Grass Roots League

Talent Search On For Scientists

Professor of Mathematics

The University of Texas The Interscholastic League has for many years fostered the development of scientific talent with particular reference to mathematics in two contests which have been attracting increased attention from the high schools of Texas. These two contests are in the field of number sense and the use of the slide

For several years, the former director of the Interscholastic League, Mr. Roy Bedichek, Emeritus, has had in mind a statewide contest in some form of scientific activities at the level of the high school.

The writer knows full well the value of competition in stimulating interest and bringing out the best effort of accomplishment. Consequently, this writer is very much interested in these ideas of Mr. Bedichek as discussed with our present director, Mr. Kidd, and others who might be interested. I am hopeful that these ideas will bear fruit and accomplish the useful purpose of stimulating interest in the study and practice of science in all of its branches in the high

There has been a growing recognition, which is borne out by facts and figures, that the number of school hours devoted to science in all our public schools and the percentage of students taking these courses have grown less. This is reflected in the fact that since 1950 the size of the graduating classes of scientists, engineers and technicians in American colleges and universities has decreased.

The Grass Roots Educational League of Texas has been chartered under the laws of the State of Texas for the purpose of broadening the base of the potential of the scientific man and woman power of our country.

Need Critical

At present, the supreme critical need is more adequately trained colleges and universities and by the

League of Texas has for its ob- Pamphlets this year have been have an ever-increasing supply of paper. needs and comforts which our technology is producing that we must maintain our supply of scientifically trained personnel.

Russian Competition

their objective of world mastery ports.

through science and technology

either in war or in peace. To meet this situation, the writer has been developing a program in communities and schools of appealing in assemblies of pupils and parents in order to point out the responsibility of our pupils at every evel to develop whatever talents they have along scientific lines.

The newspapers have given wholehearted cooperation with (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Likker, Fag, Hot Rod Mixture Explained, Debunked in VIB Films

If students and teachers are interested in unscrambling the social mixture of tobacco, alcohol, habits, and "hot rods," several 16mm sound films available from the Visual Instruction Bureau may help. The films explain the physiological effects of both tobacco and

alcohol on the body, why drinking and driving are a dangerous mixture, and ways of breaking the smoking or drinking habit. The films, with film number and service charge for one to three days, are: "Alcohol and Tobacco: What They Do to Our Bodies"-10 minutes, black and white, #5774, \$1.25.

"Liquid Lore"-20 minutes, black and white, #5660, 50 cents. "It's the Brain That Counts"-19 minutes, black and white, #999,

"Drinking and Driving"-6 minutes, black and white, #5693, \$1.25. "The Choice Is Yours"-24 minutes, black and white, #5663, 50 cents. "Alcohol and the Human Body"-14 minutes, black and white,

Send requests to Office of Booking and Scheduling, Visual Instruction Bureau, Division of Extension, The University of Texas,

State Cage Tourneys Set For Mar. 3-4-5, 10-11-12

Feb. 26 (boys) and Mar. 5 (girls), attention centers on the Twenty-four boys' teams will compete, eight in Conference State's stellar sports attraction of the year—the 35th Annual B and four each in Conferences A, AA, AAA and AAAA. State Boys' Basketball Tournament and the 5th Annual State Girls' Basketball Tournament.

The boys' tourney will be held Mar. 3-4-5 and the girls' B, four each from A and AA. For the first time, separate Mar. 10-11-12. Both will be in Gregory Gymnasium at The champions will be determined for A and AA but the total num-University of Texas, Austin. ber of teams remains the same.

Indications are that the 43,300 estimated attendance at the

With regional basketball champions to be determined by boys' tourney last year will be exceeded in the 1955 play-offs.

Sixteen girls' teams will participate for championships in Conferences B, A and AA. Eight will come from Conference

Defending champions are:

Better Training Vital In Engineering-Science

Haskew, University of Texas vice- college, and the high school of the president for developmental ser- future will be forced to give more vices and College of Education attention to adequate preparation

311 Papers Join **ILPC**; New High

Booming interest in school jourthe Interscholastic League Press Conference to 311, an all-time

This number of senior and junor high school papers exceeds the 250 enrollment of 1953-54, which The increased participation is

schools teach journalism and publish a school paper. Not all schools ice by the ILPC.

Throughout this year high schools have been urged to send participants to journalism sections of the Student Activities Conferteachers in the high schools for Similarly, schools have been re- we have a tremendous number i

personnel departments of our large graphed pamphlets have been disand small business and industrial tributed to member papers this year, plus a list of members for The Grass Roots Educational those desiring to exchange papers.

jective the maintenance of our on covering football, writing edi-American championship in world torials, writing personality feascientific leadership. It is, also, tures, and on the techniques of recognized if we are to continue to publishing a mimeographed school

Weather is Big Factor In Livestock Growth

The American high school has | The majority of high school stuentered a new era, says Dr. L. D. dents in the future will go on to for success in college, Dr. Haskew predicts in an article in the current issue of School Executive.

"Two facts have particular importance for Texas high schools," Dr. Haskew says. "One of these is that more high school students are going to have to receive excellent nalism has boosted membership in instruction in mathematics and science, in order to meet the demand for technical and professional education at the college

"Tremendous numbers of Texas high school youth are now seeking was also a new record at that time. careers in engineering and in the sciences, and entirely too many of credited in part to a survey made them are handicapped because they last year to determine how many did not elect to take sufficient mathematics and science while in high school," he continued. "The replied, but the almost 600 who larger Texas high schools, for the did provided a wider field for serv- most part, have excellent programs in mathematics and science but the student patronage of them has

Smaller Schools

"The second problem which faces ences, regardless of whether jour- us is that high schools which enroll nalism is taught in the school. only 50 or 100 students, of which minded that a school paper is eligi- Texas, find it almost impossible to need is well recognized by many of the control of t our school administrators, by our though journalism is not taught. lege preparation that students At this point, four mimeo- need," Dr. Haskew said.

> "It is going to be necessary to strengthen the programs in our smaller high schools considerably," he added, "or to work out arrangements so that existing very small schools can be consolidated into larger high schools which can give their students the complete range of offerings

which are needed." Dr. Haskew is a leading figure in Texas and national education or-Standard Procedures ganizations. Since he came to The Universitly of Texas in 1947, Col-Man is just beginning to learn lege of Education enrollment has Furthermore, there is a serious challenge on the part of Russia and how such knowledge may help im
standing scholars have been added how such knowledge may help im
standing scholars have been added by the feelbare is not contained. her satellites to win supremacy prove livestock, Dr. W. Frank Blair, to the faculty. The College is recaway from us and thereby gain University of Texas zoologist, re- ognized consistently as one of the top 10 in the U.S.



REMEMBER THEM?—The honor feam for the 35th Annual State Boys' Championship Tournament will be the 1927 Athens High School cage team, State champions that year. They are, left to right: Front row—McLauchin, guard; Joe Shinn, guard; E. D. McLaughlin, guard;

J. C. Reynolds, center (captain); Hawley Wyrick, forward; Jim Bradshaw, guard. Back row-Wendell Sumner, forward; James Huggins, forward; John Tompkins, forward; Douglas Moss, guard; Jimmy Kitts, coach. Kitts, Tompkins and Moss are deceased.

2,388 League Members **Continue Upward Tren** League membership totaled 2,388 for the 1954-55 school

year, a new peak in the upward trend of recent years.

The number of schools registered for competition shows an increase of 146 over the 2,242 enrolled for 1953-54. Figures include elementary schools, junior and senior high schools.

The 1954-55 membership is made up of 1,120 high schools, 177 junior high schools and 1,091 elementary schools.

By F. W. SAVAGE

Director of Music Activities

Athens, 1921 Cage Champs,

basketball team, State champions trophies were won in 1927-29-31- ter of the illustrious 1927 squad, in League play that year, is the 33-34. "Honor Team" for the 35th an- Three of these victories were Dallas. He is employed by Dow nual boys' basketball tourney in won under the renowned coach Corning Corp., is married and has Austin, March 3-4-5.

a string of State championships for straight Class AA title last year, odist University and lettered four Athens which still stands as the Kitts shared with Bowie Coach years in basketball. record. The school captured the R. E. Mattingly the record of most | Joe Shinn, a guard, graduated boys' State cage title five times in State championships won. eight years, more than any other

Jimmy Kitts, now deceased. Until three children. This is the team which started Bowie High School won its fourth He went on to Southern Meth-

> 1927 championship in the seventh and football. He now is with the annual tournament by thumping State Department and lives with Shiner, 38-9. In the second round his wife and two children at 1100 it was Athens 30, Cisco 18. The Belview, Columbia, S. C. third round, or semi-finals, found Coach Kitts' boys pushed harder to win from Ralls, 27-23. A 23-14

Harold Bachman, band director clinched the title for Athens. Among teams in the tournament was Brackenridge (San Antonio), winner of the 1926 | Holly Hill Dr., Dallas. title and Honor Team at the 1954 tourney.

Other teams reaching the tournament were Blum, Houston, Kirkland, Austin, Taft, Carlton, Alpine, and Sulphur Springs. Both Kitts and the team members went on to distinguished rec-

Kitts Deceased

Kitts coached football and basketball at Rice Institute, later at agreement between the Music Ed- state have used some of the proce- Virginia Military Institute. He died

faculty and staff members available there and is now a medical doctor for speaking engagements any- in Fort Worth. He lives at 600 where in Texas, Dr. Howard Town-Bailey Ave. with his wife and two

Organizations sponsoring the talks are required to pay only Huggins, who now gets his mail at traveling, food and lodging ex- Route 1, Scurry, and is a science penses for the speakers, Dr. Town- teacher. He is married. send pointed out. A copy of a new John Thompkins and Douglas 3. No audiences are to be per- booklet listing speakers and their Moss, two other team members, letic Association had its beginning rules were required to make the organize the work. This was never by the Executive Council of the mitted in the sight reading fields may be obtained without are now deceased. Both played two in the inspiration of an enterprising thing go off smoothly, and it was an invitation meet, as the athletic National Board of Control of the room. This does not exclude charge from Speakers Bureau, years of basketball at De Paul Uni-Gymnasium Director at The Uni- not long before there was a faculty competition was, but was an elimi- National Interscholastic Activities parents of the competing stu- Speech Building 108, University of versity. Tompkins added two years

now lives at 2921 Fondren St.,

from the University of South Caro-Athens opened its drive for the lina, where he played basketball

E. D. McLaughlin, guard, went on to SMU with teammate Reyvictory over Denton in the finals nolds, graduating and lettering four years in basketball. McLaughlin is a teacher, is married, has three children and lives at 7036

Hawley Wyrich, a forward on Indian Chemist Studies Here the 1927 team, is the only man Dr. Rama Char of the Royal Inwho remained in Athens. He is con- stitute of Science, Bombay, India, nected with the Hawn Lumber Co. is a special visitor at The Univer-

Jim Bradshaw, a guard, attended for two years, participating in ords after their exploits at Athens. football and basketball. He now lives at Trinidad, Tex., where he is employed by Texas Power & Light Co. He and his wife have three children.

