, Bowie; Region III, Spring Branch (Houston); Region IV, Lamar (Richmond-Rosenberg).

CONFERENCE A

Following were district winners in this conference: McLean, Sudan, Hale Center, Sundown, Big Lake, Ozona, Ranger, Merkel, Crowell, Springtown, Burleson, Plano, Whitesboro, New Boston, Quitman, White Oak, Troup, Newton, Centerville, Buna, Fairfield, Rockdale, Burnet, Eagle Lake, A. & M. Consolidated (College Station), Sweeny, Industrial (Vanderbilt), Boerne, Carrizo Springs, Devine, Benavides, Rio Hondo.

Regional winners qualifying for the state were as follows: Region I, Sundown; Region II, New Boston; Region III, Buna; Region IV, Sweeny.

CONFERENCE B

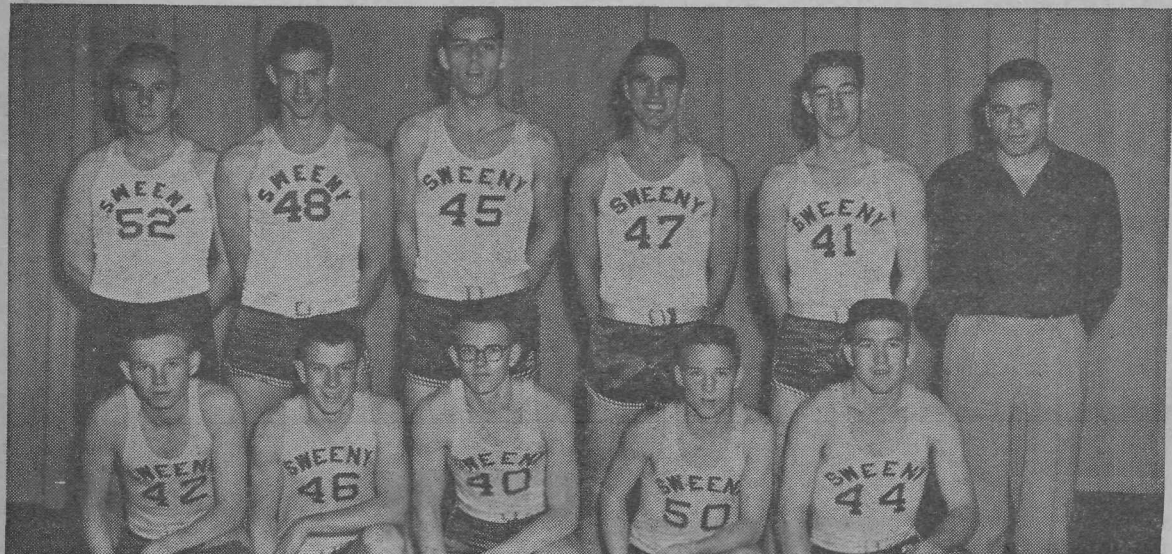
Conference B district winners were: Spearman, Follett, Samnorwood, Silverton, Cotton Center, Witharral, Roosevelt (Lubbock), Jayton, Smyer, Klondike (Lamesa), Bovina, Megargel, O'Brien, Carlton, Lipan, Clyde, Olden, May, Lohn, Avoca, Highland (Roscoe), Bronte, Coahoma, Burkett, Jonesboro, Moshem, Lockett (Vernon), Antelope, Prairie Valley (Nocona), Slidell, Collinsville, Frisco, Krum, Crandall, Santo, Godley, Aledo, Frost, Blum, Midway (Waco), Calvert, Red Oak, Gober, Chicota, Detroit, Redwater, Boles Home (Quinlan), Chandler, Bullard, Hallsville, Gary, Union Grove (Gladewater), Mt. Enterprise, Cayuga, East Delta (Charleston), Pickton, Golden, Central (Pollock), Brookeland, Orangefield, Big Sandy (Dallardsville), New Caney, Kennard, Bedias, Snook, Orchard, Pearland, Klein (Spring), Kountze, Round Top-Carmine, Sheridan, Troy, Hutto, Evant, Kyle, Medina, Big Wells, La Coste, Barksdale, Jourdan, Pettus, Bloomington, Ingleside, Bishop, Ben Bolt, San Perlita, Fort Davis, Rankin, Balmorhea, Van Horn.

Regional winners qualifying to the state were: Region I, Samnorwood; Region II, Avoca; Region III, Krum; Region IV, Cayuga; Region V, Big Sandy (Dallardsville); Region VI, Evant; Region VII, Pettus; Region VIII, Rankin.



