

## Rule Book Changes By League Noted

Attention is called to a number of revisions in the 1954-55 Constitution and Rules. School executives, coaches and teachers should acquaint themselves with the rearrangement of certain sections of the rules.

For several years the State Executive Committee has been noting the need for certain changes in the arrangement of the material in order that the reader would have access to all the information on a specific rule in a specific section without having to refer to various parts of the publication.

The first major change was to place the rules pertaining to the District, Regional and State Meets in a separate section entitled "Spring Meet Plan." Heretofore the information regarding the various meets was found under several different articles and sections of the Constitution and Rules, with no particular continuity of subject matter. All rules now pertaining to the Spring Meet Competition will be found in one section.

The second important revision was to remove all rule interpretations from the index and place the interpretation under the specific rule to which it applied. Frequently a person would read the original rule and fail to refer to the official interpretation in the index, thus failing to get the complete meaning of a particular rule.

The third major change had to do with the change of type and style in all sections of the publication. The book is more readable and should be better understood.

In this process there has been no change of a rule or regulation in the revision, only the style and the assembling of related material under a single item for the benefit of the reader. New type was set throughout the publication and even though every effort was made to avoid any errors, some were made. As these errors are discovered, they will be corrected in the current issue of the *Leaguer*.

Some important rule changes have been made, however.

Rule 6c of the Boys' Basketball Plan now provides that district games may not be played prior to December 15, 1954, except by unanimous consent of all district members.

Rule 1 of the Football, Boys' Basketball and Girls' Basketball plans, make ineligible those schools which participate in another high school league in those sports. (See related girls' basketball story, Page 4.)

Rule 11, Girls' Basketball Plan, provides that forfeiting of district games in order to play non-district games renders the school ineligible for district honors.

These new contests have been added: Poetry Reading in speech; 75-yard dash and 8-pound shot put in track and field for junior boys.

School administrators and coaches are urged to read the Official Notice Column of the *Leaguer* to keep up with current corrections.



DR. WILLIS M. TATE

## Do You Remember When . . . ?

# SMU Pres. Tate Held The Line for Old Main

When Dr. Willis M. Tate was elected this year as president of Southern Methodist University, it marked another achievement by another product of Interscholastic League competition.

SMU shares the claim on its new president, one of its own graduates and at the age of 43 the youngest head of the Dallas institution.

A native of Denver, Colorado, Tate has spent most of his life in Texas. All of it has been marked by aggressive leadership.

As a schoolboy at old Main Avenue High School in San Antonio during the late 20's, Tate came into the League program as an outstanding football player on the Main team.

That set the stage for his career at SMU, where he was an all-conference tackle in 1931 and received All-America honorable mention. That year the Mustangs won the Southwest Conference championship.

His record since then is equally distinguished in civic, church and educational affairs.

Ray Morrison, Tate's football coach at SMU and now again associated with the school, puts it this way:

"Willis' football career here is quite typical of the man—when he starts anything he means to succeed in spite of hell or high water."

Failing to letter as a freshman or sophomore, Tate was kept out of competition his junior year because of an injury. He finally lettered in 1930, his fourth year, but came back in the 1931 season to finish his eligibility.

Typical of his determination was the 1930 SMU-Notre Dame game at South Bend. A special shift, devised by Morrison for that game, left Tate, a tackle, on the end of the defensive line. But let Morrison give an eye-witness account:

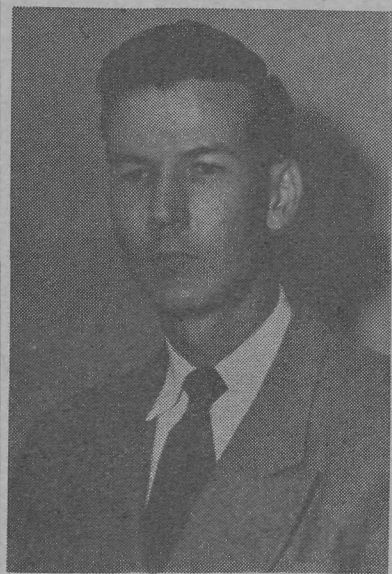
"He played like a wild man for fifty-eight minutes. He smashed so hard with those powerful legs of his that they couldn't come inside of him, and forced the play so deep when they went around him that we easily caught their reverses before they reached the line of scrimmage. So, I taught him he could do more than one job at a time, and I point to him with pride as one of my best arguments that football does help develop real men."

In 1932 Tate received his Bachelor of Arts degree from SMU, and in 1935 received his master's degree in sociology. He has done additional graduate work at The University of Texas and the University of Chicago, and he holds honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Texas Wesleyan College and from Centenary College, plus a Doctor of Humane Letters from Oklahoma City University.

After coaching athletics for two years, Tate became principal of the Alamo Heights elementary and junior high schools in San Antonio. In 1942 the San Antonio Junior Chamber of Commerce named him as its outstanding young man of the year.

In April, 1943, he moved to Houston as executive assistant to the pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Returning to his alma mater, SMU, in September, 1945, Tate was named assistant dean of students. He moved up to dean of students in July, 1948, and on Nov. 15, 1950 was made vice-president in charge of development and public relations. His promotion to the presidency came on May 6, 1954.



JAMES D. MATHENY

## Matheny to Lead Slide Rule Work

James D. Matheny, mechanical engineering instructor at The University of Texas, is the new State Director of Slide Rule, League Director R. J. Kidd announced.

He succeeds H. Grady Rylander, associate professor of mechanical engineering at the University. Matheny, a native of Jackson, Miss., graduated from the New Orleans public school system.

He holds Bachelor of Science degrees from both the University of South Carolina (1945) and The University of Texas (1950). He has done other college work at Mississippi State College and the University of Louisville.

His four-year military career, 1943 to 1947, was divided about equally: two years in the Navy college training program and two years as a junior gunnery officer, including duty aboard the USS Fall River, a heavy cruiser.

Matheny is married and has a son, 3 years old.

The son of a retired YMCA secretary and active Methodist layman, Dr. Tate has long been active in church work. His brother, Rev. Robert S. Tate, Jr., is pastor of the Alamo Heights Methodist Church, San Antonio.

At present Dr. Tate is assistant conference lay leader of the North Texas Conference of the Methodist Church and is chairman of the executive committee of the Highland Park Methodist Church.

His leadership extends to a wide variety of civic and educational groups. He is best known in teaching circles for his course on marriage in the SMU Sociology Department for the last several years. He is co-author, with Dr. A. Q. Sarntain and Prof. W. W. Finlay, of *Human Behavior in Industry*.

In 1932 Tate married an SMU classmate, Joel Estes, of Cleburne. They have two children, a son, Willis, Jr., 19, who is an SMU student, and a daughter, Jo Ann, 17, a high school senior.

In his new position as president of SMU, Dr. Tate typifies the qualities stressed by the Interscholastic League in its broad field of athletic and academic competition.

## Note: Better Check Transfer's Record

A word of warning about the Ten-Semester Rule has been issued by League officials.

