



4-A CHAMPS: Crozier Tech became the first AAAA school to win three State titles by defeating Waco, 59-57, in the 1955 finals. Team members are, left to right: Back row—Jerry Underwood (Mgr.), Wesley Jones, Douglas Denman, Albert

Brown, Donald Williams, A. C. Black, Coach James "Rosy" Adkisson. Front row—Herman Burton, Coleman Shinn, William Sweeney, Cleo Haddock, Tommy Cheek, Harold Steadman, and Wallace.

## Youth Education Voted National Debate Topic

Three Propositions Up for April Vote By League Members

Educational opportunity for youth has been voted the national high school debate topic for 1955-56, the National Committee on Debate and Discussion has announced.

The problem area of "How can educational opportunities be increased for the youth of the United States?" received the top vote in a referendum among the States in January and February.

### April Ballot

Three debate propositions will be submitted to member schools for final balloting in April. Included on the ballot will be other propositions suggested by administrators within each State. This will be a preferential ballot and results will decide the final debate proposition for next school year.

The debate propositions are:

(1) Resolved: That governmental subsidies should be granted according to need to high school graduates who qualify for additional training.

(2) Resolved: That the educational privileges granted to veterans of the Korean War be accorded to all qualified American youth.

(3) Resolved: That the Federal government should guarantee higher education to qualified high school graduates through grants to colleges and universities.

### Bulletin Available

A similar question was debated by member schools in 1934-35 and again in 1941-42. The question in those years was "Equalization of Educational Opportunity."

The League office still has on hand a large quantity of Bulletin No. 4138, "Equalization of Educational Opportunity."

This bulletin contains a great deal of background material and schools interested in working on the question before the official debate bulletin is available may be interested in getting copies of it.

A special rate of 15 cents per copy is being made on these bulletins.

## Facilities Limited, No Frills Allowed In One-Act Plays

The State Meet One-Act Play Contest for 1955 will be held in the University Junior High School Auditorium, Austin, Texas, May 5, 6, and 7.

Ordinarily Hogg Auditorium on The University of Texas campus is used for the State contest, but that structure is being air-conditioned and renovated, and will not be available until Summer.

The facilities of University Junior High School are somewhat limited so that the simplest of settings and lighting will be used.

# Ballot Due in April On "Voting In" Rule

Seven recommendations, including elimination of the "voting in" privilege and formation of sixteen 4-A and 3-A districts, have been made by the League's special football and basketball classification committee.

A ballot will be submitted to member schools in April by the League office on the question of "voting in" members to a higher classification.

The full committee met in Austin on Feb. 7 to study such possibilities as adjusting high school enrollment limits to create 16 districts in Conferences AAAA and AAA and retaining 32 districts in Conferences AA and A.

The plan of increasing the number of districts was aimed at reducing the travel required for district games.

### Objections Raised

Supts. John McFarland of Vernon and John Culwell of Breckenridge appeared before the committee to offer their objections to present assignment procedure.

McFarland listed three objections: (1) Traffic hazard due to long trips, (2) financial loss because local fans are unable to attend the games, and (3) loss of school time.

Culwell recommended that 16 districts be created in the big-school conferences and that the "voting in" privilege be retained.

### Recommendations

The committee's recommendations were:

1. That a ballot be submitted to the schools in April to eliminate the "voting in" privilege now permitted in all conferences.

2. That the State Executive Committee continue the policy of setting up districts on the basis of geographic continuity and high school enrollment.

3. That 16 districts be created in Conference AAAA and Conference AAA, and 32 districts in Conferences AA and A. Conference B is to be set up to provide four districts in each region.

4. That after two years the enrollment figures be re-evaluated in order to maintain districts with no fewer than five schools and no more than nine.

### No Christmas Games?

5. That a questionnaire be submitted to Conference AAAA and Conference AAA relative to closing the district championship race on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. This plan would prevent championship games during the Christmas holiday season.

6. That regional basketball committees be appointed in Conferences AAAA and AAA to set up the procedure for determining re- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

# Crozier, Victoria, Seminole, Buna, Avoca Win Cage Titles

Five new State champions were crowned before record-breaking crowds at the 35th Annual State Boys Basketball Tournament on March 3, 4, and 5.

Taking home championship trophies from The University of Texas' Gregory Gym were: Conference B, Avoca; Conference A, Buna; Conference AA, Seminole; Conference AAA, Victoria; and Conference AAAA, Crozier Technical (Dallas).