BOWIE WINS FOUR STRAIGHT—The Bowie Jackrabbits, featuring Temple Tucker, 6-10 center, had little trouble in winning its fourth consecutive Conference AA championship, extending its own record. Team members, back row, left to right: E. C. Lemons, Jackie Airington, Wade Dyer, Curtis

Monroe, Tucker, Robert White, Ben Hill and Coach R. E. Mattingly. Front row, left to right: Manager Ronald Jones, J. D. Roach, Victor Baker, Hershah Kimbrough, John Carver, Carroll Winn, Ben Carver.



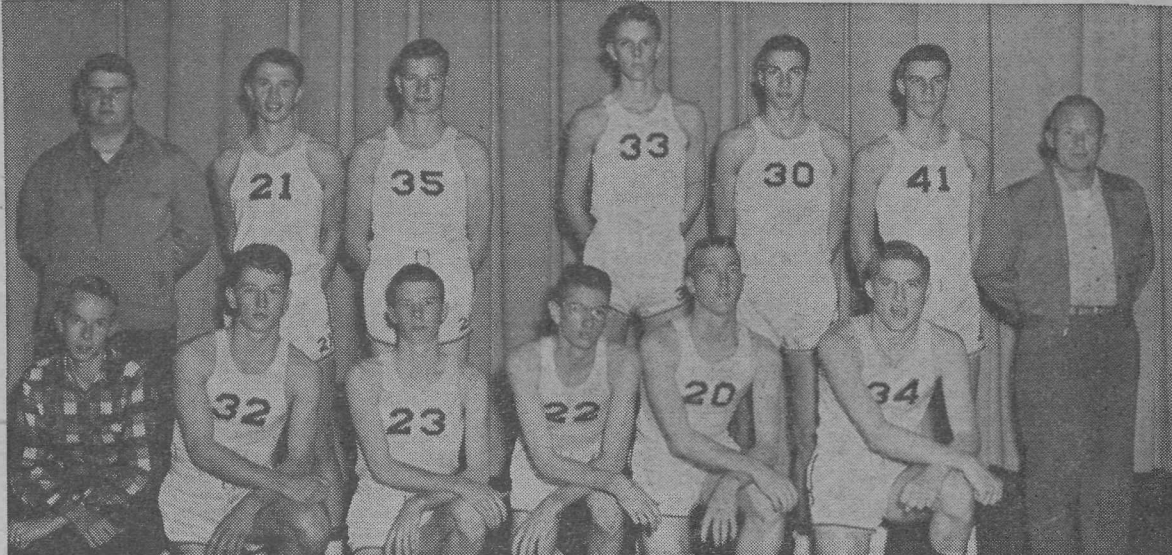
SWEENY NEW A CHAMP—Sweeny, shattering scoring records with two high-point games, beat Buna and Sundown to win Conference A, their first title. Team members, back row, left to right: Bobby Ward, Gary Wells, Russell Boone,

Glynn Bland, Dennis Hall and Coach Jack Crowley. Front row, left to right: Frank Allen, John Allen, William Surber, Billy Sanders and Charles Finley.



PAMPA REPEATS: Extending its winning streak to 56 games, Pampa successfully defended its 4-A championship by overcoming Crozier Tech, 47-44, in an overtime finale to the State tournament. Members of the winning team, back row, left to right: Assistant Coach Terry Culley, Gene

Brown, Jimmy Enloe, Bill Culpepper, Gary Griffin, Jimmy Bond, E. Jay McIlvain, Benny Cartwright, and Coach Clifton McNeely. Front row, left to right: Melvin Romine, Buster Carter, Buddy Sharp, George Depee, Kenneth Hinkle, Harold Lewis, and Manager Joe McNamara.



CHAMPIONS OF 3-A—After a close call with Plainview, Alamo Heights of San Antonio came back to win the Conference AAA title they held in 1952 by defeating Galena Park in the finals. Championship team members, back row, left to right:

Manager Austin Turner, Bruce Wilhelmy, Don Harrell and Coach Jack Corner. Back row, left to right: Manager Jimmy Gower, John Wilhelmy, Borgon Holland, Sam Bean, Bill Eldridge and Hugh Wharton.

Sports Writers Pick All-State Teams

Five All-State teams, one for each conference, were selected by sports writers covering the Thirty-Fourth Boys Basketball Tournament this month. These choices are entirely unofficial insofar as the Interscholastic League is concerned, but are reported as a matter of interest. In Conference 4-A, sports writers who watched the four games saw all they needed to in the championship thriller in which Pampa beat Crozier Tech in an overtime contest. They named three Pampa players to the team, along with two from Crozier. Jimmy Bond of Pampa and A. C. Black of Crozier, the two tall boys who vied for points in that game, headed the list. Their mythical all-star teammates include Mike Vasquez, diminutive guard for Crozier, and E. Jay McIlvain and Gary Griffin, both of Pampa.