Some schools are not requiring that transfers furnish an attendance record from the school formerly attended. Sometimes a pupil is conditionally promoted to the eighth grade, where he remains for several weeks, and then is re-entered in the seventh grade. The student then completes the seventh grade and at the end of the school year moves to another school and again enters the eighth grade.

This new school may not have a record of the contestant's first attendance in the eighth grade and consequently will not know that semesters have been accumulating against that pupil since HIS FIRST ENROLLMENT in the eighth grade.

It is recommended that each transfer on the teams be checked for a complete attendance record from his first enrollment in the eighth grade. As a precaution, the school should start checking from the time of his entrance into the seventh.

In some instances, it has been found that pupils enroll for two eighth grade subjects in addition to carrying certain courses in the seventh grade. In cases like this, the semesters are counted. Now is the time to start checking before any championships are at stake.

# Dallas, Houston Conferences Draw Students Oct. 16, 23

All roads in North and Southeast Texas lead to the Student Activities Conferences at Dallas and Houston on Oct. 16 and 23, respectively.

Plans are about complete for these first two of the year's student conference schedule, and all signs point toward a boom in attendance and interest. Special invitations are going out to schools which have not sent students to these meetings in recent years.

Ten such conferences are scheduled in various regions during the year, featuring workshop sessions generally in journalism and speech. (See detailed schedule on this page for the activities conference in your area.)

First on tap is the North Texas Student Activities Conference, at Southern Methodist University on Saturday, Oct. 16, under direction of Bob McKay, assistant superintendent of Dallas public schools.

SMU faculty and staff have been busy for several weeks, planning a stimulating program which is expected to attract many more than the 1,000 students and faculty sponsors who attended last year.

Sections on speech, drama, extemporaneous speaking, declamation and journalism are planned. In addition, a section covering the new poetry reading contest will be featured. Special instructions for journalism are given below.

Heading the SMU planning are

Barry Holton, public relations; Dr. James H. Mailey, chairman of secondary education department; Dr. Bob G. Woods, assistant professor of education; E. L. Callihan, chairman of journalism department; and Dr. Harold Weiss, chairman, speech department.

Next in line, on Oct. 23, is the Southeast Texas conference at the University of Houston, the largest of the 10 meetings. Dr. J. O. Webb, assistant superintendent of Houston public schools, is chairman.

University of Houston planners are headed by Walter Williams,

public relations; Dr. Otis Walter, speech chairman; Miss Lela Blount, drama chairman; Bruce Underwood, journalism chairman.

Tentative plans for the Houston meeting call for a general session at 8 a.m., opened with 30 minutes of music by University of Houston students. After an official welcome and an inspirational address, students and sponsors will go to sectional meetings at 9:15 a.m.

Sections are scheduled for drama, journalism, speech (debate, extemp and declamation), poetry reading, student council, number sense and radio-television.

Some sections will have two one-hour periods, divided in turn into informative programs including student participation and exchange of ideas. Final adjournment for all groups will be at 1 p.m.

At SMU on Oct. 16, the second session of journalism (11:15 to 12:15) will be devoted again this year to constructive criticism of high school newspapers. All schools that will attend are urged to submit their newspapers for this free, on-the-spot analysis.

**Journalism Instructions:** 1. Mail two copies each of three different issues of your paper to: Nelson A. Hutto, Journalism Adviser, Sunset High School, Dallas, Tex.

2. These papers must be post-marked no later than Oct. 6. If three fall issues have not been published by that date, include as many as possible, plus enough of last spring's to make it three issues.

3. IMPORTANT: On the first newspaper in the batch you submit, be sure to mark your school's classification—A, A or B. Schools with senior high school enrollment of 600 or more are in Class AA, those with 210 to 500 are in Class A, and those with less than 210 are Class B.

4. NOTE: In mailing papers to Mr. Hutto, be sure to put sufficient postage on them. Papers can be mailed at less cost in a manila envelope, unsealed. Correct postage should be checked, especially if the envelope is sealed.

Two separate panels of experts will again be used, one to conduct criticisms of Class AA school papers and one for A and B school papers.

A special section is provided, also, for yearbooks, including criticisms. Newspaper and yearbook advisers are invited to bring extra copies of their publications for display at SMU.

At Houston, it is hoped that a special section may be set up for mimeographed papers. This would be open, also, to schools which do not yet have a school paper but which hope to have one some day.



R. H. McKay, assistant superintendent in charge of administration for the Dallas Independent School District, heads the Student Activities Conference at Dallas on Oct. 16. Former principal of Greiner Jr. High and Sunset High, Dallas, he holds M.A. degree from SMU, has done graduate study at University of Denver, Columbia and Yale. McKay is on the executive board of the Texas State Teachers Assn.

## Find Yours Here

Dates and locations for Student Activities Conferences this year are listed below. Schools should check the date for the one nearest them, or the one they prefer to attend:

- Oct. 16—Southern Methodist University, Dallas.
- Oct. 23—University of Houston, Houston.
- Nov. 6—Abilene Christian College, Abilene.
- Nov. 13—Kilgore College, Kilgore.
- Nov. 20—The University of Texas, Austin.
- Dec. 11—Texas A. & I. College, Kingsville.
- Dec. 11—Odessa College, Odessa.
- Jan. 8—Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville.
- Jan. 15—Southwestern University, Georgetown.
- Feb. 5—Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches.

## Regions I and III Vote On Advisory Council

Conference AA and regions I and III will elect representatives to the Legislative Advisory Council this fall to fill vacancies created by the resignation of Supt. Jack Ryan of McKinney and the transfer of Supt. Frank Monroe of Midland to Highland Park in Dallas.

Preferential nomination ballots were mailed out to administrators in these regions early in September. Names of five men receiving the most votes in each of these regions will be placed on final ballots which will be mailed out in October. October 1 is the deadline for nomination ballots.

The annual meeting of the Legislative Advisory Council will be on November 7 and 8, at which time two special committees will report. One committee has been conducting a year-long study of post- and pre-season basketball practice while the other has been studying possible revision of spring meet classification. Other problems and questions will be discussed at this annual meeting. A copy of the agenda will be published in the next issue of the *Leaguer*.

Other Council members are: Region I, Conference A: Supt. Lee Johnson, Phillips; Conference B: Supt. John T. Morris, O'Donnell.

Region II, Conference AA: Prin. O. T. Freeman, High School, Wichita Falls; Conference A: Supt. Ira R. Huchingson, Hamlin; Conference B: Supt. O. B. Chambers, Early Schools, Brownwood.

Region III, Conference A: Supt. J. E. Gardner, Ennis, Conference B: Supt. Edwin Bowen, Boyd.

Region IV, Conference AA: Supt. E. D. Cleveland, Palestine; Conference A: Supt. Fred Covin, Pittsburg; Conference B: Supt. Frank L. Singletary, Troup.

Region V, Conference AA: Prin. R. B. Sparks, High School, Baytown; Conference A: Supt. E. H. Black, La Marque; Conference B: Supt. Clyde Abshier, Deer Park.