Sumner an MD Texas Christian University

claimed Wendell Sumner, a forward on the Honor Team. Sumner The University of Texas has 171 lettered four years in basketball

Another forward was James

of professional basketball.

Boys-Class B, Cayuga; Class A, Sweeny; Class AA, Bowie; Class AAA, Alamo Heights (San Antonio); Class AAAA, Pampa. Girls—Class B, East Chambers (Winnie); Class A-AA, Dimmitt.

Eight Champions

Awards Identical

This year, for the first time, awards to girls' teams will be identical with those for boys.

A silver trophy goes to the champion team in each conference of boys and girls competition, with a silver cup to the runner-up. Third and fourth place teams each will receive a plaque.

Gold medals are given ten members of each championship team, ten silver medals to the runner-up teams, ten bronze medals to third place, and ten green-bronze to

Magnolia Petroleum Company will again broadcast the championship games in all five boys' conferences on Saturday, Mar. 5. A number of newspapers, as well as the three large news wire services, will staff the tournaments to give Statewide cover-

Broadcast Time

Magnolia broadcast time will begin at one o'clock Saturday afternoon, Mar. 5, for the Conference B, A and AA title games, ending about 5 p.m. Broadcasting will resume at 8 p.m. for the Saturday night championship play-offs in

Conferences AAA and AAAA. The list of radio stations carrying the games follows:

Station	City	Frequen
KRBC	Abilene	1470
KGNC	Amarillo	710
KNOW	Austin	1490
KTBC	Austin	590
KRIC	Beaumont	1450
KBST	Big Spring	1490
KBWD	Brownwood	1380
KSIX	Corpus Chri	sti 1230
WRR	Dallas	1310
KEPO	El Paso	690
KFJZ	Fort Worth	1270
KGVL	Greenville	1400
KTRH	Houston	740
KFRO	Longview	1370
KSEL	Lubbock	950
KTRE	Lufkin	1420
KRIO	McAllen	910
KCRS	Midland	550
KPLT	Paris	1490
KGKL	San Angelo	960
KENS	San Antonio	680
KRRV	Sherman	910
KCMC	Texarkana	1230
KTBB	Tyler	600
WACO	Waco	1460
KWFT	Wichita Fal	ls 620

sity of Texas.

Dr. Char, a faculty member in Texas Military College at Terrell the Institute's electro-chemistry department, is studying with Dr. Norman Hackerman

> Region V Music Competition-Festivals have had several important changes in dates, the Region V Music Executive Com-

mittee has announced. Contests for choral organizations will be held in Galena Park on Mar. 19. Entry deadline is

Feb. 26. Band and orchestra competi-

tion is scheduled for Galena Park and Pasadena on Mar. 25-26. Entry deadline is Mar. 4.

Vocal solos and small ensembles and piano solos will be held in Galena Park on Apr. 16, with an entry deadline of Mar. 26. All instrumental solos and small ensembles other than piano will be conducted in Galena Park and Pasadena on Apr. 30, with an entry deadline of Apr.

V. History of the League 'Dictator' Charge Outdated,

Those who accuse the League and field athletes from the high letic director at the University as (and the charge is still made) are old Clark Field early in May each or "Manager." This was one step as the methods and standards of only about thirty or forty years year to compete in track and field away from one-man rule. It might evaluation used by the judges.

one-man affair, with a constitution | ago. and a list of officers which the his- Homer F. Curtiss, the Gym- public school administrators, and ucators and the League, a stand- dures consistently, but, to our while employed at Texas Western torian calls merely a paper-struc- nasium Director, was the "whole from among them officers of the ardized set of procedures will be knowledge, no area has used all College, El Paso. ture. Genuine democratic processes show" so far as the management association were elected each year. in effect for the forthcoming the basic principles and procewere a growth over the years. This was concerned. He issued the invi- Of course, a constitution was duly matter is treated very seriously in tations, classified the contestants, adopted, but there was not a great one of the early chapters of the solicited funds for prizes, appointed deal of attention paid to it. The orbook, entitled "Towards a More the officials, decided disputes, and ganization was largely a paper- tion, will be mandatory in every the practices to be strictly fol-Democratic Control."

pure and simple. And the coming a "dictator." together of two dictatorships didn't change the character of the or-

for what he called a State cham- be called a modified dictatorship. In the beginning it was largely a pionship. That was just fifty years In the next few years this faculty

Democratic Growth Shows

declared the winners. He dictated structure. As described in another chapter, all the important activities of the Meantime, another one-man or- and every supervising official must two organizations joined to form the League as we now know it. Each of "dictator." He thought of himself, pose of deciding a State champion-

More Rules Needed

versity of Texas who invited track committee in charge, with the ath- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5) Commission.

committee formed contacts with

these parents was a dictatorship, however, more as a "host" than as ship in debate. He assumed the title new procedures. of State Director, but he had the The new plan is contained in a backing of a section in the Texas pamphlet entitled "A Guide for State Teachers Association which Sight Reading Contests," prepared ganization. The Interscholastic Ath- As interest grew, more and more authorized him to go ahead and by a special committee appointed

conducting the music sight-reading lege, Oneonta, New York and contests. The variations have been Adam P. Lesinsky of Whiting, Inso great that there was little re- diana. The pamphlet is available semblance between contests except through the Music Educators Nain name. The variation in proce- tional Conference, 64 E. Jackson management of being a dictatorship schools, along with the coaches, to a kind of "Executive Secretary," dures has extended even as far Blvd., Chicago 4. As a result of a cooperative of operation. Some areas of the

spring contests. These procedures, dures. region in the state. Every judge

Brief Summary There is nothing new in the plan

lowed to do any warm up playing or singing.

(Continued on Page 3, Col. 6) Texas, Austin.

During the past few years there acted as chairman of the commithas been much variation between tee. Other members were Fredregions in the procedures used in erick Fay Swift of Hartwick Col-

at University of Miami (Fla.),

lowed in all regions this year. 1. Students will not look at send, professor in charge of the children. music until all instructions have | Speakers' Bureau, announced.

2. Students will not be al-

... Or Else Hereafter Forever Hold His Peace

During the next several months, there will be considerable discussion of the merits and demerits of the reclassification plan for football and basketball. A special committee of school administrators is now at work on a plan to provide sixteen districts for AAAA, AAA and AA competition.

The present plan has the high schools with an enrollment of bring the message to our schools more than 1200 in Conference AAAA. Members of this con- and communities. ference compete for League honors among schools whose aver- It is hoped, also, that a science age enrollment is 1500 in the last four grades. It has been pro- talent search and contest covering posed that the State Committee lower the enrollment for this level and perhaps, culminating in classification to include schools with 850 or more students in interscholastic competition will be the last four grades. The range in enrollment in this con- developed. Prizes and scholarships ference would then be from 850 to 2700 pupils in the last four will be offered to stimulate the ingrades.

To secure enough schools to form sixteen districts for Con- opportunity to show what he can do ference AAA, enrollment would have to be lowered to include along scientific lines. schools with 350 or more pupils in the last four grades. A high school with an enrollment of 350 would have approximately 190 boys in all grades from which the athletic teams are to be

The ten-man committee appointed by Dean James R. D. Eddy will try to work out a classification proposal which could begin functioning with the 1956 season. School administrators are invited to submit their suggestions and recommendations to the Committee.

Now is the time to get in any ideas you may have concerning the enrollment "scale" that should be followed in assigning schools to football and basketball conferences.

Who Does All The Work?

Some of Texas' leading school administrators state that the reason their schools do not take part in literary and academic contests is that there is no "extra pay" for this school assignment. For this reason, many teachers refuse to accept the of Texas. time-consuming job of training contestants for League literary and academic contests.

There are hundreds of teachers throughout Texas who are coaching contestants without any extra compensation. Because of this fact, it is conceivable that many others would do likewise, if the administration gave the teachers the opportunity to do so and offered them some kind of public recog- League meet is found in the plans nition for their efforts.

Athletic coaches and band directors are usually paid extra | Elementary League and Brazoria for their coaching duties. It seems reasonable that those coaching other extra-curricula activities should receive some compensation or public recognition for their added contributions to the school and community.

League Growth Keyed To Adjustability

Frequently the League office receives letters from member may enter from each school, and the directory at 15 cents each. Adschools objecting to any innovation in the present plans of scoring for each contest. competition or changes in rules and regulations. Some people always want to change; others dislike changes. Human nature equipment, age regulations and instinctively distrusts change. Too often we hope to "play special equipment limitations. Spe- not publish an annual, so the Engsafe" by "staying put."