Two of the new champs—Avoca and Buna—collected the titles they missed on their first trips to the State tourney last year. Crozier Tech also captured the prize they coveted in vain last year, but they had done it twice before in the school's twelve entries since the tournament started.

Victoria and Seminole went all the way in their first time to the State tourney.

Although the 45,600 crowd reached an all-time peak for the three-day session (compared to 43,300 last year), the tourney was not a "record-breaking" one on the scorebooks.

One tournament record was tied and 11 individual conference records were either tied or broken, none of them in Conference B. Last year in one game a dozen tournament records and eight Conference A scoring records were rewritten. This year's tournament produced fewer individual stars, indicating better balanced teams.

Avoca swept its Conference B title by defeating Maud, 51-40, Medina 52-46, and Big Sandy 47-41 in the finals. The Mustangs played a slow, deliberate brand of ball, and as a result they scored only 150 points in their three games, fewer than any of the three other semi-finalists—Bovina, Big Sandy and Medina.

Other Class B results: First round: Bovina 79, Rankin 41; Big Sandy 65, Slidell 49; Medina 52, Dilley 51. Semi-final: Big Sandy 78, Bovina 57. For third place: Bovina 67, Medina 62.

Buna defeated Plano 56-48, in its first Class A game, while Dickinson was upsetting the dope to turn back Sudan, 55-51. In the finals, however, Buna outscored Dickinson, 58-54. For third place Sudan beat Plano, 68-47.

Conference AA saw another unexpected opening win when Seminole defeated Atlanta, 60-56. In the other semi-final San Marcos turned on the power to turn back Freer convincingly, 62-30. In the championship tilt, it was Seminole 50-49, Atlanta took third by beating Freer, 80-63.

The dopesters continued to take a beating in Conference AAA, as French (Beaumont) upset Plainview, 54-46. In the next game, Victoria trailed Kilgore at the half, but the Stingarees got hot in the second half and zoomed to an 80-66 victory. The Victoria five tried 26 field shots in the last half, made 21 of them. Kilgore took the measure of Plainview, 69-52, for third place.

Conference AAAA was full of thrillers. Crozier Tech, apparently beaten, came from behind to tie things up, 56-56, in the closing minutes of its game with Beaumont. A field goal which got started just before the gun gave Crozier the game, 58-56, and a spot in the finals for the second successive year.

Defending 4-A champion Pampa, victor over Crozier in last year's final, fell before a hustling Waco team, 67-61, in the other 4-A semi-final. In the tussle for third, Beaumont beat out Pampa, 62-52.

In the tournament climax Crozier pulled its game out of the fire against Waco just as it had against Beaumont. The teams were tied at the half, at the third quarter and then traded baskets in the fourth quarter. But Crozier's A. C. Black got the last shot just before the gun and made it, giving Crozier the title, 59-57.

Two players tied the tournament free throw record for one game. Buddy Humphrey, Kilgore, and

Wayne Williams, Dickinson, tossed in 12 charity shots to match the record shared by Harold Phelan, Levelland, and Kermit Decker, Hutto.

Conference 4-A records, with old record following in parentheses: Individual scoring in one series (2 games): 47 points, A. C. Black, Crozier Tech. (Old record: 39, A. C. Black, 1954).

Aggregate score in championship game: 116—Crozier 59, Waco 57. (108, Pampa 61, Austin 47, 1953.)

Most points by loser in championship game: 57, Waco. (51, Borger, 1952.)

Most State titles: Crozier Tech, 1946, '48, '55. Crozier formerly shared record with Jeff Davis (Houston) and Pampa.

Conference AAA: Aggregate score one game: 146 points—Victoria 80, Kilgore 66. (137 points—South Park 83, Edison 54, 1953; Galena Park 75, Sherman 62, 1954.)

Most free throws one game: 12, Buddy Humphrey, Kilgore. (10, Ramon Towry, Vernon; Jerry Mallet, South Park, 1953.)

Conference AA: Aggregate score one game: 143 (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

# Regional Meet Schedules Only Tentative; Ask the Director

Tentative schedules for regional meets have been announced by the directors general and forwarded to the League office for publication. Centers and dates for Regional Meets were published earlier in the *Leaguer* and also in the Spring Meet Official List of Participating Schools.

Schools with contestants qualifying from the district meet should contact the Regional Director for the official and final contest schedule. The last date for filing entries in the Regional Meet will be April 19.

Directors of district meets held on April 15 and 16 should wire or send in their entries to the Regional Director by special delivery immediately following the meet. The Regional Director has only one week in which to notify winners when the district meet is held on the last weekend, April 15 and 16.