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## NCAA Eyes Texas Recruit Complaint

The National Collegiate Athletic Assn. has handed the Texas high school recruiting complaint to a special NCAA committee recently appointed.

The State Meeting of Delegates of the League last May requested that Dr. Rhea Williams, athletic director, write the NCAA, asking that the collegiate organization help prevent proselyting of high school athletes through expense-paid visits to their members' campuses before graduation. (See related story Page 2.)

The reply from Walter Byers, NCAA executive director, is quoted verbatim:

"I have read your remarks with close attention and considerable interest. Particularly, I have noted the request of the delegates in attendance at the May 8, 1954 session of the Texas University Interscholastic League.

"Please be assured that the NCAA is equally concerned with recruiting practices which interfere with a boy's high school academic and athletic activities. It so happens that we have recently appointed a special committee to review our recruiting provision in an effort to eliminate practices and procedures which many of our people deem to be undesirable. I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the committee members and, also, I am sending copies to the officers of our Association."

## School Boards Meet Oct. 7-8

All Texas school board members and superintendents are invited to an October 7-8 annual meeting of the Texas Association of School Boards, which has headquarters at The University of Texas.

"A Second Century of Progress for Texas Public Schools" is the theme of the two-day workshop. Highlights will be addresses by Jesse G. Stratton of Clinton, Okla., president of both the national and Oklahoma school boards associations, and Dr. L. D. Haskew, University of Texas College of Education dean.

School board members and superintendents from all parts of the state will participate in discussion groups covering such topics as school finance (state and local), implications of the Supreme Court ruling on segregation, the school board and the public, teacher contracts, tenure and personnel policies, and school board evaluation of the schools.

The Association will elect officers and vote on various resolutions affecting the organization itself and the Texas public school system.

## Beaumont PTA Studies Horror, Crime Comics

The Beaumont Council of the Parent-Teachers Association has taken a firm stand in the reading of comic books by the youth of their city. The Association has appointed a special committee to study the horror and crime comics.

It is the intention of this committee to pass along its findings to other Parent-Teacher groups. Since juvenile delinquency is increasing in Texas as well as over the nation, this might be a fine project for other PTA groups to consider.

## Polio Shots Available If Team Exposed

"If a case of polio appears in your team, communicate immediately with your team physician and have him get in touch with your local or State health officer."

That's the word passed out to high school coaches this summer by The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The reason: Gamma globulin, the serum used for polio prevention, is now available for use in large groups as well as with the immediate personal contacts of the person who is hit by polio.

Texas' State Health Officer Dr. Henry A. Holle said the vaccine is distributed like this:

If gamma globulin is requested for groups or individuals, the request goes direct to the local city or county health officer, the man who operates the public health unit. The request would have to be made by a physician. The local health officer would supply the gamma globulin, if he had it. If not, he would call on the State Health Department in Austin for a supply. The amount needed is left up to the local people to determine, Dr. Holle explained, although health officials might question an exceptionally large request.

The National Polio Foundation says that the serum "when used under appropriate conditions confers passive protection against paralytic poliomyelitis for about five weeks."

Over 600,000 school children participated last spring in trials of a polio vaccine, the polio foundation reports. Scientists have high hopes that this vaccine will prove effective, but results of the tests won't be known until mid-winter. No vaccine is available for use outside these special studies.

Although Dr. Holle was skeptical of the advantages in using gamma globulin, he added: "We don't have anything else as a preventive, and we don't have anything to help after they get polio, either."

The National Foundation recommended these precautions against contracting the dread disease:

1. Wash hands thoroughly before eating and after using the toilet.
2. Persons with symptoms which may indicate polio should be put to bed promptly and a doctor should be called. Symptoms are: headache, fever, sore throat, upset stomach, stiff neck or back.
3. Avoid chilling. It seems to lower resistance to the virus.
4. Avoid extreme or unnecessary fatigue. Scientific study has revealed that heavy exertion in the early stages of the disease has resulted in more severe and extensive paralysis.

### Check League Calendar

The League Calendar is found on Page 4 of the new Constitution and Rules. Mark the important League dates on your school calendar at the start of the school year and there will be less chance of a slip-up or a major conflict.

Regional Executive Music Committees should take notice of the League Calendar in scheduling the Regional Music Meets. Many of the small schools complain to the State office about the setting of the music meet on the date of the regular district meet. In the small school, the same contestants are used in both meets and one or the other will have to be missed.

The best date for holding regional music meets will be after April 23, 1955. Any date before that will conflict with a regular district or regional meet.

### Whither Junior High Sports

In a recent questionnaire to the school administrators of the State concerning junior high school competition, it was amazing how many objected to carrying junior high school competition beyond the district level. The administrators expressed the opinion that the contestants were "too young for strong competition" or "a greater emphasis on winning."

Regional, State and national championships are growing up all around the grade school boy, and school men are not seriously objecting to the program. In time, the school athletic program will be "too mild and dull" to make any appeal to the grade school or junior high school student.

The five-day week has given more people more time, and many of these people are devoting this time to promoting an athletic program among the younger boys. There was a need for leadership in this area and these men and organizations moved in.

The big question is, what part should the schools play in this fast-developing athletic program for the boy between the ages of 8 and 12, and from 13 to 15 years of age?

### How About Junior Highs In Spring Meets?

There has been considerable discussion about what to do about junior high school competition. The large majority of the junior high schools are already organized for football and basketball competition and are carrying on a regular schedule of games. These leagues are local and are not under the jurisdiction of the Interscholastic League.

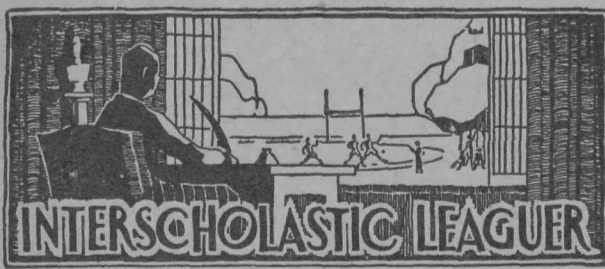
Junior high schools have been providing interscholastic competition in athletics and music but not generally in the literary and dramatic contests. Last year, however, there were four strictly junior high school districts set up for competition in the literary and dramatic contests.

The senior high school Spring Meet districts do not want the junior highs mixed in with the regular high school meet. What are we going to do with the junior high schools that want to join the League so they can compete for League honors?

### Regional Merger Idea For Conference B Golf

It has been suggested that golf be eliminated in Conference B because there is not sufficient interest. In one or two cases last season, grade schools that called themselves junior high schools—in Conference A and assigned to Conference B districts—entered the Conference B regional golf meet and won it.

If golf is to be continued in Conference B, it should be merged with Conference A at the regional level, with one winner qualifying to the State Meet until there is sufficient interest to justify a State contest in Conference B separately.