It is quite easy to settle down in a familiar place, clinging even to its faults, rather than to risk the unknown that al- advised where certain contest ma- paper, The Junior Texan, are run teration or change might bring about. There is in humankind a | terial may be obtained. natural timidity that makes one bear his ills rather than

One reason why the League has grown to its present size and has continued to serve the schools through its long history has been its ability to change and adjust to meet the needs of

At present, a committee is working on the revision of the football and basketball classification plan. Another committee has recently recommended some changes in the Spring Meet Plan. All of these changes originate from the public school Dear Mr. Kidd: administrators. They are first studied carefully by committees of school administrators before final recommendations are made to the State Executive Committee. The State office is goes. In fact, one of the fine fea-storm stories didn't say so, this no now working on plans to set up spring meet districts to cor- tures of the present division enables doubt sold some pictures. Probably formative years when centralized with a speech-drama-debate work- shop had a student leader, a panel respond in membership with the football and basketball dis- the 4A and 3A schools to finish foot- increased subscribers and reader- authority is often necessary to get shop at S. F. Austin State College of students, and a faculty member tricts. Conferences will be merged at the regional level into ball before Christmas. three divisions, namely: Conferences AA, A and B.

Many school administrators believe that such a plan will arrangement in numbers in mem- were interested. Prizes were to be serves, but the voice of history does a new record for total attendance, (2) Opportunities in community stimulate more interest in literary and academic contests at bership for a high school would be offered after judging in May. the district level. It will be interesting to see if this prediction something like this: 4A schools, 900 comes true.



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Talent Search On **For Scientists**

Texas Pioneers Grass Roots Move

(Continued from Page 1) news items and editorials and more will be forthcoming. There have been a few radio broadcasts but these will be multiplied manifold. Television will, also, be used to

each community at the grass-roots terest so that every boy and girl will avail himself of the maximum

This can be done without neglecting the other necessary work in English, in American literature, in languages in social studies in prepaof the other activities which make well-rounded school program.

If you think well of these plans, will you write to either Mr. Rodney J. Kidd, Director of the Interscholastic League, or to me at The University of Texas?

It is hoped that in time the program will be brought to your home community and school by a personal

Texas can do a pioneering job along these lines which will be a pattern for other states to follow. There is a widespread interest all over the country in the work of the Grass Roots Educational League

Brazoria Organizes Meets Thoroughly

An example of a well-organized submitted for the Brazoria County County Junior High League.

K. O. Kettler, principal at Manvel, is general director for both leagues. The meet will be held at Danbury.

Both leagues are composed of Brazoria, Damon, Danbury, Manvel and Pearland.

A duplicated copy of the minutes from the county meet session lists

given as to who shall furnish special paper is The Wynner. cific sections of the League Consti- lish-journalism class sells a yeartution and Rules are referred to book to help with finances. Extra where necessary, and schools are copies of each issue of the school

structed to bring a sack lunch.



vision of the League seems adequate started a scrapbook and placed it Committee. so far as the number of districts on exhibit. Although the Sand-

would seem to me that a fairer themselves and others in whom they an evil odor which it richly deand above; 3A schools, 600 to 899; 2A schools, 250 to 599. Below that I would not like to suggest without

more information. Under the present division, there is a wider spacing of numbers in membership in 3A than any other. Some corrective measures here might be in order. However, I believe that the number of districts should if possible, be reduced to \$200 annually each are available on Loans and Scholarship Infor- extemporaneous speaking, poetry munity leadership.

B. A. Copass Superintendent of Schools Nacogdoches

Cotner on Historical Council Robert C. Cotner, University of Theta Sigma Phi, journalism so-students of good character who are Texas history faculty member and rority at the University. biographer of Governor James Stephen Hogg, is a new member of the Southern Historical Association executive council for a two-year

High School p

Mrs. Virginia Cutter, adviser for per from A. C. Jones High, Bee-The Southerner, Travis High ville, recently printed the music School, Austin, blossomed out as an and words of its new alma mater, author in January. She had a story written by a student. The cover inthat month in Scholastic Editor, and cluded musical excerpts from the another in School Activities maga- school fight song and the new alma mater.

of The Southerner's home-made bright little item: Texas. It noted that 23 such papers names in them.' joined the ILPC last year.

pamphlets sent them, thinking that belle, and Sam." they were only loaned to them.

by member paper sponsors. They school enrollment 100) and conschool, in grammar, in literature, in are free of extra charge and need cluded that student adjustment not be returned. Only books bor- would be satisfactory if the U. S. rowed from the ILPC library should Supreme Court decision on de-segration for good citizenship and all be returned, unless otherwise re- regation were put into effect imquested.

We hope that sponsors are establishing permanent files of ILPC pamphlets for ready reference by

Pamphlets Mailed

During January two new ILPC pamphlets were mailed to current appearance in a school assembly members: "A Fresh Look at Ediand in a community meeting of torials," and "Personality Features," the latter by Louise Fuller, made. adviser of the Lamar Lancer, Lamar High School, Houston.

ducing the High School Mimeooriginal pamphlet.

Regional Contest

Schools whose papers do not Schools whose papers do not belong to the ILPC are reminded that they may enter two contests.

40 Years of History that they may enter two contestants in the regional journalismcontest on the April 23 weekend by certifying their eligibility one month ahead of that date. (See Constitution and Rules, Journalism Contest, Section 3, Page 64).

Certifications should be mailed by March 23 to ILPC, Box 8028, University Station, Austin 12,

Money-raising ideas: The jour- regional elimination meet in de- discussed and adopted. nalism class at Wynn Seale Junior bate; and the following year in both The 1911-issue of the Consti- accept such an award that would who will conduct them, when they formation for and mimeographed a are scheduled, what the event con- student-faculty directory. The stusists of, the grade level, how many dent council sold 475 copies of the dresses and phone numbers went In addition, instructions are along with the names. The school

University Jr. High, Austin, does off and saved. At the end of the To top it off, participants are in- year a little extra material is added, the copies are bound, and the yearbook goes like hotcakes for \$1. Not tensive powers. They could declare a only does it capsule the year in terse newspaper form, but it also troduce new contests and provide plugs the school paper.

at year's start, urging students to In short the county organization officials plan for 1955-56. The present eight-district di- might be done, Sandstorm photogs any member to the State Executive by others. ship, too, as students sought to in- an organization on its feet, so to in Nacogdoches. If a new division is needed, it clude all the information about speak. The word "dictatorship" has

Deadline for applications on

all five scholarships is March 15.

Where to Apply

Six \$200 Journalism

Scholarship Available

journalism at The University of tion, Austin 12, Texas.

special forms which may be ob- in Austin, May 5-6-7.

Six journalism scholarships of | tained by writing to the Committee

is donated by the Xi Chapter of lastic standing but with regard for

The Scholastic Editor item told | The Trojan also carried this

futures book, while the School Ac- "NAMES MAKE NEWS: Miss tivities story related the growth of Dugat in journalism: 'All the news junior high school newspapers in stories in the Trojan must have

"Story written by Jag Johnson: 'Mr. Archie Hatcher had three A few sponsors have in good faith cows killed by lightning. Their returned to us some of the ILPC names were Henrietta, Minnie-

The Pleasanton Eagle Chatter ILPC pamphlets should be kept took a poll of 73 students (high mediately. The well-written frontpage story summed up five questions asked by journalism students.

Two key answers seemed contrafuture advisers and staff members dictory: 36 said yes, 33 no, to ad- is called upon to answer questions mission of Negroes to white schools. | concerning application of the to athletic contests, not to literary But 55 said they were not prejudiced and 10 admitted they were. The story wisely concluded that other than the League. poll results could not be completely that only generalizations should be opinion has been given on each League contests?"

The official ILPC membership roll newspapers fail to give their questions asked and the answers: and a complete revision of "Pro- school's name on their cover sheet, ter was authored by I. E. Clark, ad- inside. It would be better to com- eligibility for League contests?" viser of the well known Schulen- plete the identification by giving

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County Meets

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tution was altered to provide for the

election of a County Executive Com-

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ber-schools themselves. And the

county committees were given ex-

school or contestant ineligible; in-

Formative Years

Early in the teens of the present

not entirely condemn it.

The next step in the organization

Erases 'Dictator' Tag

nation affair from the beginning. League were provided, one to be

ceeded to form by dividing the state one during the annual session of

up into ten regions and appointing the Texas State Teachers Associ-

officers in each region to conduct a ation. New rules were proposed,

ganization a dictatorship, for all League schools present and voting,

the power flowed from one person. each school being entitled to one

introduced a reorganizable demo- away from a dictatorship; and fur-

cratic feature. The regional meets ther progress along the road toward

became crowded so that county more democratic controls will be

eliminations became necessary. The detailed in this space in the next

State Director then parted with his issue of the Leaguer.

vote."

This required a statewide or- held at the State Meet, and the later

Journalism Champs Show Versatility in Music Talent



CAROL HALL

SONDRA SUE WATTS

Awards Rule Applied To Specific Cases

The League Director frequently | apply. It would not be a violation. Awards Rule to essay and speaking contests sponsored by organizations

Specific cases have been subsituation. These are not opinions of the State Executive Committee. The A number of mimeographed following represent some of the

1. "If a pupil accepts an award which makes it difficult for an out- of more than \$7.50 where the congraphed Newspaper," complete sider to know where it is published. test (essay or speaking) is staged newspapers or other means of published. test (essay or speaking) is staged newspapers or other means of published. with headline schedules, were Some papers never get around to entirely in our school among our licity, with no mention of it being ber of Quill and Scroll and the mailed early in February. This lat- giving the school name even on the own pupils would this affect his made by school officials and if the Junior Historical Society, she won

A. If the award is for intraburg Shorthorn and author of the the school name along with the mural competition, in my opinion, the Awards Rule would not

The Amateur Rule applies only or academic contests.

handling of essays or speeches, of Fame. would such an award make the receiver ineligible?"

A. Under condition outlined in question No. 2, in my opinion the pupil would be ineligible. In case conditions in question No. 1 prevail, in my opinion the pupil would be eligible as far as the Awards Rule is concerned. If the contest is open to any person, regardless of whether they are in or out of school, it would not be considered a violation of the Awards Rule, for the reason that it would not be considered an inter-school contest.

4. "If one of our pupils should just what events will be conducted, High, Corpus Christi, collected inforty-five years ago. A govern- amending the Constitution "at any school be penalized or would the mental expert would call the or- annual meeting by a majority of the pupil alone receive the penalty?"