In 3-A, honors went to all four teams, with runner-up Galena Park placing two. The team includes Billy Eldridge of Alamo Heights, Ervel Elswick and Tinker Wilson of Galena Park, Jackie Pierce of Sherman and Rex Jordan, Plainview. Four-time champion Bowie hogged honors in Conference AA. Sports writers thought Temple Tucker, Jackie Airington and John Carver were tops. Joining them were Derrill Nippert of Childress and John Cooper, Spring Branch.

Russell Boone, the Sweeny point manufacturer, led the Conference A all-stars. He was the only one from his squad to make the team, in the newsmen's judgment. The two teams beaten by Sweeny each placed a pair of players on the A team: Don Waygood and Dave Hogue of Sundown, and J. C. Smith and Kembrough Mosley of Buna. Cayuga accounted for a majority of the Conference B all-star team, placing Ned Duncan, Buddy Ball and Bryan Sutherland. Big Sandy's Milton Williams and Avoca's Max Williams rounded out the five. Eight of the 40 all-stars chosen were unanimous choices, considered the best by all of the sports writers casting ballots.

In AAAA, Bond and Black were unanimous selections. In AAA, it was Eldridge and Elswick. Boone was the only A player on whom all the newsmen agreed. But in Class B they all selected Duncan, Ball and Milton Williams. Bond, Duncan, Ball and Milton Williams were repeaters, and it was Williams' third year in a row. Towering Temple Tucker was chosen for the third consecutive year, but it was not unanimous. Carver of Bowie was another repeater on the all-State squad.

Postscripts on Athletics

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EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMISSION

The recent report of the Educational Policies Commission on School Athletics should by now be in the hands of most school administrators and coaches. The original plan was to have outstanding nationally recognized authorities in high school athletics, physical education, and public school administration compile a joint report on this subject. These reports were turned in by all but it soon became apparent that many of the main points had already been determined and the people interested in athletics soon realized that several of their suggestions were "persona non grata." It appears to be a "joint" report when in reality a few people in the Washington office determined what would and what would not be included.

GOOD VS. BAD

The report "accentuates the bad and minimizes the good" in competitive athletics. The good aspects are glossed over in generalities and the bad are specifically pinpointed. All of the evils listed are well known to state associations and school administrators and practically all states have rules and regulations directed toward curbing and controlling these undesirable situations. In fact, if the writers of this publication would look into their historical background they would find that voluntary associations were developed to control competition, to equalize competition, and to guide athletics into desired educational channels. Criticism, to be of value, must be constructive and must face the "facts of life."

CONTROLS

The League's viewpoint on elementary and junior high football is well known. We have editorialized, written articles and have spoken out against elementary football and anything except a limited junior high school program. The school administrators of Texas have seen fit to control this situation on a local basis and the League has no control over elementary or junior high football or basketball. In order to face the situation fairly, however, it should be noted that in many communities where elementary and junior high school students are deprived of football and basketball participation they have turned to recreation departments, "Pee-Wee" leagues, etc., all sponsored by non-school personnel and with the school having no administrative control over the situation. The school administrators of Texas have voted controls of all kinds to insure that the high school athletic program is to be a bona fide educational activity including regulations on: age, passing grades, recruiting, "hold-overs," amateurs, post-season

games, number of games, and other rules too numerous to mention. The League and its member schools are already working on every problem listed in this publication and will continue to do so.

VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS

Forty-seven of the forty-eight states have voluntary associations, separate and distinct from the State Department of Education. The historical background in all instances shows that school administrators originated the voluntary associations outside of state agencies. Michigan is the only state in which the athletic association is a part of the State Department of Education. This past year a legislative committee in Michigan proved definitely that "politics" and "pressure" can control an association which is under an agency of the state. The school administrators of Michigan had, by stated procedure in its Constitution, favorably approved an award rule. A duly elected committee in that state declared several boys ineligible for violating this rule. The parents of those boys were politically influential and wealthy, so they used their influence to have a legislative committee look into the situation. The legislative committee ruled the boys eligible and invalidated the award rule. In Texas the recent Supreme Court decision favorable to voluntary associations proves that school people can control their athletic program by a voluntary association, while if athletics are under a state agency, political pressure and influence may control them.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the American way of life competition is essential. It is true in athletics, as it is in business, that individuals or groups of individuals compete for "top" honors. Competition is not harmful, but it is the way it is sometimes used which is vicious and destructive. The League was established to control and equalize competition among schools, just as laws, courts and anti-trust regulations were formulated to control business. You cannot squelch the natural desire for competition, and if our schools refuse to sponsor competitive championship programs, then agencies outside of the school will, and we will have turned our youth over to commercial, non-educational organizations. If you don't believe outside organizations are just waiting to sponsor athletic programs for your youth when the public school refuses to do so, look at: 1. boxing, by Golden Gloves Association sponsored by newspapers; 2. junior and elementary football by "Pee-Wee" League of America, Milk Bowl Association, etc.; 3. junior and elementary basketball by A. A. U.; 4. and junior and elementary baseball by Babe Ruth League, Pony League and Little League.