**REGION I, CONFERENCES AA, A AND B**  
Site: Texas Technological College, Lubbock.  
Director General: Dr. P. Merville Larson, Texas Tech.  
Conference AA: Districts 1 and 2.

Conference A: Districts 1-8, inclusive.  
Conference B: Districts 1-10, inclusive.  
April 22: 9:00 a.m., golf, tennis; 7:45 p.m., Conference AA one-act play.

April 23: 8:30 a.m., journalism; 9:00 a.m., one-act play; 9:30 a.m., track and field; 10:00 a.m., debate, declamation, poetry reading, type-writing; 11:00 a.m., shorthand; 1:00 p.m., extemporaneous speech, number sense; 1:30 p.m., ready writing; 2:00 p.m., slide rule.

**REGION II, CONFERENCES A AND B**  
Site: Howard Payne College, Brownwood.  
Director General: Dr. Z. T. Huff, Dean, Howard Payne College.

Conference A: Districts 9-14, inclusive.  
Conference B: Districts 11-23, inclusive.  
April 22: 1:30 p.m., one-act play, Conference A debate.

April 23: 8:30 a.m., all contests except shorthand; 9:30 a.m., shorthand.

**REGION II, CONFERENCE AA**  
Site: Tarleton State College, Stephenville.  
Director General: W. P. Showalter, Tarleton State College.

Conference AA: Districts 3-5, inclusive.  
April 22: 3:00 p.m., ready writers (tentative); 7:30 p.m., one-act play.

April 23: 8:00 a.m., golf, tennis, journalism; 8:30 a.m., typing, track and field coaches' meeting; 9:00 a.m., debate, ready writing, slide rule; 9:30 a.m., poetry reading, declamation, track and field; 10:00 a.m., shorthand; 10:30 a.m., extemporaneous speech, number sense; 2:00 p.m., track and field finals.

**REGION III, CONFERENCES AA AND A**  
Site: Southern Methodist University, Dallas.  
Director General: Dr. James H. Mailey, Southern Methodist University.

Conference AA: Districts 6-9, inclusive.  
Conference A: Districts 15-23, inclusive.

April 22: 7:30 a.m., golf; 8:30 a.m., tennis; 3:00 p.m., ready writers, debate; 8:00 p.m., Conference AA one-act play.

April 23: 8:30 a.m., declamation, extemporaneous speech, poetry reading, ready writing, journalism.

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## VI. History of the League

# Early 1956 Publication Due For 600-Page History Book

Publication of the History of the League has been set by Mr. Frank Wardlaw, Manager of the University of Texas Press, not later than February, 1956.

The completed manuscript, delivered to the Press last month, will make a book of nearly six hundred pages. It brings the League along from 1905 to 1955 in an endeavor to let the reader "behold it coming gradually into being," as the author phrases his purpose in the "Foreword."

Of course, these fifty years of history can only be suggested in a few short articles. In fact, this series can touch only here and there, and at that very lightly,

upon one phase or another of the work, which is selected rather at random.

Article Numbered "V," published last month, described from an organizational standpoint the origin of the two associations which eventually coalesced to form the basis upon which the League, as we now know it, was built up.

### Initial Step

Attention was called near the end of last month's installment to Article XIII introduced into the 1913 (erroneously listed as 1911 in the February issue) Constitution, providing for amendments of the instrument "at any annual

meeting by a majority of the member-schools present and voting, each school being entitled to one vote." This was the initial step towards more democratic controls and out from under the shadow of the "one-man rule," which prevailed in the two earlier associations. The future progress made towards more democratic controls, for lack of space, be treated sketchily.

It was soon discovered that the provision authorizing constitutional amendments by a majority vote at any annual meeting was subject to abuse, since the power of amendment was virtually handed (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3)

# District Play Winners Go To Area Meets April 6-16

District one-act play winners of Conferences A and B schools will participate in the Area One-Act Play Meets as listed below between April 6 and April 16.

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**Region III**  
Wichita Falls High School: Mrs. T. R. Moss, Director. Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 p.m.: Districts 15, 16, (22-23).  
South Junior High School, Waco: Mrs. Edna Allen, Director. Friday, April 15: Districts 19, 20, 21.

**Region IV**  
East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce: Curtis L. Pope, Director. Friday, April 15: Districts 24, 25.  
Carthage High School: Glynn Granger, Director. Tuesday, April 12: Districts 26, 27, 28.