A. If the school permitted the

2. "If other schools enter the same contest (speaking or essay), and year, and has been secretary of the one of our own accepts more than letterman's association. She is a correct in measuring opinions and mitted to the League office and an \$7.50, would be ineligible for

A. In my opinion, yes, provided he has already received the maximum award for the year allowed under Article XVI of the Constitution and Rules.

pupil to represent the school in a League contest after accepting such a prize, then in my opinion both the school and the pupil could be penalized. It is assumed that the pupil has already accepted the maximum award from the school.

Leadership Section For SAC Studied

Possibility of adding a new sec-| "For two days approximately 120

This was obviously a big step

in photographs, newspaper clip- mocracy. Appeals of judicial de- has been tried by some Wisconsin who felt a need to improve their pings, etc. To give an idea how it cisions, however, could be had by schools and is being contemplated understanding of and competencies

> This development came as the This all occurred during the ferences was completed this month ship were discussed. Each work-

> > New Record This year's ten area meetings set (1) Psychology of leadership.

it was estimated. Conferences were held at South-The Trojan, mimeographed pa- century, two annual statewide ern Methodist University, Univer- (3) What is leadership? College, Kilgore College, The University of Texas, Texas A. & I. Col- (5) Techniques of leadership. . . . Sam Houston State Teachers Col-Austin State College.

eight wherever and whenever pos- to freshmen planning to major in mation, Box 7994, University Sta- reading, journalism, number sense, "The belief that such a conslide rule and ready writing were ference will prove valuable lies in Either a boy or a girl may re- under direction of the League staff the assumptions that (1) improved Students from 16 Nations Five of the scholarships are avail- ceive the scholarships. University and faculty members from The quality of leadership at all levels able through a gift from the George authorities will select the recipients, University of Texas and host col- of our society and governmental AttendUniversityofTexas W. Brackenridge Estate. The other with primary emphasis upon scholleges.

lows:

rules for the same; set the dates tion on leadership to the League- students were excused from their The Amarillo Sandstorm began for the meets, and the place; select sponsored Student Activities Con- regular classes to participate in this promotion of a scrapbook contest the judges; do the financing, etc. ferences is being studied as League conference. The students attending were those in positions of responsikeep a record of their school year was really a constitutional de- The leadership conference idea bility in various student activities in group leadership...

"Four workshop sections were 1954-55 schedule of student con- held in which five aspects of leaderacting as a resource person. The five subjects discussed were:

leadership for the student and the young adult.

do?

"Through the method of a con-

lege (Huntsville), Southwestern ference an attempt is being made FOOTBALL 1955 lege (Kingsville), Odessa College, to study the various aspects of University (Georgetown) and S. F. leadership so that the student may date for fall practice, Aug. 26. have a basis for personal develop- Date for first game, Sept. 9. Sections in speech, drama, debate, ment in terms of school and com-

life is important, (2) the students While the Student Activities Con- have the awareness necessary to visions of the world outside the helping to earn their own education. ferences draw students considered profit from this type of learning continental U. S., Joe W. Neal, In-Winner of the Theta Sigma Phi leaders in their schools, no stress situation, (3) within the course ternational Advisory Office direcscholarship will be announced at has been laid on leadership as such. structure of instruction not suf- tor, announced. the State convention of the Inter- The Wisconsin Association news- ficient time can be allotted to con- Countries outside the Western ship."

Hall, 1954 State winners in journalism, both list music as their favorite

activity other than writing. Sondra, of Pecos High School, is in the school choir. She has been a nominee for band sweetheart. Carol, who graduated from Highland Park in Dallas last June, is interested in both piano and voice. She won the International Piano Recording Contest for three years, and was guest soloist at the Waco Bach Festival.

Journalism contestants are judged on five phases of journalism copyreading, headline writing, feature writing, news writing, and editorial writing. Sondra placed in four of the contests while Carol placed in three, giving them the highest total number of points in their conferences.

Sondra represented Conference A; Carol, Confrence AA.

Mary Hornsby of White Oak, who won first in Conference B, placed in four contests also. She won first in both news writing and editorial writing. In fact, all three winners won first place in news writing.

Sondra, who is a senior this year, had not yet decided what college she wished to attend. Right now she is still busy with high school activities. She has been president of the Pep Squad, is editor of the paper this member of the FHA, Quill and Scroll, and the National Honor Society.

Sondra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Watts.

Besides her activities with piano, Carol worked on the paper staff, 3. "If a contest is staged through the dramatics club, and sang with school has nothing to do with the a place in the school annual's Hall

Daughter of Mrs. J. G. Hall, Carol planned to attend Sweet Briar this year.

Miss Floydean Wilburn coached Sondra, while Carol was coached by Mrs. Jeanne Rousseau. Mary Hornsby was coached by Mrs. J. W. Hutchings.



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

should read "to another high school even in the same school system, unless the corresponding change of residence by his parents has been made."

Fage 64, Journalism Contest, Section 2, Membership: The parenthetical reference (see Article III, Section 3, Constitution) should read: (see Article III, Section 2, Constitution).

Constitution).
Page 65, Journalism Contest, Section 9,
Eligibility: Reference to Article IX, Section 7 should be to Section 21, Spring
Meet Plan.
Page 70, Spelling Contest, Rule 4, "Word Fage 10, Spelling Contest, Rule 4, Word Sources," second paragraph should read: Grades V and VI: League Spelling List, Grades V and VI, and State-adopted texts for grades III and IV, using words from the State-adopted text in the grades and taking an equal number of words from each text for the contest list.

CORRECTION: In Spelling List, Page 13, Column one, the word "hypocrits" should be "hypocrites."

In Spelling List, Page 7, Column two, the word "frolicksome" should be "frolic-In Spelling List, Page 7, Column three, the word "tibiae" should be "tibia." In Spelling List, last page, Column 2, "teuton' should be "Teuton."

In Spelling List, Page 16, Column 14, ne word "feality" should be "fealty." In Spelling List, Page 18, Column 2, the rord "turquois" should be "turquoise."

SMILEY

Smiley placed on suspension in boys' basketball for remainder of 1954-55 season, and placed on disqualification in Six-man football for 1955 season, for using over-age players and submitting incorrect eligibility information to League headquarters.

Bowie High School placed on prosity of Houston, Abilene Christian (4) What can student government bation in basketball for 1954-55 and 1955-56 for violation of the Recruiting Rule.

Conferences 4A and 3A-First

Conferences 2A, 1A, B, Six-man -First date for fall practice, Aug. 22. Date for first game, Sept. 2.

The University of Texas has 479 selected to attend the conference students from 61 political sub-di-

Applications should be filed on scholastic League Press Conference letter describes their plan as fol-sideration of the problems of leader- Hemisphere accounted for 279 of the total.



is that many of the directors and rounds a door or window opening in convention features of interest actors do not know the nomencla- a flat. It is sometimes ornamented will be offered to all speech ture of the stage. Even when the with molding. terms used are familiar, they are FLAT. A piece of scenery, conoften vague as to the real meaning. sisting of a canvas screen on a forensics directors and students rently being collected by the State Several sources have been used in wooden frame. Flats are usually will be the debate, oratory, ex- office. This was an unsolicited adcompiling the following glossary of 8 feet, 10 feet, or 12 feet in height. tempore speaking, after-dinner ditional comment relating to the theatre terms. We particularly and a maximum width of 5' 9". If speaking, and oral interpretation estimate of the "quality of judgwant to thank the N. P. F. Division, the flat is only one or two feet wide, events of the Forensic Meet, April ing."

The definitions are in no way meant to be complete, but perhaps a review of these terms will help all of us who are interested in educational theatre to "speak the same

ACTING AREA. The part of the stage in which the main action of the play takes place. This is always in full view and well within the sight lines of the audience.

APRON STAGE. The part of the acting area that lies in front of the front curtain.

ARENA STAGE. A stage in placed on the floor level of the auditorium with the audience around

called the Draped Stage. The back- proximately 38 to 62. ground of the play is provided by means of drapes or curtains.

AUDITORIUM. The part of the

attached. It can be applied to any complete the scene at the back. length of wood used in scenic con-

the fly space or out of the set at the a doorway. top. Lights which hang back of such drapes are called BORDER

BOX SET. A set in which three walls of a scene are represented by

port used to prop up flats and units from behind. A brace is often made of two lengths of wood held together by a clamp so that the brace can be

BRACE CLEAT. A small metal plate attached to the back of a flat ient height so that a brace may be appended to it.

The form of scenery in which the Plays," published by Appleton; and painted back-cloth provides the back of the set, and the sides are made ern Authors" published by French. up of flats set obliquely to the line

CROSS HATCHING. In painting scenery, Cross Hatching is used when the application of the paint brush is in overlapping strokes in every direction so as to give a rough texture to the scenery.

CROSS PIECES. These are also called RAILS. They consist of bottom of the flat.

CYCLORAMA, A plastered wall, cloth or drapes used on the stage to and back of the stage.

istic units, such as doors and win- and French dialect. In addition to dows are used in a cyclorama en- the single copies from French, the closed acting area.

DOOR FLAT. A stage flat made own. with an opening for a door.

in folds as a part of a scene. Drapes are generally made in standard Planned Feb. 26 widths and not sewn together.

above the stage to prevent the sight lines from being into the rigging at the top of a scene.

to as the Arras Stage. The back- Feb. 26, it was announced by Dr. ground of the play is provided by E. L. Pross, chairman of the TCU

and one to the left.

canvas, sheeting, or paper pasted test." or otherwise attached between two Guest critic will be Ramsey junction between them.

means of support for scenery.

One serious drawback in staging trim (usually six inches) which sur-

it is called a JOG.

FRENCH BRACE, A tall, wooden, right angular, triangular frame attached to a flat to set it ual events, each student will par-FRONT CURTAIN. The curtain

which closes the proscenium opening and hides the acting area from the audience area for necessary

FULL SCENERY. Any form of stage setting in which the full de- high school students and the Sen- recognized as a first-place winner. tails is represented by scenery.