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## State Meet Double Winners Illustrate Good Coaching

Two of the outstanding achievements at the League's 44th Annual State Meet were "double wins" in extemporaneous speech and slide rule contests, by contestants from Dalhart and Kerrville, respectively. In extemp, Mrs. Frank McCown, coach of the Dalhart High School contestants, had two first place winners in Conference A. Barbara Reynolds of Dalhart took first in the girls' division, while Larry Matthews repeated in the boys' division. In Conference AA slide rule, Alice Carmichael of Kerrville won first. As the other half of the "double win," Jack Furman of Kerrville placed second, right behind his schoolmate. Both were coached by Mr. John Wagner of Kerrville High School. It was the first time either school had produced State winners in these events.

### Delegates Give Ideas, Get Reports at Meet

The annual state meeting of delegates was held at the Driskill Hotel in Austin on May 8th, with Dean Emeritus T. H. Shelby presiding. All sections of the state were represented in the 175 delegates present. The invocation was given by Asst. Supt. J. O. Webb of Houston.

Dean Shelby introduced the members of the Advisory Council that were present: Supts. Wright Crain of Pyote, John T. Morris of O'Donnell, and Edwin Bowen of Boyd. Supt. W. R. Carmichael of Bryan reported that Yoffe and Beitman of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, had submitted the best athletic insurance policy. Rates of the company were similar to those of the Security Life but in two respects the benefits were more liberal, especially in the payment of negative X-rays and sprains where contestants were withheld from practice for at least seven days.

Supt. Morris reported on the question of spring basketball practice. He stated that his committee had no report to make at that time but that they had been studying the problems of: (1) year-round basketball practice; (2) all-star basketball games; (3) establishing and defining the basketball season; and (4) limiting the number of games per day. He solicited further information and suggestions from the schools and asked for comments on how a rule on limiting basketball practice should be enforced, if adopted.

Dr. E. H. Black, superintendent at LaMarque, made a report for his committee on reclassification of schools for spring meet competition. He pointed out some of the complications that might arise if five conferences were set up as we now have them in football and basketball. He indicated that the committee's whole idea was to equalize competition and to reach more pupils.

Don Hays, Director of Stephen F. Austin High School band in Austin, presented a report from the Texas Music Educators Association, requesting that the age limit for contestants be raised from 19 to 20. He also requested that the "changing schools" rule not apply to music contestants. Both propositions were turned down by the delegates.

Roy Bedichek, director emeritus of the League, spoke briefly on the book that he is writing on the history of the League. He suggested that those present might make a valuable contribution to the League's history if they would look through old annuals and other school publications for references to League participation and send to him the early documentary records.

Prin. Oliver P. Monk, Groves Jr. High, Port Neches: "We of the junior highs are very much interested in having a separation of the junior high and high schools in TIL competition. We would like to have junior high districts, regionals, and our own state tournament so that students are participating with those of their own ability and maturity levels."

Frank Guess, track coach from Amarillo, spoke in favor of changing the substitution rule in track. He favored free substitution of other individuals who had already qualified to a meet. A motion was made and passed referring this matter to the Legislative Advisory Committee for further consideration.

Oliver P. Monk, principal of Groves Junior High School, Port Neches, spoke in favor of wider participation by junior high schools in the League program. He urged that junior high schools participate in inter-school events other than athletics.

Norman Davis of Sonora spoke in favor of eliminating the application of the amateur rule to the calif-roping contest. Claud Kellam of San Antonio made a motion requesting Dr. Rhea Williams to draft a resolution directed to the N.C.A.A. urging that they use their influence to stop its member schools from offering expensive inducements to high school students. The motion carried.

Raymond Berry, coach from Paris, urged that high school boys be allowed to sign the "letter of intent" from the Southwest Conference schools without jeopardizing the contestants' eligibility under the League's amateur rule. The following comments represent some of the suggestions offered at the League breakfast:

P. C. Cobb, Dallas: "Take 8 Class 4-A and 8 class 3-A basketball teams to State or play them same as football." Coach Ernest Sutherland, Lockett (Vernon): "To regulate basketball practice would be highly desirable, but it seems to me to be very hard to enforce."

O. M. Isbell, assistant coach and track coach, Stamford: "Put 8 semester rule back. Leave basketball as it is." Supt. C. E. Brown, Llano: "1. Divide girls basketball into A, AA and B divisions. 2. Devise plan for 3rd and 4th place in debate at State Meet."

Roy M. Needham, director of health and physical education for high school boys, Houston: "The referee should be someone other than an individual who is personally interested in future college matriculation of the contestants." Coach Norvin Parr, Bloomington: "Junior highs should have a spring meet only on the district level."

Another class valedictorian, Alice was a member of the Kerrville High School band and stage band, and belonged to National Honor Society. Jack, the runner-up to Alice in slide rule, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Furman of Kerrville. Strangely enough, the record shows an odd see-saw between Jack and Alice for slide rule supremacy in their district, region and even the State contests. In 1952-53, Jack took first at district while Alice was second. At regional, however, Alice turned the tables and Jack was runner-up.

Last year, Jack was third-place winner at district behind first-place Alice, second at regional, and second in the final State championship competition. He has another year, however, to try for the State championship in slide rule.

A member of the Kerrville "T" association with a letter as manager, Jack's hobbies are swimming and a movie projection. He plans to study engineering.

The University of Texas Institute of Public Affairs has issued a revised edition of one of its most useful publications, "A Layman's Guide to the Texas Agencys." Copies may be obtained at \$1.50 each from Institute of Public Affairs, University of Texas Austin 12.

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Herbert Hopper Retires  
Herbert Hopper left the board of directors in August after nine years of continuous service during which time he served as director five years, one as vice-president, one as president, one as immediate past president in his own right, another as immediate past president for Abe Houston who resigned. During those years he has served as chairman of every important committee in the

When Pat Gerald turned over his gavel to the new president, R. E. Mattingly, he terminated a year of sound administration and masterful guidance of the destinies of the organization that represents the profession to which the last quarter-century and the foreseeable future of his life is dedicated. Being president of the Texas High School Coaches Association was easy for Pat Gerald. He had no personal axes to grind. He sponsored no personal projects. He had but one ambition, which almost amounted to an obsession. That was to run the association as the board of directors, whom he assumed represented the thinking of the coaches from their respective regions, wanted it run.

Most UT Students Have Religious Tie  
Nearly all University of Texas students find time for religion. The latest registrar's report shows more than 91 per cent of the students have definite religious affiliations or preferences.

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### Student-Guided Programs Build School Spirit

BY R. J. KIDD  
League Director

A valuable example of a student-directed program of recognition for achievement in League and other competition was shown at a junior high school banquet which I attended last spring in Conroe.

Purpose of the banquet was to honor all the junior high school students who had participated in debate, declamation, essay writing, spelling, number sense, volleyball, basketball, football, track and field, band and choral. Approximately 300 students attended.

It was a student program all the way, and it was a junior high school affair all the way.

The students had sponsored several events in order to raise money for the half of a barbecued chicken served each person. Master of ceremonies was the president of the student body. All introductions were made by students.