Tennis Meet to Open With Clinic at the Gym

By DR. D. A. PENICK
UT Tennis Coach

The state tennis meet will begin with a clinic for coaches and players to be held in Gregory Gymnasium, Thursday night, May 6, at 7:30. Talks will be made by several qualified persons, including some of the high school coaches and high-class players. Breakfast for the coaches will be held Friday morning at 7:30 (place to be announced later), at which time the annual meeting of the coaches' association will be held, officers will be elected, and

the draw for all tournaments will be made.

Play will begin in all groups at 9:00 o'clock on the Varsity courts, the freshman courts, and the Caswell Center courts. Play will continue Friday afternoon and all day Saturday at the Varsity and Freshman courts.

The detailed schedule for all events will be ready Friday morning and will be filled in as soon as the draw is made by the coaches. It is imperative that players be ready to play when their matches are called.

No one will be allowed on the courts except the players and umpires and those in charge of the program. Coaches may not talk with their players during the progress of any match. Parents and friends are asked to stay away from the players and to be spectators only.

Spectators are asked to let the officials call the balls and to remain as spectators only. The players will appreciate quiet on the part of spectators.

There will be three tournaments running concurrently, which means that time is precious and everyone is asked to be entirely cooperative.

It is suggested to coaches that in preparation for this tournament they instill in their players the essential principles of good sportsmanship, the avoidance of foot-faults, the use of the head at all times, the necessity of watching the ball as soon as it is hit by the opposition, the necessity of getting to the proper place before the ball does and getting the feet in the proper position for hitting the ball. Also, pay no attention to anything or anybody—only the tennis ball—with the mind on where to put the ball to the greatest disadvantage of the opposition.



CAYUGA AGAIN B WINNER—The Cayuga Wildcats are the 1954 champions in Conference B Boys' Basketball, duplicating their 1953 win over Big Sandy in the finals. Members of the team are, back row, left to right: Manager Harry Dullard,

Marion Van Deaman, Arthur Ball, Hunter Barton, Clyde McKinney, Aubrey Duncan, Bryan Sutherland, and Coach Lionel Duncan. Front row, left to right: Royce Litchfield, Larry Drennan, Tommy Moss, Bill Jenkins, Chester Combs and Don Boyd.

Committee to Study Basketball Practice

Dean James R. D. Eddy, Chairman of the State Executive Committee, was requested by the Legislative Advisory Council to appoint a special committee of school administrators to study the question of pre-season and post-season basketball practice. Dean Eddy has appointed the following administrators to this committee:

Superintendent John T. Morris, O'Donnell, Chairman.
Superintendent G. B. Wadzick, San Angelo.

Principal N. H. Wittner, McCallum High School, Austin.
Superintendent P. W. Shelton, La Vega School, Waco.

Superintendent G. M. Blackburn, Banquete.

The Committee will study all aspects of the basketball training problem. Some schools start practice in September and run through the basketball season. Others start

along in November and practice the remainder of the school year, while others practice basketball during the entire school year.

A few schools employ full-time basketball coaches and, as a result, these schools are in a position to dominate basketball in their districts. There are some schools that do not field a football team; hence, they have all fall to get ready for the basketball season. These factors all add up to over-emphasis in a few places on basketball and it will be the aim of the Committee to try to equalize the competition.

One of the major assignments of the League through the years has been the job of trying to equalize competition among the member schools. The work of this Committee will be devoted to that problem.

670 Schools Play Baseball in League

For the 1954 baseball season, 670 schools will participate in this sport under the League sponsorship. This figure is 18 schools above that of last year.

The distribution is as follows: Conference AA has 8 schools more than last year, with 94; Conference A, 20 schools more than last year, with 164; Conference B, 10 schools less than last year, with 412.

The last date for certifying district baseball champions is May 15 for Conferences AA, A, and B. Conference AA bi-district champions must be certified by May 25, with the state championship to be held in Austin, June 2, 3, and 4. Conference A regional championships must be completed by June 4. Conference B bi-district championships must be determined by June 4.