GOLDEN RECTANGLE. The the remainder is another golden termined. ARRAS STAGE. This is also rectangle. The proportions are ap-

stage and below the stage roof to have floor debate on bills reported no attempt will be made to find out which are fastened the pulleys and out of committees. Awards will be who judged in the region mentheatre assigned to the audience, lines from which scenery, lights, made to students demonstrating tioned above. Either the judges

BATTAN. In staging, this term tal piece of scenery used to repelefficient, intelligent legislative aclemethod has been discovered in this generally applies to a length of resent bushes, walls, distant land- tion rather than horseplay, dema- particular region; the judges are wood suspended from above to scapes, and so on. These are placed goguery and mock legislative be- thoroughly convinced that compewhich drapes, flats or units may be on the stage in such a way as to havior.

JAMB. The side posts of a door BORDER. Any hanging canvas which are provided in order to give President of the Southern Speech or drape hung above the stage to the scenery a feeling of solidity, Association, whose address is be the case, is it little wonder that prevent the audience looking up into where the audience can see through Speech Dept., Texas Technological school administrators are begin-

the shape of keystones (wider at ologic strata.

the January issue of the Leaguer: | copy, postpaid.

THE INTRUDER. Maurice Maeterlinck. 3m, 4w. Interior. No royalty. The family waits for the intruder which is death. In Shay's CLOTH-AND-WING SETTING. "Fifty Contemporary One Act in Cohen's "One Act Plays by Mod-

> KISS IN XANDU. Winthrop Ames. 8m, 2w. Interior. Roy. on app. French. In "Plays for the College Theatre." This is a fantasy pantomime which was featured in Beggar on Horseback. Charming little fantasy of its kind.

THE LOST PRINCESS. Dan Totheroh. 10m, 4w, extras. Chinese pieces of wood in the frame of a fantasy. \$5. French. Simple setting flat which run along the top and the in Chinese style. Interesting fantasy in the same vein as The Stolen

MAID OF FRANCE, Harold represent the sky or infinity. Often Brighouse. 3m, 3w. \$5. French. the cloth or drapes cover the sides Fantasy in which Joan of Arc comes to life for two sleeping sol-CYCLORAMA SETTING, Real-diers. Good play to try out Cockney play can be found in Cohen's "One DAIS. A platform used on the Act Plays by Modern Authors."

stage to give variation in height in NIGHT FALLS ON SPAIN. the acting area—generally made in Hazel Sholley. 3m, 2w. Baker. No such a way that it will fold for easy royalty. A serious drama in which

DRAPE. Any material hanging TCU Play Clinic DRAPE BORDER. A drape hung As Testing Place

Texas Christian University will hold its Third Annual High School DRAPE STAGE. Also referred One-act Play Clinic on Saturday, Speech-Drama-Radio Dept.

DRAW CURTAIN. Also referred It is designed as a testing ground to as a traveller. The curtain is for plays to be entered in Intermade in such a way that its two scholastic League competition, and parts may be drawn one to the right all League member schools are invited. Dr. Pross stressed that the DUTCHMAN. A long strip of meet will be "a clinic, not a con-

flats or screens so as to conceal the Burch, co-director of Theatre '55 of Dallas. Students attending will be allowed on either side of the least four feet above it. EASEL. This is similar to an be guests at the TCU Little Thea- stage in the wing area. A good rule 7. The stage floor (apart from 10. The local needs of the school not as a rehearsal." artist's easel, and used as a simple tre production of "Barber of to follow is to have the entire width the apron) should be pine, NOT and the community should be sur-FACING. This is the wooden Walker James, TCU.

Southern Speech Meets Apr. 4-9

Memphis is Host To 25th Conclave

The Southern Speech Association will hold its Silver Anniversary teachers

4-5-6. The national debate question on free trade will be used.

Every team will debate six rounds, and in most of the individticipate in three rounds of competition. It is expected that all fourteen Southern states will be rep-

Student Congress

High schools and colleges join 7-8, the House being made up of worthy of the distinction of being ate of College delegates.

Subject matter for legislation rectangle, whose proportions are will include matters relating to the which the play presentations are regarded as being aesthetically per- resources, progress, and welfare of fect. The construction is such that the South, free trade, and one or if a square is cut off one end, then two additional areas yet to be de-

Each house will elect its own presiding officer, will function through GRID. The framework over the legislative committees, and will from which they can see and hear drapes, and the like may be hung. outstanding performance in vari- have no standards for comparison; GROUND ROW. A low horizon- ous areas of activity. The goal is a spectacularly successful teaching flitting around investigating the

frame—normally six inches deep— Dr. P. Merville Larson, Third Vice- good musical judgment! College, Lubbock, Texas.

JOG. A one or two foot wide flat. Texas Geology Data Reprinted

one end than at the other), used for The 1,007-page reference book ommending that departmentalism initiated a nation-wide scholarly fastening the cross pieces of a flat to contains a geologic map of the State in music be abandoned and that survey which would without ques-BRACE. A wooden or iron sup- the uprights. They are set in one in color and many other illustra- the "generally" educated classroom tion indicate that the percentage inch from the outside of the upright. tions and data. "The Geology of teachers be given complete respon- of juveniles engrossed in music ac-Texas, Volume 1, Stratigraphy" sibility for instruction in music? tivities being arrested for com-Below is concluded the list of may be obtained from the Bureau suggested plays which was begun in of Economic Geology for \$3.25 per

By F. W .SAVAGE Director of Music Activities

EVALUATION "When an organization like Convention, Forensic Meet and mine can get a Division II rating, tation to reduce the position of Student Congress in Memphis, a Division I is not worth working Tennessee, April 4-9. The usual for because it doesn't mean any-

This is an exact quote from one Of special interest to high school of the competition reports cur-

It is a matter of record that in one region, thirty-two of forty-one bands entering the recent marching competition/received a Division I rating. Interpreted in terms outlined in Section 11 of the Constitution and Rules, Page 95, seventyeight per cent of the competing bands gave "the best conceivable performance for the event and the asked, perhaps it would be best in the Student Congress, April 6- class of participants being judged;

> If this comparison were carried beyond the regional boundaries and given statewide application; and, if our contention is valid that each regional competition is comparable to a state-final contest 390 out of 500 eligible bands will be first place winners in Texas this year!

No attempt has been made and tition has no place in the scheme Students and teachers desiring of motivation; or, extraneous condetailed information should write siderations have overbalanced their

Regardless of which factor may The University of Texas an- music in general? Is it any wonder sional groups, sit around moaning KEYSTONE PIECES. Pieces nounces the third printing of a bul- that so-called "curriculum ex- in their beards and passively watch made of three-ply veneer board in letin giving details of Texas ge- perts" write many pages in their someone kill their goose that lays

tive bodies, even State legislatures we are told, are passing regulations prohibiting any sort of interschool music relations? Is it any cial party." wonder that there is continual agiband, orchestra and/or choral director to the status of a "regular" teacher and diminish the salary in

Is it any wonder that an increasing number of school systems are beginning to consider the band as an adjunct to the football team and arrange its financing accordingly? It is any wonder that band directors themselves agitate for increased recognition of the marching "show" instead of emphasis on marching fundamentals and musical production?

Now that so many "is it any wonder" questions have been

Stumbling Blocks

fact that educators are so vitally concerned with our people becoming a nation of "spectators" (thanks to widespread movies, radio and television), they continue to provide every possible to prevent a given student from throwing his every energy into the suggested: pursuit of that interest?

Why is it, what with congressional committees and State and local committees by the hundreds causes of juvenile delinquency, intra-school and inter-school music activities are bing curtailed right and left resulting in an overcrowding of our streets and by-ways with boys and girls who have no "leisure time activities?"

Survey Needed

Why is it that music educators, ning to cast a prejudiced eye in in spite of the fact they are one of the direction of public school the most highly organized profesreports on school evaluations rec- the golden egg? Why haven't they mission of crime is negligible compared to the percentage of arrests Is it any wonder that administra- of students not so engaged?

Suggestions for Planning **School Auditorium Stages**

many schools have shown signs of many headaches in storing and pre- destroying the surface. Unfortu- (4) a. Choruses. growing pains. Letters from di- paring scenery, and later in as- nately, builders and architects err rectors and administrators indicate sembling actors. that new buildings are rapidly 4. The back wall of the stage in the matter of putting hardwood being built, or new additions are should be left clear and painted a floors on stage surfaces more than being added to present structures light gray or neutral to act as a any other one point in auditorium to take care of the great increase sky or plaster cyclorama. If there construction, Later, when the stage in student population. It is en- are openings at the back of the is equipped, it is well to have a couraging to note that many of stage to the outside or to other parts these plans call for auditoriums or of the building, they should be canvas carpet for the stage. stage areas.

up and a really flexible, useful unit. the like.

Through their years of experiing auditoriums.

a priest saves the lives of a boy to accommodate not only a large and girl even though he loses his cast, but a chorus or band as well, given to the idea of allowing space since the auditorium should be for maneuverability when portable available for many functions. The steps are placed at the center of minimum width from one side of the apron. the proscenium opening to the other should be 28 feet or more.

> 2. The playing area should be as deep as it is wide. This is where many architects design auditoriums in an inefficient manner. Although they may allow proper width, they will cut down on the depth to economize. Shallow stages invariably cause trouble for such things as passage behind the set, recessed hallawys and staircases in sets, exterior illusion, and necessary exterior lighting behind openings in the back of a set. It is false economy to cut down on the depth of the stage.

backstage on the side, not center In building auditoriums, however, back. A neutral back wall can solve there are a number of points which many backing problems, and a good may seem small to the architect but plaster cyclorama should be dewhich to a director can mean the signed which is usable with regard difference between a make-shift set- to sight lines, passage ways, and

5. For general school functions. ence, here are some general points an apron in front of the stage is that established directors recom- valuable. It should be at least six mended when building or remodel- feet deep from the curtain line to the front of the apron. The plan of having steps at either side of the 1. For high schools, the stage apron down to the auditorium floor playing area should be wide enough level has proved to be generally the most practical. Regard should be

> If the auditorium is to be used for civic presentations and traveling road shows, an orchestra pit might above the stage. For small stages. be desirable in front of the stage. pine or cedar beams will work The average high school, however, nicely. There should be at least fourcan dispense with the orchestra pit. of them running the width of the

opening should be from twelve to able, and in first class auditoriums eighteen feet, depending on the size a regular gridiron should be proof the hall, and taking into con- vided. The main purpose of having sideration proportion and design of a gridiron is to shift or fly scenery the structure. Caution must be ex- quickly. If there is no gridiron, diercised to make sure that the audi- rectors should make certain that torium ceiling is not too high and there is plenty of backstage space from the ceiling. If the auditorium | scenery. 3. A minimum of 14 feet should floor is flat, the stage should be at

torium at its widest point. Ample for braces—and occasionally even built to meet those needs.