It was the kind of event that builds school spirit and community pride in the accomplishments of the pupils. In addition, it affords the students an opportunity to take part in the many school activities. It was the kind of recognition service that would be an inspiration to all students to do their "dead level" best in some form of school activity.

With events like this staged by schools, there develops so much pride in the school building and in the school program that the student body would not permit carving on desks, damaging window lights or other school property. This type of program builds good citizenship where it is needed most—among the adolescent boys and girls.



There are a few errors in the Constitution and Rules which should be corrected to read as follows:  
Page 8: In Important Changes, Rule 6, item e, Boys' Basketball Plan, should read Rule 6, item c.  
Page 20: Paragraph H, next to last line, should read "to another high school even in the same school system, unless the corresponding change of residence by his parents has been made."  
Page 64, Journalism Contest, Section 2, Membership: The parenthetical reference (see Article III, Section 3, Constitution) should read: (see Article III, Section 2, Constitution).  
Page 65, Journalism Contest, Section 9, Eligibility: Reference to Article IX, Section 7 should be to Section 21, Spring Meet Plan.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL  
It should be noted that a very important addition has been made to the football and the boys' and girls' basketball plans of competition. Under Rule 1 in each of these plans a school which participates in another State high school league or State championship program in either football or boys' or girls' basketball will not be eligible for League membership in the activity in which they accepted membership in another association or State championship program.

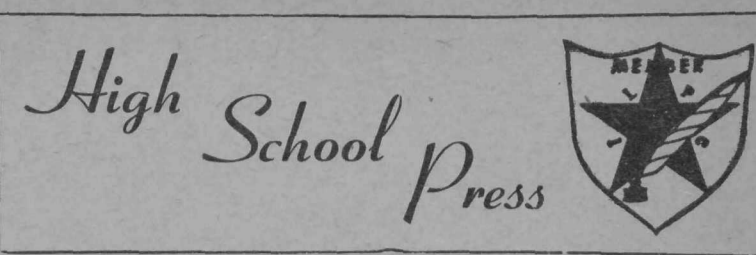
Approximately 50 copies of Ramsey and Haley's How To Use a Slide Rule are available from the League office at 50 cents per copy. Address orders to: University Interscholastic League, Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Tex.

KEMP  
Kemp High School placed on probation in football for the 1954-55 school year for violation of Awards Rule.

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.

Most UT Students Have Religious Tie  
Nearly all University of Texas students find time for religion. The latest registrar's report shows more than 91 per cent of the students have definite religious affiliations or preferences.

Methodists are represented by the largest number of students, followed by Baptists, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, in that order. In all, 83 denominations are represented. The University, prohibited by law from teaching religious courses, allows up to 12 hours of academic credit for such studies offered by religious denominations.



BY TRAXEL STEVENS  
Director of Journalism

As vacation days fade slowly in the west and school doors swing open, high school journalism, the voice of hundreds of thousands of high school students in Texas, once more takes typewriter in hand to record the things that happen throughout the school year.

The freshness of renewing old acquaintances, the crispness of the air (in some places), and the enthusiasm to "do better this year" all mark that indescribable, magical thrill of the beginning of school again.

To help sustain that eagerness for accomplishment on the school paper all the way through next spring, the Interscholastic League Press Conference offers its services. Last year 250 schools participated in the program, another new record in the constantly growing effort to improve their school publications.

Letters have gone out this month to some 600 Texas schools which publish a school newspaper, inviting them to join the ILPC for 1954-55, a year in which we hope to see real strides in school journalism. Any paper which has been inadvertently overlooked should write to us at once.

\$2 Fee  
ILPC enrollment is \$2 for each newspaper for the year. This partially covers costs of criticisms, sample contest materials, convention costs and other services.

A school must belong to the Interscholastic League in order for its school paper to join the Press Conference, but the \$2 fee is in addition to League membership fees. League-member schools may enter students in the spring meet journalism contests, provided they are properly certified, without joining ILPC. But only ILPC members will receive the special services.

New journalism books are being added this fall to the DeWitt Reddick Lending Library, another special Press Conference service. No charge is made for use of the books, but borrowers must pay return postage and refund outgoing postage. The usual fine is levied on borrowers who keep books longer than the two-week limit. Four days extra are allowed (two each way) for mail service, making books due 18 days from the date they are mailed out. Books should be requested by the paper's faculty advisor, not by individual students.

Three or four new pamphlets on pertinent journalism subjects each year offer a branch service of the Reddick library. These mimeographed bulletins are distributed to ILPC members automatically, with no request necessary and no charge involved. In addition, pamphlets published in previous years are available as shown on the list mailed with the enrollment invitation.

### News and Views of the Coaches

BY STAN LAMBERT  
Public Relations Director  
Texas High School Coaches Association

When Pat Gerald turned over his gavel to the new president, R. E. Mattingly, he terminated a year of sound administration and masterful guidance of the destinies of the organization that represents the profession to which the last quarter-century and the foreseeable future of his life is dedicated.

Being president of the Texas High School Coaches Association was easy for Pat Gerald. He had no personal axes to grind. He sponsored no personal projects. He had but one ambition, which almost amounted to an obsession. That was to run the association as the board of directors, whom he assumed represented the thinking of the coaches from their respective regions, wanted it run.

Herbert Hopper Retires  
Herbert Hopper left the board of directors in August after nine years of continuous service during which time he served as director five years, one as vice-president, one as president, one as immediate past president in his own right, another as immediate past president for Abe Houston who resigned. During those years he has served as chairman of every important committee in the

Football Pamphlet

This year we are planning to send a pamphlet on how to cover football for the school paper to each ILPC member, upon receipt of the enrollment blank and fee. We believe this pamphlet will help develop fresh news for the sport page which comes out a week or two after the game has been played.

Another special feature by ILPC is the Individual Achievement Award contest in seven categories of writing and photography.

Medals will be awarded at the State ILPC convention next spring for first, second and third places for each category in each of six school divisions, corresponding to football and basketball conferences plus a junior high division.

This is special competition designed to give recognition to the specialist in one or more fields, or to the student who turns in good work consistently throughout the year. It offers an incentive to those who do not excel in the all-round type of journalism contest conducted in the Spring Meet.

The contest categories are: News, editorial, sports, feature and feature writing, and spot and feature photos.

Ratings of member papers by the ILPC each spring have always engendered a great deal of interest. Awards in four classifications are given in the same six divisions as those listed above. But we must have the papers on hand in order to rate them.

Correct Address  
Be sure to mail papers regularly and promptly to: Interscholastic League Press Conference, Box 8028, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

Individual criticism of papers is another aid offered by ILPC through the year. Many papers also receive on-the-spot criticism when staff members attend the Student Activities Conference in their area.

The first activities conferences this year will be October 16 in Dallas and October 23 in Houston. These are sponsored jointly by the League and the host colleges. See the front-page story in this Leagueur for details.