**Region V**  
El Campo High School: John R. Petty, Director. Friday, April 15: Districts 29, 30, 31.  
Galena Park Junior High School: Frank T. Harrowing, Director. Tuesday, April 12: Districts 32, 33, 34.

**Region VI**  
Lamar College, Beaumont: Mrs. Jewel D. Blanton, Director. Wednesday, April 13: Districts 36, 37.

**Region VII**  
Alamo Heights High School, San Antonio: E. C. McCarty, Trinity University, Director. Saturday, April 9: Districts 40, 43, 44.

**Region II**  
Albany High School: B. O. Grant, Director. Friday afternoon, April 15: Districts (9-10), 11, 13.  
San Angelo Junior College: Miss Vivian Chenault, Director. Thurs-

day afternoon, April 7: Districts 12, 14.

Schulenburg High School: I. E. Clark, Director. Tuesday, April 12: Districts 38, 39, 41.

**Region VII**  
No Area Meets.

## CONFERENCE B

**Region I**  
Frank Phillips College, Borger: Claude C. Fuller, Director. Saturday, April 16: Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 10.

**Region II**  
Hutchinson Junior High School, Lubbock: Miss Jeannine Smith, Director. Saturday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.: Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

**Region III**  
San Angelo Junior College: Miss Vivian Chenault, Director. Thursday, April 7: Districts 18, 19, 23.  
Ranger Junior College (Recreation Auditorium): Mrs. Naomi Norton, Director. Date to be arranged: Districts 15, 16, 21, 22.

**Region IV**  
Breckenridge High School: Miss Billie Ratliff, Director. Thursday afternoon, April 14: Districts 11, 13, 14, 17.

**Region V**  
Denton High School: Mrs. Venon Hall, Director. Date to be arranged: Districts (26-27), 28, 29, 40.

**Region VI**  
Arlington State College: R. L. Slaughter, Director. Friday, April 15: Districts 30, (31-33), 32, (38-39).  
Navarro Junior College, Corsicana: M. S. Cook, Director. Friday, April 8: Districts 34, 35, 36.

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## Power Show Set For State Meet

The 46th Power Show and Exposition of the College of Engineering will be held on May 6 from 5 to 11 p.m. in the several Engineering and related science buildings on the University of Texas campus.

This will be held in conjunction with the All-University Exposition, which will be in progress from May 5 to May 9.

The traditional Power Show and Exposition originated at The University of Texas in 1909 and has consistently grown so that today it is one of the major exhibit periods on the University campus. It is estimated that from 12,000 to 15,000 have participated in the Power Show under its current type of program.

Chairman of this year's show will be William W. Dingle of the Department of Petroleum Engineering. He will be assisted by representatives from each of the Engineering departments, the applied sciences and the R.O.T.C. units of the University.

Each year a large group of outstanding engineers and scientists of Texas judges the exhibits and an award is made for the departments or society presenting the best educational exhibit.

In recent years school buses from all over Central Texas have brought in many science groups from high schools and junior colleges to participate in and review the Exposition.

Tours for high school and junior college groups can be arranged for 5 o'clock on May 6 by contacting Dean W. R. Woolrich of the College of Engineering. Crowds at later hours have made conducted tours impracticable in the past.

Dean Woolrich and the engineering faculty extended a special invitation to high school and junior college science and math clubs to attend in groups to see the science and engineering laboratories in action.

# League Contests Lab For Growth, Testing

By DR. W. T. WHITE  
Supt. of Schools  
Dallas

Speech, drama, and academic contests have been regarded so highly in Dallas for more than a quarter of a century that we really consider them curricular instead of extra-curricular.

We have always looked upon them as laboratory activities for both growth and testing in the effectiveness of our teaching efforts in these areas. They serve the excellent purpose as outlets for students inclined toward these scholastic pursuits. Not every student is an athlete or is athletically inclined; on the other hand, many students have a bent for the type of activity which we ordinarily refer to as academic.

Nevertheless, we encourage our various representatives of academic teams to enter tournaments and contests in other cities so that they will have the enriched experience of out-of-Dallas competition and achievement.

Invitation speech tournaments are a most effective means of developing and encouraging these contests.

In the years ahead, I continue to look forward to this type of education with enthusiasm and confidence. In our ranks among the professions and in business today are hundreds of citizens who got their basic training for civic and community leadership in the academic contests of our high schools.