During the last few months, room backstage will do away with nails—can be fastened to it without

8. There should be ample storage space for scenery, costumes, make-up, and the like. There should be at least two large dressing rooms, one for men and one for women, with lavoratories. In high schools where the auditorium is used for every type of gathering, the storage space item is imperative. There needs to be separate closets or rooms which can be systematically arranged with the storage material and which can be locked. It is, of course, preferable to have the storage space handy to the stage, but if such is not possible the passage ways to such space (5) At the conclusion of the aushould be free and accessible from

the stage areas. 9. There should be some fly space stage and at least six feet above the proscenium opening. In larger audi-6. The height of the proscenium toriums, steel girders are prefer-

Meets Local Needs

Standard Methods Adopted For Music Sight Reading

dents and members of the "offi-

resort to the practices of calling out rehearsal numbers or singing to the group as it performs "are confessing a weakness in the ability of his players which the judges cannot overlook in making their decision." This same principle applies to the choral conductor who sings a part of the audition number to his organization during his preliminary instructions.

5. "While there is no penalty for stopping a group during a performance, the group which is forced to stop and make a fresh start is confessing a weakness which must be taken into consideration by the judges."

Rules and Instructions

In order to avoid misunderstandings and misinterpretations, the to frame some leading questions! following excerpt is quoted exactly of the secondary parts are not cal judges. It indicates a performfrom the pamphlet heretofore described. This is the specific routine Why is it that in spite of the of procedure which will be followed exactly in 1955.

"When all is in readiness, the judge or chairman should go to the conductor's stand and read the such other instructions as he feels stumbling block in the curriculum will assist the organization in doing the best possible job of sight electing a field of endeavor and reading. The following rules are

(1) Each director will have one minute to look over the scores. the performers will remove and the director will be given two minutes to study the numbers over with his group. a. Choruses.

changes in key or time signatures, he may point out certain difficult passages and talk about them. He may never sing a part of the audition number or allow it to be

played on the piano. b. Bands and Orchestras. During this two minutes with the group, the director may instruct the members as he sees fit. He may call their attention to key signatures, repeat signs or other peculiarities of the music. He may sing out phrases to illustrate how special rhythmic figures should be played. He may answer questions from individual players. In short, he may utilize these two minutes in any way he wishes with the following exception: He may not

play or sing their parts. the pitch will be given . . each section may be allowed and the audition will begin. The director shall not speak to of the number and he shall not sing with the choir at any

time. b. Bands and Orchestras. At the end of the two minutes, the organization will play. The Region VI-AA: Principal Virgil Currin, Alamo Heights High, San march or string orchestra number should be played first, and then the overture, with change from one piece to another. No additional instrucpieces. (Signals at the end of these time periods should be given orally. Whistles, gavels, etc., have a disturbing effect in the performers and are unnecessary.)

dition, members of the group should replace the music in the envelopes and remain seated until all the music has been Director of Ready Writers: Dr. W. Powell Stewart handed in. Caution students Director of Number Sense: J. M. Hurt to look under chairs and not to forget anything which belongs to them. The director seconds for any instructions he quietly and quickly to make room for the next group."

Evaluation

strict the free use of beam lights nomical shifting and hanging of effect this year. Directors "must be given to understand that the VI-AA: Dale N. Morrison, Trinity University, San Antonio. be treated as a performance and

Judges will be reminded that

4. Leaders who are forced to sion." Again quoting from the unfamiliar music. "Guide for Sight Reading Con- "Division IV-This performance quirements will be necessary to players are lost a good deal of the

> curately and intelligently, Second- duction, rhythm, articulation and ary parts played with confidence. other basic factors. There will the players themselves and the plete break-down. The judges' same mistake did not occur twice. comment sheet will show many technical accuracy but with good little use for the judge to attempt attention to its expressive features. to list specific errors. His comable in a public program.

ing on the whole but marred by a players to read with greater conconsiderable number of technical fidence and assurance the next errors. The lead players probably time they are faced with this kind carry the group through pretty of test. well, but there is a lack of pre- "Division V-This division is cision and solidarity because some rarely used even by the most critiplayed with confidence. Lacks the ance in which the players reveal fluency and finesse of the Superior almost a complete lack of preperformance. Rhythms not always paredness and understanding. The clearly marked. Careless as to ar- players in such a group have probticulations. Expressive features not ably been taught to play a few carefully noted. This performance pieces largely by rote and even in may be said to be adequate for those pieces have developed many rules of the contest and deliver a first time through a piece, but undesirable playing habits. The it would definitely not do for a numbers they attempt to play at public presentation.

be a clean performance by any fore the test is completed. Filling means. There would be many out a comment sheet for a group wrong notes. Key signatures are which has completely failed the not recognized. Rhythmic patterns test is a real challenge to the At the end of this one minute, not correctly played, Little atten- judge. . . . Sometimes only the tion to expressional features. Per- stage deportment and appearance the music from the envelopes haps a few strong lead players hold can be commented upon favorably the number together, but there are but even this may be some commany players who frequently get fort. Remarks should be honest lost and who do not play their but never sarcastic. They should parts correctly. Stops may be point out the basic weaknesses and During this two minutes, the necessary to rally the wandering make suggestions for improvement, director shall instruct the sing- players to a fresh start. Such a and above all, urge the contestants ers as he sees fit. He may tap group might show qualities which to try hard for a higher rating next out rhythms, indicate any would enable it to give a fine per- year."

seldom that one single factor alone but it obviously needs more experimakes the difference of one divi- ence and training in the reading of

tests," the following general re- is full of technical errors. Many qualify for the following ratings: time. It reveals basic weaknesses "Division I-All parts played ac- in the fundamentals of tone pro-Where technical errors occurred, probably be numerous stops or at they were quickly recognized by least places which approach a com-Number not only played with minus signs. . . . It would be of This performance would be accept- ments should be encouraging and offer suggestions for a course of Division II—An authentic read- training which would prepare the

sight are barely recognizable and "Division III—This would not such a group will often give up be-

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have members of the group Region I-AA: Supt. W. T. Barrett, Odessa A: Supt. Lee Johnson, Phillips

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should then be given a few I-AA, A and B: Dr. P. Merville Larson, Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

wishes to give, and the players II-AA: W. P. Showalter, Tarleton State College, Stephenville. should then be asked to leave II-A. and B: Dr. Z. T. Huff, Dean, Howard-Payne College, Brown-

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The customary standards of IV-A and B: Randolph C. Watson, Dean, Kilgore College, Kilgore. the proscenium too low so as to re- and beams for easy, rapid, and eco- evaluating sight reading will be in V—AA, A and B: Walter F. Williams, Public Relations, University of Houston, Houston.

> sight reading demonstration is to VI-A and B: Dr. Pat H. Norwood, Southwest Texas State College, San VII-AA, A and B: Dr. Eldon Brinley, Texas College of Arts and Indus-

tries, Kingsville.

Seville." For details write S. backstage as wide as the audi- HARDWOOD, so that stage screws veyed carefully, and the auditorium "under the rating plan where all VIII—AA: Wm. F. Webb, Texas Western College, El Paso. bands, orchestras and choirs are VIII-A and B: Jack Rodgers, Vice-President, Odessa College, Odessa.

Girls' District Champs Due Feb. 26, Regionals Mar. 5

date for certifying district winners 11, and 12. in girls' basketball for all conferences is February 26th. The regional tournaments must be concluded by March 5th.

son the State Executive Committee | cilities and staffs offered by the eduhas authorized the following sched- cational institutions. ule for selecting regional championships in Conferences AA, A, and B: There will be a one-game play-off on Monday or Tuesday, February 28 or March 1, to determine which teams will qualify for the regional tournament to be held the following Saturday, March 5th.

Travel Reduced

This will mean that there will be only four teams represented at the regional tournament in Conferences will allow teams to eliminate some of the travel involved in determining the regional champion and at the same time increase interest in the play-offs by having the games played near the homes of the competing schools.

For an illustration, in Region I, Conference AA, the winner of District 1 will play the winner of District 2, 3 vs. 4, etc., with the respective winners going to the regional tournament. This same pattern is followed in each region in each con-

In Conference AA the following districts have byes and will automatically certify to the region tournament: Region II, District 6; Region III, District 20.

Regional Schedule

In Conference B the State Executive Committee has authorized the following schedule for selecting regional champions: There will be RECLASSIFICATIONa one-game play-off on Monday or Tuesday, February 28 or March 1, to determine which teams will qualify for the regional tournament to be held the following Saturday, March 5. The first-round game must be played on either February 28 or March 1.

For an illustration, in Region I, Conference B, the winner of District 1 will play the winner of District 2, 3 vs. 4, 5 vs. 6, 7 vs. 8, etc., with the respective winners going to the regional tournament. This same pattern is followed in each region in ficial status with the UIL, and con-

regional meet in Regions I, II, III, will do the most good—to a member and IV, six teams at the regional or members of the committee ofmeet in Region V and four teams ficially appointed by the League to at the regional meet in Regions VI, VII, and VIII.

In Region VIII there will be no first-round regional games as there are only 4 districts in the region, will certify directly to the Region VIII tournament.

If the two schools involved in the first round of the regional playoff cannot agree on a site to play the game, a coin will have to be tossed to determine where the game is to be played.

It should be specifically noted that the first-round games are part of the regional play-off and are not to be classified as bi-district games.