Other ILPC services:  
1. Sample contest material in preparation for spring meets.  
2. Counseling on special journalism problems.  
3. Exchange information—names of other papers of similar size and format with whom exchanges can be established.

4. The State ILPC convention held concurrently with the State Meet in Austin next May 5-6-7.  
5. A special subscription for the ILPC members automatically, with no request necessary and no charge involved. In addition, pamphlets published in previous years are available as shown on the list mailed with the enrollment invitation.

Address inquiries to: Traxel Stevens, Director of Journalism, Interscholastic League, Box 8028, University Station, Austin 12.

association, supplied many excellent ideas and furnished a wealth of leadership.

Notes From the Coaching School

Another attendance record was established in Dallas when Exec. Sec. L. W. McConachie counted 1,939 heads as having gone through his registration lines... the basketball game attracted 2,254 spectators, which was all the Dallas High gym could stand... for the first time we can remember people were being discouraged from attending an athletic contest... the Dallas authorities actually arranged a counter attraction for the football coaches (setting up TV's so they could see the College All-star game) so the paying customers would have a better chance of seeing the roundball game... worked out happily for everybody concerned... attendance at the football game in the Cotton Bowl was disappointing, however, as only 15,239 paid their money for the 20th anniversary contest... must have been too hot or something... anyway they did not come out... Houston gave that figure a whipping last year with 19,657 paid customers.

Class B football coaches had better get on the ball in making recommendations to all-star selection committee... chairmen are having all kinds of trouble finding eight outstanding Class B players...



# Travis Wins Baseball Title In Team's First Time at Bat

A Cinderella team from Travis High in Austin, a school open for the first time last year, is the new State AA baseball champion in their first season of play. It was the first time an Austin team had won.

The Rebels, coached by Dutch Schroeder, won the League's Sixth Annual Texas High School AA Championship Tournament by defeating Highland Park of Dallas in the finals, 6-1. The tourney was played at Disch Field in Austin, June 2-3-4.

Stand-out pitching was the rule rather than the exception, with three one-hit games, all in first-round play. The tip-off for the closely-contested tournament came in the opener, when Adamson of Dallas

beat Odessa, 1-0. Clifford Jones, the winning pitcher, gave up two hits, while Carl Schlemeyer, the loser, allowed only one safety and gave up only one walk.

Big George Myers of Longview allowed Ray of Corpus Christi only one safe hit as Longview won, 2-0. Don Presley of Highland Park struck out 13 and gave Austin of El Paso only one base hit as his team moved into the semi-finals, 4-1.

Highland Park entered the finals by defeating Longview, 3-2. In the play-off for third place, Adamson won over Longview, 4-0.

Results of Interscholastic League baseball competition for 1953, by conferences, were as follows:

### CONFERENCE AA

The Conference AA district champions were: Lubbock, Austin (El Paso), Odessa, Wichita Falls, Paschal (Fort Worth), Adamson (Dallas), Waco Technical, Highland Park (Dallas), Paris, Longview, Port Arthur, Texas City, Stephen F. Austin (Houston), Travis (Austin), Ray (Corpus Christi), Edinburg.

Bi-district matches were: Austin (El Paso) over Lubbock, Odessa over Wichita Falls, Adamson over Paschal, Highland Park over Waco Technical, Longview over Paris, Texas City over Port Arthur, Travis (Austin) over Stephen F. Austin (Houston), Ray (Corpus) over Edinburg.

### CONFERENCE A

Following were the district winners in Conference A: Dalhart, Olton, Alpine, Pecos, Merkel, Childress, Burk Burnett, Nocona, Granbury, Lancaster, Terrell, Hooks, Carthage, Huntsville, Mexia, West, Georgetown, Lampasas, Brenham, Seguin, Alvin, Nederland, Wharton, Falfurrias, Weslaco, South San Antonio, Uvalde.

Regional winners were: Region I, Olton; Region II, Alpine; Region III, Granbury; Region IV, Terrell; Region V, Carthage; Region VI, Seguin; Region VII, Nederland; Region VIII, South San Antonio.

### CONFERENCE B

Conference B district winners: Stratford, Booker, Briscoe, Bovina, Petersburg, Bula (Enochs), Dawson (Welch), Lorenzo, Turkey, Roaring Springs, Paint Creek (Haskell), Lockett (Vernon), Westbrook, Blackwell, Lawn, Melvin, Santo, Strawn, Jonesboro, Evant, Valley Mills, Riesel, Blum, Everman, Midlothian, State Orphans' Home (Corsicana), Duncanville, Paradise, Callisburg (Gainesville), Whitesboro, Trenton, Celeste, Farmersville, Anna, Blossom, Delmar (Howland), Maud, Sabine (Gladewater), White Oak, Hawkins, Leverett's Chapel (Overton), Winona, Cushing, San Augustine, Buna, Dayton, Central (Pollok), Grapeland, Woodville, A. & M. Consolidated (College Station), Spring, Troy, Round Top-Carmine, Florence, Pflugerville, Elgin, Sealy, Flancona, Hitchcock, Needville-Sweeny (co-champions, District 61), Louise, Boerne, La Coste, Banquete, Hebronville, Poth, Three Rivers, D'Hanis, La Joya.

Following were bi-district champions in Conference B: Booker over Stratford, Bovina over Briscoe, Bula over Petersburg, Lorenzo over Dawson (Welch), Turkey over Roaring Springs, Paint Creek over Lockett, Blackwell over Westbrook, Melvin over Lawn, Strawn over Santo, Evant over Jonesboro, Riesel over Valley Mills, Everman over Blum, State Orphans' Home over Midlothian, Duncanville over Paradise, Whitesboro over Callisburg, Trenton over Celeste, Farmersville over Anna, Delmar over Blossom, Sabine over Maud, White Oak over Hawkins, Winona over Leverett's Chapel, San Augustine over Cushing, Buna over Dayton, Central (Pollok) over Grapeland, A. & M. Consolidated over Woodville, Spring—by default, since their opponent (District 52) did not participate, Round Top-Carmine over Troy, bi-district match between Florence and Pflugerville was never reported to the League office, Elgin over Sealy, Hitchcock over Platonis, Needville over Louise, Boerne over La Coste, Hebronville over Banquete, Poth over Three Rivers, La Joya over D'Hanis.



BASEBALL CHAMPS—The Travis High (Austin) Rebels won the State AA baseball championship by defeating Highland Park (Dallas), 6-1, in the finals of the League's sixth annual tournament held in Austin, June 2-3-4. Team members

shown above are: Front row (l-r)—Roger Jordan, Billy Rogers, Walter Kuhn, Johnny Ballard, Ronnie Spillar, Gordon Hawkins, Xavier Guedea, and Coach Dutch Schroeder. Back row—Mike Ruckman (manager), Cecil Bryant, Marvin

Molberg, Scott Covington, Otto Lind, Joe Guedea, Kenneth Fields, Thomas Henslee, Kenneth Moursund. Travis, a new school, won the title in its first season of play.