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(Ed. Note: The author of the above statement has almost 40 years' work in Texas public schools to his credit. With the Dallas schools since 1931, Dr. White has been superintendent of the city system since 1945. In 1950 he was elected president of the American Association of School Administrators, one of the many top honors accorded Dr. White for his progressive leadership in public education.)



Dr. W. T. White

# Contest Follows Contest: Where Do They Stop?

During the past few weeks, the State office has been besieged by organizations and individuals wanting to promote interschool contests in public speaking and essay writing. Several of the sponsors are offering very attractive scholarships for the winners. The State office has been able to stop some of the proposals but others are going ahead.

The organizations have been told by the State office that, if the scholarships are contingent upon the student's graduation from high school and enrollment in a college, then the awards would not be considered a violation of the Awards Rule. The winners are not to receive the awards until after graduation and then only when they enroll in an institution of higher learning of their own choice.

If the teachers and the pupils were allowed to take part in all contests and projects sponsored and promoted by organizations outside the school for the so-called benefit of the pupil there would be no time to teach the regular classroom subjects.

These demands all point to the need for a plan whereby the State office could approve or disapprove these promotional contests that are offered every year. The National Association of Secondary School Principals several years ago appointed a special committee to study the problem of the growing demands that are made on the schools to promote all kinds of non-athletic contests. The Committee report, given in the February, 1953, Bulletin of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recommended that the schools not participate in any national contest unless it was approved by the National Contest Activities Committee of the Association. The committee further recommended that State contests be limited to those sponsored by the State high school League.

These are the problems that are to be studied by the special committee appointed by the Legislative Advisory Council for the purpose of setting up some criteria for approving or disapproving a contest.

# End of 'Voting In' Rule Suggested by Committee

The football and basketball classification committee recommended that the State Executive Committee submit a ballot to the member schools to abolish the "voting in" privilege permitted in Rule 2 of the Spring Meet Plan and Rule 3 of the Football Plan and the Basketball Plan.

The new rule would read as follows: "Member schools shall be classified for competition on the basis of 'Average Membership' for the last four grades as found in the Superintendent's Annual Report, and there shall be no exception to this provision."

The classification committee has recommended that sixteen districts be set up in AAAA and AAA with a minimum of five schools to the district. This cannot be done with the "voting up" privilege allowed. District assignments are too indefinite with the privilege.

If the new plan goes into operation, schools will be assigned to districts and conferences for a minimum of two years rather than on a yearly basis. The two-year plan will be helpful to the district committee in making football and basketball schedules. Also, it will insure a "home-and-home" game for a new school moving into a conference.

# 'Local Credit' Doesn't Pass

Occasionally the State office finds schools granting "local credit" to pupils who cannot or will not meet the standard requirements of a passing grade demanded of the regular high school student. Frequently, these same schools certify that such contestants are eligible to represent their schools in League contests under the provisions of Article VIII, Sections 3 and 16.

District committees should check with the member schools in their respective districts to determine if any of them are permitting students to participate in League activities on the basis of "local credit".

The spirit, if not the letter, of the Scholarship Rule is being violated when schools permit contestants to represent their institutions in League contests on the basis of "local credit". The Scholarship Rule assumes that each and every school in the League is requiring contestants representing the school to meet the same grade requirements as are required of the normal students in a school.

The contestant passing on "local credit" rather than on the "usual mark" required of all students may not be considered as bona fide contestant under the League rules. In some instances, contestants have been given "local credit" on school grades as low as "30". If the League accepted this practice, the scholarship requirement should be abolished as an eligibility rule.



There are a few errors in the Constitution and Rules which should be corrected to read as follows:

Page 8, In Important Changes, Rule 6, Item 6, Boys' Basketball Plan, should read Rule 6, Item 6.

Page 20, Paragraph H, next to last line, should read "to another high school even in the same school system, unless the corresponding change of residence by his parents has been made."

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

Page 65, Journalism Contest, Section 9, Eligibility; Reference to Article IX, Section 7 should be to Section 3; Spring Meet Plan.

Page 70, 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 15, Column one, the word "hypocrite," should be "hypocrites."

In Spelling List, Page 7, Column two, the word "frolicsome" should be "frolicsome."

In Spelling List, last page, Column 2, "teuton" should be "Teuton."

In Spelling List, Page 16, Column 14, the word "fealty" should be "fealty."

In Spelling List, Page 19, Column 2, the word "turgeon" should be "turgeon."

In Spelling List, Page 6, Column 15, the word "mantlepiece" should be "mantelpiece."