Three Champions

It should be noted this year that in the regional tournament Con- B-J. C. Larkin, Valley Mills, and ferences A and AA will not be merged. Each conference will certify a regional champion to the State tournament where there will the committee is well aware of the be a state championship conducted in Conferences B, A and AA.

State-Local Retirement

1937, the Legislature established the State Firemen's Relief and Retirelishment of local Firemen's Relief coach reshuffling the connecting relays by legalizing substitution and Retirement Funds.

statewide retirement systems, the proven to be a two-way street. Texas Municipal Retirement Sys- Eck Curtis broke the ice when he The proposed changes do not aptem, and local retirement systems. transferred from the University of pear to be of a highly controversial team be certified as a district win-

tirement System.

and directors are preparing for the ball State Championship Tourna- Dr. Jean Smith, co-chairmen. regional championships in Con- ment will be held in Austin in ferences AA, A, and B. The last Gregory Gymnasium on March 10, clusive. Texas College of Arts and

Regional Sites

Regional play-offs in girls' Conference B will be held through the For the 1954-55 basketball sea- cooperation of colleges, using fa-

Conference B

Canyon. Hatcher Brown and Miss Marion Kindel, co-chairmen.

Region II: Districts 17-32, in- tutions: clusive. Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Dr. Z. T. Huff, Mrs. Jack Brewer, co-chairmen.

clusive. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Dr. Steve Brown, A and AA. It is hoped that this plan Mrs. Harry E. Weber, co-chairmen. clusive. Kilgore College, Kilgore. chairmen.

> Green, co-chairmen. clusive. University of Houston, tha Burgess, co-chairmen. Houston. Walter Williams, Miss

Sue Garrison, co-chairmen. clusive. Southwest Texas State Col- co-chairmen.

Region VII: Districts 85-92, in-Industries, Kingsville. Coach Wm. T. Carley, Miss Nan Roberts, co-

Region VIII: Districts 93-96, inclusive. Odessa College, Odessa. Wallace E. Snelson, Mrs. Mary Beth Holm, co-chairmen.

Conferences A and AA

Regional play-offs in girls' Con-Region I: Districts 1-16, in- ferences A and AA will be held clusive. West Texas State College, through the cooperation of these colleges, using facilities and staffs offered by the educational insti-

Region I: Districts 1-8, inclusive. Texas Technological College, Lubbock. Morley Jennings, Dr. Mary Region III: Districts 33-48, in- Dabney, co-chairmen.

Region II: Districts 9-16, inclusive. North Texas State Teachers College, Denton. Ted Nicksick, Region IV: Districts 49-64, in- Mrs. Betty Jane McReynolds, co-James Monroe Parks, Miss Ruth

Region III: Districts 17-24, inclusive. Blinn College, Brenham. Region V: Districts 65-76, in- Dean James H. Atkinson, Mrs. Mar-

Region IV: Districts 25-32, inclusive. Victoria College, Victoria. Region VI: Districts 77-84, in- Hester Evans, Miss Esther Etzel,

News and Views of the Coaches

By STAN LAMBERT

Public Relations Director Texas High School Coaches Association

A LIVE ISSUE

Our comments last month on the reclassification problem have increased the mail considerably. As would be expected, there were pro's and con's on how it should be done; but the stories proved that some of the schools have problems that a general overhauling of the present classification would help.

Although we always welcome letters and discussions on any of the athletic problems, we have no ofsequently no voice in its legislation. In Conference B this will mean If you can write only one letter we that there will be eight teams in the suggest that you send it where it make a study of the problems and come up with a recommendation. Probably the best idea would be that you direct a letter to Prin. O. T. Freeman, Wichita Falls, chairman, therefore, each district champion and send carbon copies to the representatives on the committee from your own classification. For your convenience we are listing the other members and their classifications:

AAAA-J. O. Webb, Assistant Superintendent, Houston Public Schools.

AAA-W. R. Carmichael, Bryan, and Virgil D. Currin, Alamo Heights (San Antonio). AA-J. E. Rhodes, Van. and J. F.

Gardner, Ennis. A-John T. Morris, Ralls, and P. J.

Dodson, Bastrop.

Edwin Bowen, Boyd.

We would like to encourage the letter-writing procedure. Although problem it faces, it needs information. The members freely admit that they do not know all the answers. If every administrator and coach who has a classification problem would take the time to present The Institute of Public Affairs— his particular case history to the saw would fall in place and a so-The book traces development of lution might be found. This would be the word "current" for "previous."

Two-Way Tickets

Separate chapters are devoted to sions in high school and college has qualified in another event for the

State to head the athletic program position of the proposals.

in that city. Then just to prove that linger High School to succeed Wil- union. ford Moore.

Curtis and DuBose merely used the return portion of their round trip ticket from high school to college coaching ranks. Curtis made ridge, and DuBose did the same at Corpus Christi and Waco. Curtis, incidentally, is also a past president of the coaches association and Du-Bose a former active member. The high school coaches welcome them back to the fold.

This presents the opportunity for us to repeat an opinion that we have stated several times previously-that there are few college jobs (below the No. 1 and No. 2 spots in the Southwest

lege coaching job would be to forget it and concentrate on gaining the do? top rung on the ladder in high school ranks. And incidentally that is not an ambition to scoff at—the

The April Referendum

Rules, namely:

ball Plan to prohibit a player's participating in more than two (2) inter-school games in a calendar day.

to the Basketball Plan similar to the one now in the football plan. the test of the Texas Supreme Court, prohibits personnel or facilities of League from having anything to do with all-star games. The all-star basketball game sponsored by the coaches association is exempt games. The only difference between the two rules is that the rule in the football plan applies to players "during the previous year" while the basketball version substitutes

meet.

ation and some recommendations. of the Lubbock system. A little later plans to invite a UIL representative games in one week? Appendices present financial opAppendices present financial opBill DuBose, of the same staff, folto meet with its board of directors

Answer: No. A team cannot be discussions. This should be a must magazine, to which he is a con-Appendices present financial op- Bill Dubose, of the same start, for- or magazine, to what the discussions of the Teacher Retirement lowed him as head coach of one of at the Austin meeting in March to certified a district champion if it game conditions at Rice Stadium.

| Continue of the Coaches of the Stadium of the Coaches of the Stadium of the Coaches of the Co System, State Employees Retire- the Lubbock high school teams. interpret the possible ramifications has played more than two matched | Coaches in attendance will be 2, and 3 in Austin. ment System, Judicial Retirement Then Amarillo followed suit by emorphisms and the property of the Rice Athletic Assn.

The last day for accepting the opinion it is a very important connew textbook, "Organic Chemistry," System and Texas Municipal ReSystem and Texas Municipal Re-



Springs Six-man football team won the Region I championship with a 60-20 victory over Bula (Enochs). It was the school's first regional winner in history, and the first district winner since the 11man team did it in 1936. Coach Raymond L. Snyder's team lost one game to Weinert, but turned the tables 41-40 to win bi-district. Team members.

Edwards, Richard Stafford, Melborn Dawson, Herman McCleskey. Second row—Harold Edwards. David Osborn, Corlie Long, Bobby Campbell, Jerry Green, Charlie Long. Back row-James Ray Smith, Lester Mullins, Donnie Moore, Bill Woodin, Bob Stafford, Roy Mathis, Coach Raymond

Advance Sports News Data Increases Gate Receipts

By PUTT POWELL

Sports Writer Amarillo News and Globe-Times

Texas High School sports aren't played mainly for the gate re-

But the more profit the better. So the authorities just as well face the facts. The schoolboy teams are fighting all other rivals for space on the sports pages of the high schools to have that setup. various newspapers.

By DR. D. A. PENICK

League Tennis Director

The first and most important re-

will never be a great player unless

What does that mean? To carry

out your will to win you must work

hard to master all the strokes, to

game, all the tactics, all the weak-

First, watch the ball all the time.

Third, learn the best grips. You

Coaches in attendance voted to

hold the next meet on Monday, Dec.

vorn, University cross country

Ken Savage of Ray High tra-

versed the two-mile course in 9

minutes, 55.1 seconds. The No. 1

and S. F. Austin (Austin) 88.

Second place runner, three sec-

Weber of Victoria, with a 9:58

coach.

will require a separate article.

Next Cross-Country

Meet Set for Nov. 27

nesses of the opponents.

he wills to win.

The colleges and professional mation. sports make it much easier to get their stories in the papers. Of course, those teams have publicity men and more money for that pur- partments in their area:

game coming up but doesn't have

Will to Win' Primary

But they could still do much bet- enough information. He always ter if the schools would co-operate may want to write another story one or two at the present time, and and not have enough fresh infor- they are of a minor nature. How-

Things To Do

It would be impossible for the colors and district. 2. Squad roster with full names,

But the high schools could help heights, weights, positions, last curb them. High school sports in Texas plenty by taking only a little time. season's experience (regular, letit was not a one-way deal, McMurry probably receive much more space Many times a sports writer terman, squadman, B squad, junior the same regardless of whether cationally sound. brought in Doug Cox from Bal- than in any other state in the would like to write a story about a high), years of eligibility remain- they are football or basketball.

> or non-conference games. 4. Last season's results.

Not Just Football

football, prior to the first contest, tional ventures. Learn first the back court game, it surely would help the situation. It would be much better to have both forehand and backhand. Then the information typed. It might be

Photos Needed

learn a lot by watching both kinds much. Besides, the same pictures could be used in the school paper but you could not scrimmage, prac-

A sports writer can't write a good

Teams Sign Up

The first returns from member schools show that 640 schools have comed by those interested in this Blinn and the participating schools. signed the baseball acceptance card fine activity for girls. The writers and will participate in baseball this express a wholesome and refreshspring.