# Insurance Cost Low, Has New Benefits

This year for the first time the Athletic Insurance Committee of the League is recommending a new carrier, Yoffee & Beitman, 1973 West Gray Street, Houston, Texas.

The policy approved is practically the same as last year's with the following additions: (1) allowance for one negative X-ray per injury; (2) allowance for sprains if the sprain keeps the injured out of practice or out of competition for a minimum period of seven days.

Members of the committee were: Supt. William Carmichael, Bryan (Chairman); Supt. Dale Douglas, Pleasant Grove, Dallas; Supt. Ronald Reynolds, Franklin; Coach Carroll Benson, Merkel; Coach Joe Gillroy, San Antonio.

The three main bases for a good athletic program are: (1) low cost; (2) reasonable fees for treatment of athletic injuries (schedule of benefit rates based on Workmen's Compensation Insurance rates); (3) simplified administration.

The committee believes that low cost is essential, since to increase the rates would prevent the majority of schools from participating in the plan. Increased benefits would automatically mean increased premiums. Texas has no Workmen's Compensation Insurance rates; therefore the fee rates are based on the national average of the states which have published rates. The schedule is higher than those found in the present Blue Cross plan of hospitalization in Texas.

Simplified administration is assured under the present plan, as the principal can now execute all phases of the claim. He can phone the physician and get the data needed to fill out the claim, and the student can be readily reached to complete his part of the claim. Thus the principal can complete the form and file claim for an athletic injury without leaving his office.

The three biggest problems involved in athletic insurance are:

- (1) Insurance does not pay doctor's bills in full. No health insurance plan does. Insurance pays on a schedule fee rate. The Athletic Insurance Committee has always stated the above as their interpretation of athletic insurance.
- (2) Claims must be filed in 90 days or a request for extension of time be asked for. This 90-day period is a standard provision of the Texas Insurance Law.
- (3) Previous weakness of the body cannot be classed as an athletic injury — for example, hernia or appendicitis is not the fault of athletics. It is merely a previous weakness of the individual.

Difficult situations still arise because the contract does not cover (intentionally) medical treatment for aggravation of a pre-existing condition. Athletic Insurance cannot and should not be expected to pay for operations (knee, shoulder, etc.) to correct conditions that have been in existence for years. If such coverage is demanded, a very detailed physical examination will be required before accepting liability on any athlete. This examination will cost two or three times as much as the insurance. For this reason, the current procedure appears to be the logical and least costly way to handle the problem. Most school men agree.

Application for coverage will be accepted at any time, but should have been made before the opening day of fall practice as approved by the State Association. Protection from the first day costs no more.

The "preliminary coverage" procedure which received universal acceptance last year will be used again. It considerably reduces bookwork for school officials and provides coverage at no cost for those students who report for only a few days' practice at the start of the season. This procedure utilizes the blue postal card that is attached. As stated on the card, coverage for all athletes may be placed in effect immediately by signing and mailing the card to the Company. But this preliminary protection arrangement is voided completely if a regular application form listing names of athletes and coaches to be insured, together with premium for each, is not mailed to the Company on or before September 10th or within 10 days after the preliminary card is mailed. *This is a must.*

The regular premium rate for the 1954-55 school year will remain unchanged—that is, \$3.75 per name for all sports coverage and \$1.75 for all sports except football, including junior high school boys' and girls' basketball.

Unlimited substitution will be permitted this year. Upon payment of transfer fee of \$1.00 for Coverage A or 50 cents for Coverage B, the name of any athlete may be substituted for that of another at any time. Coverage is effective as of the postmark date on the envelope in which the change is sent to the Company.

# Postscripts on Athletics

BY DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS

State Athletic Director

As we approach the beginning of the 1954-55 school year, it is beneficial to review the size and scope of the League's athletic program. From this background we can realize the tremendous opportunities that coaches, teachers and administrators have to guide the youth of Texas into desirable educational channels. With these opportunities also comes terrific responsibility, and each person connected with the inter-school athletic program should strive diligently and sincerely to exert the best possible influence on the lives of the youth entrusted to their care.

### Most and Best

The athletic program of the League in Texas is the largest of its type in the world, having more schools and more participants than any other similar organization. It reaches (directly or indirectly) into practically every home in Texas, from the smallest rural hamlet to the largest metropolitan city. There are few families in Texas who do not have children, relatives, or friends playing on high school athletic teams, while many other families are spectators or have a personal interest in the local school athletic program.

Last year in Texas, 895 football teams were fielded by Texas high schools, the largest number in the nation. Each Friday night in Texas there were around 445 football games played from the Gulf of Mexico to the Panhandle, and from Texarkana to El Paso. Counting play-off games, 4,596 "A" team football games were played by Texas high schools last year. If "B" and junior high games are counted the total would run close to 9,000 games. Last year approximately 85,000 boys participated in inter-school football in programs stimulated directly or indirectly from the League's program.

### Seven Million

According to the best information this office can secure, nearly 7,000,000 people saw the "A" team

football games played in Texas last year. This approximates the total Texas population, but it should be kept in mind that many people saw from ten to twenty-five games, and this does not mean that every person in Texas saw a high school football game last year. Incidentally, the Southwest Conference football teams played to a million fans, so you can see that from the viewpoint of spectators our program is seven times as large.

### Conduct Good

Out of the 4,596 "A" football games played, the thousands of boys who participated, and the 7,000,000 people who viewed the games, only four cases of misconduct were of sufficient gravity to be reported to this office. After investigation, only one incident was considered by the State Executive Committee serious enough to justify a penalty. This column contends that this is an excellent record, especially when emotions and tensions are so high. Some people use isolated cases of misconduct to condemn all athletics. The case in Texas last year proves that our athletic conduct by players, coaches, and fans is improving and is currently in good condition.

### More Most

Last season 1,103 high schools fielded boys' basketball teams in Texas, the largest number in the nation. Approximately 50,000 boys played in basketball games deriving their stimuli directly or indirectly from the League program. Over 12,000 "A" boys' basketball games were played the past season. It is estimated that over 7,000,000 spectators watched these games. The girls' basketball program in Texas was the largest in the nation, with 845 high schools fielding teams, with 25,000 girls on "A" and "B" teams, and playing around 8,000 games. The spring meet program had 1,486 senior and junior high schools competing, with 65,000 contestants. Incidentally, the spring meet program, which includes track, golf and tennis, is the only athletic program offered by the League for junior high schools.

Baseball is the only major athletic activity in which Texas does not lead the nation. This past spring 670 schools had baseball teams, with a participation of close to 22,000 boys on "A" and "B" teams, and they played in the vicinity of 6,500 games.

### Opportunity Here

From the above statistical review of the high school athletic programs in Texas you can see the unlimited opportunities for education. This education is applicable to spectators as well as students. Let's have a dynamic, active program in sportsmanship practice in our schools and communities, and above all let's have our own personal conduct on a high plane.

Remember, your game officials are your guests. Be sure they are treated courteously and given adequate protection.

You have the opportunity for the finest youth program in Texas. Let us seize the responsibility and provide the guidance and leadership for our youth which will produce desirable citizens for Texas in the years to come.