NOTE: This column has previously carried a notice that the word "tibias" was on Page 7, Column 2, was incorrectly spelled and should be "tibia." This notice should be disregarded. Both words are on the League Spelling List and both are correctly spelled. "Tibia" is found on Page 7, Column 4.

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 Bowie High School placed on probation in basketball for 1954-55 and 1955-56 for violation of the Recruiting Rule.

FOOTBALL 1955 Conferences 4A and 3A—First date for fall practice, Aug. 26. Date for first game, Sept. 9.

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

TRACK On the Elementary School Track Entry Blank the event should be "440-yard relay," instead of "440-yard dash."

PICTURE MEMORY The preferred title of picture No. 24 in the Picture Memory List by Daumier is "The Laundress." Some translations from the French list this as "The Washerwoman." Either title should be counted as correct.

ELLISON ELECTED Dr. Samuel P. Ellison, Jr., of the University of Texas will be 1955-56 secretary-treasurer for the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists.

He will take over his duties at the close of the Society's 29th meeting March 28-31 in New York City.

# Regional Meet Schedules Tentative; Better Check

(Continued from Page 1) typing, track and field; 9:00 a.m., number sense and slide rule; 9:30 a.m., shorthand; 10:00 a.m., Conference A one-act play.

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

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

Conference B: Districts 24-40, inclusive.

April 22: 10:00 a.m., tennis preliminaries.

April 23: 9:00 a.m., speech and literary events, track and field, golf.

REGION IV, CONFERENCES A AND B Site: Kilgore College, Kilgore.

Director General: Randolph C. Watson, Dean, Kilgore College.

Conference A: Districts 24-28, inclusive.

Conference B: Districts 41-57, inclusive.

April 22: 8:30 a.m., golf; 9:00 a.m., tennis, volleyball.

April 23: 8:45 a.m., all contests except shorthand; 9:45 a.m., shorthand.

REGION IV, CONFERENCE AA Site: S. F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches.

Director General: Lawrence T. Franks, S. F. Austin State College.

Conference AA: Districts 10 and 11.

April 23: 9:30 a.m., track and field; 10:30 a.m., declamation, ready writers, shorthand, tennis; 1:30 p.m., debate, extemporaneous speech, journalism, number sense, slide rule, typing; 7:00 p.m., one-act play.

Time schedule for golf will be announced later.

REGION V, CONFERENCES AA, A AND B Site: University of Houston, Houston.

Director General: Walter Williams, University of Houston.

Conference AA: Districts 12-14, inclusive.

Conference A: Districts 29-37, inclusive.

Conference B: Districts 58-68, inclusive.

April 22: 8:30 a.m., golf, tennis, A and B.

April 23: 8:30 a.m., tennis, Conference AA; 9:00 a.m., literary events, track and field.

Volleyball schedule is to be announced later.

REGION VI, CONFERENCES A AND B Site: Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos.

Director General: Dr. Pat H. Norwood, Southwest Texas State College.

Conference A: Districts 38-44, inclusive.

Conference B: Districts 69-79, inclusive.

April 22: 1:00 p.m., tennis, one-act play.

April 23: 8:00 a.m., golf; 8:30 a.m., typing; 9:00 a.m., track coaches meet, draw for lanes and positions. Each school must have official representative present. 9:30 a.m., all literary contests, Conferences B, A, and AA; 10:00 a.m., track preliminaries; 10:30 a.m., shorthand.

Note that all Conferences AA literary contests will be at San Marcos.

REGION VI, CONFERENCE AA Site: Trinity University, San Antonio.

Director General: Dale M. Morrison, Trinity University.

Conference AA: Districts 15-16.

Mr. Morrison has not filed a detailed schedule with the League office. All schools should check with him for details about the meet schedule.

Only athletic contests—golf, tennis, track and field—will be held at the Trinity University. All literary and academic contests will be at San Marcos State College.

REGION VII, CONFERENCES AA, A AND B Site: Texas College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville.

Director General: Dr. Eldon D. Brinley, Texas College of Arts and Industries.

Conference AA: Districts 17 and 18.

Conference A: Districts 45-49, inclusive.

Conference B: Districts 80-87, inclusive.

Dr. Brinley has not filed a detailed schedule with the League office. All schools should contact him for details about the meet schedule.

REGION VIII, CONFERENCE AA Site: Texas Western College, El Paso.

Director General: W. F. Webb, Texas Western College.

Conference AA: District 19.

Mr. Webb has not filed a detailed schedule with the League office. All schools should contact him for details about the meet schedule.