Last year 670 schools partici- petitive athletics for women. pated in the League baseball program. As schools have until March The Rice Institute athletic de- 1 to accept the baseball plan, there Tech 64, Ray High No. 2 team 84, Jess Neely, athletic director and caliber of baseball play is improving each year, and those schools The clinic is free to those who at- which have continued baseball over a series of years seldom drop this The Rice Institute coaches' office activity from their athletic pro-

Unfortunately, more schools in 3. Limiting basketball season by Oscar Ortegon, Robstown, fourth report to Rice Gym for registration Conferences AA and A are dropping perplexing problems which face her U.S. and certain other countries. He Conferences AA and A there are and the Gulf Coast area are invited. more boys available, and spring find many new and excellent sug-All high school coaches of Texas football should not interfere with gestions which can be utilized to Petro-Chemistry Facts Given the baseball program. The district champions must be for her school.

determined by May 16 in all con-The clinic will begin Thursday gional championships in Conference participant.

your acceptance card is in.

Postscripts on Athletics

By DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS State Athletic Director

Two Games Per Day is Enough Member schools of the League will be asked to ballot in April on several matters affecting boys' and girls' basketball. At the present time we have no rule to prevent a coach from playing a boy in three or four games per day. In girls' basketball, no girl can play in

Need All-Star Cage Rule

mum of two games per day in

There is appearing on the horizon of our basketball scene a "green-eyed monster" by the name of "all-star" games. There are only ever, with the rise in popularity in Texas of boys' and girls' basketball Here are a few things the schools it will be only a matter of time could send the various sports de- before it will be a major problem. If proper action had been taken on 1. Name of school, nickname, all-star football games before they rules to keep in mind that the became so widespread, then it would not have been so difficult to

They utilize the students for per-3. Schedule. Include whether day sonal gains, for advertising coming a reputation for the school or or night games. Specify conference mercial products, serve as centers the coach but on "what is best for for recruiting and, in most instan- the boys and girls of Texas." ces, give little attention to the 5. Full names of coaches, with health and welfare of the particishort background, including college pants. They are promotional activquite a name for himself in coaching college circles while coaching at Breckenof high school athletes to lure money into their tills. It is our There are many other things a sincere hope that member schools

Limit Cage Season

Each conference this spring will learn the serve, then the receiving, easier to have it mimeographed or have the opportunity to place a a much neglected stroke, then the dittoed. It might be a good idea to definite limit on boys' and girls' volley, then the overhead, then send the information to the rival basketball inter-school games, prac- girls' volleyball, and speech. Four coaches. That's customary among tices, and scrimmages. It should be years ago a high school girls' basclearly kept in mind that this rule, if passed, does not apply in any Also a great help would be photo- way to intra-school practice or which they make and think how graphs of the coaches and outstandmust think, however difficult that those errors can be avoided. You can ing players. The cost wouldn't be have basketball practice and games between pupils in your own school



BASKETBALL FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN, by Lawrence and Fox. McGraw-Hill series in Health Education, Physical Education and Recreation, Price: \$4.

gram. Most of the material in this M. Spencer. Dean James H. Atkinarea is inadequate and this new ex- son coordinates the public school position on girls' basketball is wel- program, aided by the faculties at ing philosophy on the place of com-

Fundamentals of basketball with informative chapter on conditioning Madrid, Spain.

book to be the answer to the many strengthen cultural ties between the baseball than in Conference B. In in the first year as a girls' basket- will visit 15 universities in Spain ball coach. The veteran coach will and Portugal before returning to make for a more successful season

Rice game films will be shown, ferences, with May 25 the final date tise is the viewpoint that the most by Dr. Lewis F. Hatch of The Uniand there will be field demonstra- for determining AA bi-district important item to be considered in versity of Texas. tions during the Owls' spring work- championships. Bi-district champlaying girls' basketball is the "Chemistry of Petro-Chemical" pionships in Conference B, and re- health and welfare of the individual Reactions," issued by Gulf Publish-

> Conference AA will go to a State girls' athletics is pointed out in all in articles for Petroleum Refiner basketball teams. In this reviewer's Dr. Hatch also is the author of a athletics.

tice or play a game with another school, except during the season set

by the rules for your conference. In Conference B, the season for allowing inter-school basketball games, practices and scrimmages, would be from October 15 to March 12, and in Conferences A. AA. AAA and AAAA the season would run from November 1 to March 12.

There is no doubt that some more than two games per calendar schools play too much basketball day, and there must be a six-hour for the good of the participating interval between the two games. students. In some schools basket-From the physiological, psycho- ball has become so traditional that logical, and emotional welfare of it is played all the year round. Such the boy or girl, no student should a year round activity is not good be allowed to play in more than two for the boy or girl. Even with the games per day-in fact, one game season limitation in the rules there per day is the ideal situation. We is approximately five months in have only a few coaches who play which a school can play inter-school pupils more than two games per basketball. This writer has often day, and this usually occurs in been told of summer games in large tournaments. This column basketball between various schools sincerely believes that the health (played under the guise of a recreaof each pupil should be protected tion activity).

The League has consistently by limiting each student to a maxistood for a well-balanced athletic program in all schools. A school which plays basketball all year to the detriment of everything else, is not conducting a sound educational athletic program. Most schools which can play basketball can play softball, hardball, volleyball and have a track and field team. Sixman football can be played by any school with as many as twelve boys.

Vote for Pupil's Welfare This writer would like to request each administrator as he marks his ballot on the proposed basketball health and welfare of the participating students is the paramount issue. Your vote should be in line The evils of all-star games are with what you consider to be edu-

The vote should not be based on its effect on gate receipts or mak-

Blinn Holds Meets

The host school for Districts 38-A and 69-B in League Spring Meet competition is Blinn College at Brenham, where planning began as early as November for the April events.

For the last eight years Blinn College has sponsored tournaments for high schools in boys' basketball.

ketball tournament was added. This year all 38-A and 69-B district meet events will be held at and golf, which will be held in Bastrop. In addition, the District 65-B track and field meet will be at Blinn, including both elementary and high

schools. This is the same set-up which was begun in 1953, with 28 public schools involved in the three meets. Beginning with the Blinn high school boys' invitational basketball tournament in December through

the spring meets, more than 4,000

boys and girls participated and

spectators numbered more than 5,000. The program has been approved At long last here is a book on the by the Blinn College board of recompetitive girls' basketball pro- gents and its president, Dr. Thomas

Dr. Hanke Special Aide To Embassy in Spain

Dr. Lewis U. Hanke, director of special emphasis on coaching, pass- The University of Texas Institute ing, goals, offensive and defensive of Latin American Studies and display, are stressed in this publi- tinguished professor of Latin cation. These various skills are ex- American history, has been granted understandable and comprehensive consultant to the American emlanguage. A very interesting and bassy's public affairs officer in

will be of inestimable value to the Dr. Hanke sailed last month as the first appointee under a new U.S. The novice coach will find this Information Agency program to

Technical information about the booming petro-chemical industry is Paramount throughout the trea- presented in a new reference book

ing Company of Houston, is a com-The educational viewpoint in pilation of facts given by Dr. Hatch

Systems Traced in Book

a University of Texas research, committee and accompany it with training and service agency—an- suggestions to correct the malnounces publication of "Public Em- adjustments, it would be of treployment Retirement in Texas," the mendous help. With all that inforfirst over-all survey of state and mation and the opinions to draw local-government retirement sys- from, the various parts of the jig-

various state and local retirement | much better than sitting back and | systems, beginning with the saying nothing until the League prohibiting inter-school games in with 10:20. Teacher Retirement System which makes an honest mistake—and then the top four classifications before began operation in 1937. Also in raise Cain with all concerned.

Conference) that can compare to the better AAAA and AAA jobs in Texas. We have been in both spots and know whereof we Our advice to an ambitious high may be. Think all the time, think school coach with his eyes on a col- tennis to the exclusion of all else.

competition is very keen.

The League will poll its membership in April on three proposed changes in the Constitution and

1. Amend Rule 11 of the Basket-

2. Adding an all-star game rule The latter rule, which has withstood from the ban just as the rule prohibiting other all-star football

Nov. 1 and in Class B before Oct. 15. 4. Liberalizing the substitution In the early winter season of rule in semi-finals and finals of the link between the coaching profes- provided the substitute is already

should know and be able to use all the grips, but some are better than others and you should master them. paper could use but if the schools will vote this rule into our Basket-With the proper grips you should would just supply that information ball Plan so that our boys and girls quirement is to have the WILL TO have little difficulty in making the on all of the athletic teams, not just can be protected from these promoproper strokes.

i.e., hitting the ball on the bounce earn all the fundamentals of the

Watch good players and note how colleges. How can one do these simple ings, simple but absolutely neces- they get their points. Watch some poor players and note the errors Tennis is a thing of the mind. You

Also read some good books on the and annual. What does your mind tell you to game and how it should be played. The little time it takes to provide If possible, get some good coach- this information to the newspapers ing. All the coach is good for is to may mean a difference of hundreds Second, place your feet in the right place all the time. Footwork tell you what is the right thing to of dollars in gate receipts. do and then keep telling you where you are wrong and insist that the story with poor information.

stroke must be made properly. This article is merely an intro- 640 Baseball duction. The next one will tell you Ray High School of Corpus in detail more about the funda-Christi furnished the team and in- mentals, especially how to use your dividual winners of the first State feet. You may not believe it, but High School Cross Country Meet the fact is that almost two thirds held at The University of Texas the fact is that almost two thirds of all errors are due to bad foot-

12, 1955, at 2 p. m. The meet is conducted by T. J. "Froggie" Lov-

Ray team placed first with 23 partment will hold its eighth annual is a strong possibility that there points, followed by Victoria with spring football coaching clinic Feb. will be more schools playing base-40, Port Arthur 62, San Antonio 24-26, it has been announced by ball this year than last year. The plained and illustrated in clear, leave of absence to serve as special

head grid coach. onds behind Savage, was oDnald tend except for meals and room. time. Robert Rosas, San Antonio will assist in obtaining lodging for gram. Tech, was third with 10:08, and coaches needing it. Coaches should

> Members of the veteran Rice staff, will lecture on "T" formation tacics and other football information.

upon arrival.

A final chapter presents an evalu- Texas to the athletic directorship nature. The coaches association ner if it has played three matched afternoon. It will end Saturday A must be determined by June 3. afternoon with an inter-squad clash

Girls' Basketball Plan, Rule 11. Saturday night.