# Vital Changes In Girls' Basketball Made This Year

Two important changes in girls' basketball will be in effect for the 1954-55 school year.

First, the 1954-55 boys' rules for applying personal fouls will be used in girls' play. This step was approved in a ballot by League member schools, 213 to 102.

Second, any school which participates in another State high school girls' basketball championship tournament or league shall not be eligible for League membership in girls' basketball for the succeeding year. This same rule applies to boys' basketball, baseball and football.

The two-to-one vote for using boys' rules on personal fouls came on a ballot authorized by the Interscholastic League Girls' Basketball Committee. This revises the system used for the last four years in the League's program for girls. The rule reads:

### New Rule

"The ball shall be put in play in the center circle by the team scored upon after each field goal has been made, and when a technical foul is called the free throw shall be taken, and if made, the team scored upon shall be awarded the ball in the center circle. If missed the ball is in play. The free shot must be taken. When a personal foul is made the shooter is awarded a second free throw provided she makes the first basket. If she misses the first throw the ball is in play. If she makes the first throw she is awarded a second free throw. If she makes the second free throw the team scored upon is awarded the ball at the center circle. If missed the ball is in play. In the event a personal foul occurs in the last three minutes of the game (or overtime play) the shooter shall be awarded two free throws regardless of whether or not she makes the first free throw. If the last throw is made the ball is awarded to the team scored upon at the center circle. If missed the ball is in play."

Girls' basketball under the League will continue to use the unlimited dribble and the 3-second rule in the free throw lane as found in the boys' rules.

Approximately 845 high school girls' teams will play under League rules this year. Of this total, 117 are Conference AA schools, 168 Conference A, and 560 Conference B.

### October 15 Deadline

October 15 is the deadline for schools to accept the League Basketball Plan and send in their basketball acceptance cards.

Tentative district assignments will be announced shortly after September 15.

This year girls' basketball competition will be offered in Conferences AA, A and B. Schools with more than 500 enrollment in high school will be assigned to Conference AA. Conferences AA and A will be merged into one championship race at the regional level.

The Official Girls' Basketball Guide for the League for 1954-55 may be secured from the League office, Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Texas, at 25c per copy.

# Bowie Schools Lead In Youth Recreation

BY PAUL TALIAFERRO

Principal, Bowie High School

A wholesome recreation and activity program for every child on a full year plan has been the community desire of Bowie.

To develop this plan, the school has been made the core of the program and the school facilities and campus the sites for most of the activities. School personnel have been used for most of the leadership places and the Interscholastic League activity program has been the guiding program. Complete participation in all phases of the League activities gives Bowie school youth a full nine-months challenge.

Some of the school's spring activities are carried into the summer program of recreation. Two of these are swimming and baseball. The school sponsors a May life-saving course and during the three vacation months the school sponsors the swimming pool on the campus for the public. Swimming classes are offered for the entire three months. Spring baseball in the high school is expanded into a four-team Little League, a four-team Pony League and an American Legion Junior team that plays inter-town games. Older boys and young men play night softball. All of these are conducted on the school campus and under one of the school coaches.

There are additional summer activities that are not a part of the regular League work. Camping for both girls and boys is a big part of the summer life of local youth. Bowie is a co-sponsor with other North Texas towns for Camp Letoli in Montague County. Several hundred girls enjoy this modern camp each summer. Bowie Boy Scouts share Camp Perkins with other area towns in North Texas. Bowie youth are active each summer in church encampments at various camps in the Southwest. New lakes in North Texas are adding to the camping opportunity for youth.

Individual youth interests for the Bowie recreation program are learned by various types of surveys made by the school. These surveys always include work and employment interests for the older girl and boy. The school leaders in the recreation program also serve as vocational assistants for job assignments. Every effort is made to get work for those desiring a job. During the school year the school also serves the youth in this capacity with the Distributive Education teacher in charge. The summer recreation program is planned to consider the working youth. This is true of the softball schedule.

Bowie's junior high school program of activities does go beyond those group activities sponsored by the Interscholastic League. This age group also shares the Bowie Youth Center with older school-age girls and boys. The Center is sponsored by the Bowie Youth Council and is not a school-sponsored project. The Council is a representative group of adults and youths selected by various civic organizations and youth groups. It serves as a social center. The Bowie Youth Council also assists the local youth in other ways. Its first objective is to prevent youth problems.

The Bowie youth recreation program has not been limited to work and play. It has also provided some cultural opportunities in the recreational field. The Bowie Art League, a civic organization that boasts more artists per capita than any other town in Texas, has always provided art opportunities for the town's youth. They are eligible for membership in the adult club, and have studio privileges in the headquarters. Youth artists are also encouraged to participate in numerous art shows conducted in Bowie each year, including the Side-walk Art Show that draws artists and exhibitions from two states, also the annual art exhibition at the Montague Fair and the Texas School Week exhibition.

Group travel is another phase of directed youth development in Bowie. In addition to the various trips provided for those who participate in Interscholastic League contests, there are other school-planned trips for various groups. An annual school affair of the Future Farmers is a planned summer trip through farm states for the observation of progressive farm practices. The selections of different routes for these trips enables a club boy to observe farm practices in half of the states of the union while he is in Bowie High School. The past three years the Bowie Future Farmers have toured more than half of the nation's states. This has been made possible by the working plan of the boys, school sponsors and F.F.A. dads.

A post graduate trip for the graduates in Bowie is planned to include educational, cultural and recreational values. Four recent Bowie groups have made ten-day post graduate trips to New York, Washington and Niagara Falls. In addition to teacher sponsors, other adults are permitted to make these trips and share the charter rates on the trains as well as special rates in hotels and on guided tours. Chicago, Kansas City and Canada are also places that Bowie travel groups have visited. One trip was made to Mexico. A two-year work and saving plan makes the trip available for all of those who desire to take part.

Officers and directors in such organizations as the Future Home Makers, Future Farmers, Student Council, Journalism Club and the Annual Staff are encouraged to attend their respective regional and state conventions and the workshops that are sponsored for some of these groups by the Interscholastic League. The high school band also takes part in a number of contest tournaments. The girls and boys who play basketball and their coaches are encouraged to attend the state basketball meets in Austin. The boys also attend the N. C. A. A. National Finals in Kansas City.

Bowie's leaders are hoping that the Texas Interscholastic League will not modify its present set-up, if the proposed changes will deny youth any of his present opportunities for wholesome development.



NATIONAL CHAMPS—The fleet mile relay team from Robert E. Lee High School, Baytown, set what has been recognized as a national high school record when they stepped the distance in 3:19.8 at San Antonio last May. Their 3:21 mile at the League's State Meet May 8 also broke the national mark and will be the

State record. The old national record was 3:21.2. Team members shown warming up are, left to right, Jimmy Watson, relief man, Wallace Wilson, Mike Stewart, Vic Davis and Eddie Bussa. The Baytown track coach is Beverly S. Rockhold.