REGION VIII, CONFERENCE B Site: Odessa College, Odessa.

Director General: Jack Rodgers, Vice-President, Odessa College.

Conference B: Districts 88-93, inclusive.

April 21: 8:00 a.m., golf; 1:00 p.m., tennis preliminaries.

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April 23: Various hours. All other contests.

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Who said a high school paper can't have an extra? Cotulla's El Vaquero, a mimeograph paper, put out a one-page extra when Cotulla's victory over Three Rivers qualified Cotulla to the regional basketball meet. The edition carried game statistics, quotes from the coach, and names of the basketball players. Issue was delivered the morning after the victory.

The Bowie Growler, Bowie High, El Paso, was one of few papers to give much space to National Brotherhood Week, Feb. 21-28. They did a thorough job, complete with editorials, several stories, including essay by Bernard M. Baruch, by outsiders as well as staffers. Sports column was devoted to world sports and brotherhood.

Two mimeographed papers are following in the footsteps of the Schulenburg Shorthorn by running actual photographs. The papers are the Beeville Trojan and the Darrouzett Longhorn. This process was described in the November Leaguer.

The Brackenridge Times, San Antonio, attracted attention by running a full page ad plugging the school yearbook. Centered in the full page of white space were these words in small italics: "Remember! Everybody who is anybody buys La Retama! Only \$3.50."

"I am a girl sports editor," wrote Dolores Fleming in the Crosby Buffalo.

"Now most boys would say that means I don't know much about football. Well, maybe I don't but. . . ."

Girls basketball gets considerable attention on the Buffalo sports page.

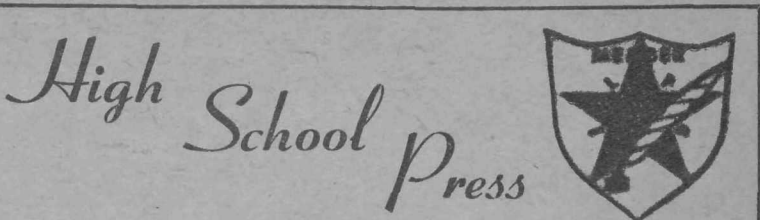
Girls from China, Greece Study Engineering at UT

The University of Texas offers striking evidence this semester that the people have common interests overshadowing different nationalities and cultural backgrounds.

Two girls from opposite parts of the world traveled thousands of miles to attend the University—all because of ambitions to be engineers.

One is Miss Wen-Ling Tang of Hong Kong. The other is Miss Fany Dimitriadis of Athens, Greece. Both have outstanding academic records and chemical engineering is the big interest of each.

The primary diversion of both is music. Miss Tang plays the piano and Miss Dimitriadis enjoys concerts.



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## UIL Panel Studies Outside Contests

The National Association of Secondary School Principals several years ago appointed a special committee to study the problem of the growing demands being made on the schools to promote all kinds of non-athletic contests. These are sponsored by individuals and organizations outside the school.

The committee report, given in the February 1953 Bulletin of the National Association of Secondary Principals, recommended that: (a) On a national basis—That a school confine participation to those national contests that are currently placed on the approved list of the National Contest and Activities Committee; (b) On a state basis—That schools limit their participation to contests and activities sponsored by their own high school organization within the state in preference to any activities sponsored by other agencies."

School administrators generally object to the large number of activities offered for inter-school competitors by outside organizations and the pressure that is put on the schools to sponsor and conduct the contests. One of the major objections to many of these outside contests is a feeling on the part of school administrators that the contests encourage "plagiarism and dishonesty."

A committee of Texas school administrators is now at work on this problem and will no doubt have some recommendations to submit to the Legislative Advisory Council at its annual meeting in November.

## April Vote Set On Grid-Cage Group Study

(Continued from Page 1) gional championships in these two conferences.

7. That the state office study the recommendations and, if at all possible: Districts (42-44), 43, 53, (54-55).

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

Prin. O. T. Freeman of Wichita Falls High School is chairman of the committee named by Dean James R. D. Eddy, chairman of the State Executive Committee.

Committee members attending, in addition to Freeman, Dean Eddy, R. J. Kidd, director of the Interscholastic League, and Dr. Rhea H. Williams, League athletic director, were:

Conference AAAA: J. O. Webb, assistant superintendent of schools, Houston.

Conference AAA: Supt. W. R. Carmichael, Bryan; Prin. Virgil Currin, Alamo Heights, San Antonio.

Conference AA: Supt. James Gardner, Ennis; Supt. J. E. Rhodes, Van.

Conference A: Supt. P. J. Dodson, Bastrop; Supt. John Morris, Ralls.

Conference B: Supt. Edwin Bowen, Boyd; Supt. J. C. Larkin, Valley Mills.



Billie Little



Barbara Williams



Beverly Bevell



Marilyn Jones



Eva Lea Oakley



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# Typing, Shorthand Ability Runs in Pairs

First and third was a magic combination for two schools at the 1954 State Meet in typing and shorthand. The Masonic Home of Fort Worth won first and third places in Conference B shorthand, while Monahans won first in typing and third in shorthand. Monahans also won first in the 1954 State declamation contest.

Of the three typing winners, two plan to study piano and one is undecided.

Billie Little of Breckenridge, Conference AA typing winner, has lettered in band, orchestra, typewriting. Secretary of the orchestra, she received a grade of 99 in the National Piano Guild, 1954. Besides

music and typing, Billie participates in the Spanish and Ready Writer's Clubs.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Little of Breckenridge, Billie was coached by Mrs. M. C. Smith. Her score at State was 164.53.

Beverly Kay Bevell, Conference A winner from Monahans, also wishes to enter the music field. An all-round girl, Beverly was cheerleader, in the choral club, the Honor Society, secretary of the Thespian Society, received the "M" Award in 1952 and was chosen "Most Talented Girl" of her junior class in 1954.

Beverly, the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Ray Bevell, plans to attend T.C.U. Coached by Miss Marietta Montgomery, her typing score at State was 156.57. Miss Montgomery also coached Sue Zimmerman, who placed third in Conference A shorthand.

Eva Lea Oakley of New Caney claims that she is "always good enough in nearly all things never to be last, but never is good enough to be first." Her record in the typing Conference B 1954 contest does not bear this out, however, for Eva Lea won first in State with a score of 156.61.

Eva Lea, who is a senior this year, has not yet decided what field she wants to go into. Besides her

typing experience, she has served as vice-president of the Junior Class, as representative to the annual staff, and played volleyball, basketball, and baseball "until typing interfered."

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Oakley of New Caney. Barbara Ann Williams, Conference AA shorthand winner from Pasadena, wants to put her shorthand to work for a lawyer after graduation this spring. Barbara, who was coached by Mrs. Lounell Nunn, likes to attribute her success at State to the red dress she wore. She had on the same red dress when she won first place in district. Her score at State was 100.

Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Williams.

Marilyn Jones, Conference A shorthand winner from Mount Pleasant, planned to continue her business education at Rutherford-Metropolitan in Dallas. Secretarial skills were by no means her only interest, however, for in high school she was a member of the Masquers, Press Club, Library Club, Future Home Makers, and International Honor Society. Coached by R. G. Jones, her score at State was 100.

Data was not available for Louise Holland of the Masonic Home in Fort Worth who won first place in shorthand in Conference B. Third place winner from Masonic Home was Gwendolyn Burris.



Many schools present Easter plays just before their Spring holidays. And most of the play publishing companies carry a number of titles on Easter plays. For those schools where the Easter play is a custom, some of the plays listed below might serve as the production vehicle.

Since all communities do not favor the production of religious plays, it will be well for the director to consult the administration and lay persons before launching into such a play. But for those schools that have a well integrated relationship with the community and the churches, some of the plays here reviewed will no doubt be appropriate for use in the churches themselves. Many directors also direct religious drama in their own churches apart from their school work. For them these plays should prove of value.

The Interscholastic League Drama Service has reading copies of most of the plays listed. In every case, however, the directors should order production copies from the publishers and arrange for royalty payment if such is required.

**I MADE CHRIST'S CROSS.** By Esther C. Averill. 4m. 2w. 4 scenes. Non-roy. Baker. The story shows that the Cross on which Jesus was crucified was not made by one man alone. All take part in making it when they do wrong. There is a real lesson for better living and true repentance in the play.

**THE BOY WHO DISCOVERED EASTER.** By Elizabeth McFadden. 2m. 2w. 3 scenes. Roy. \$5. Samuel French. A man who has lost his wife and little boy helps a little crippled boy from the city to discover a new life and in the process discovers some profound truths himself. The play lends itself to the introduction of Easter music.

**PETER COTTONTAIL.** By William Francis. Words and music by Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins. 5m. 6w. 1 act. Roy. \$5. Samuel French. A little boy and girl awake on Easter Eve to see Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail. They follow him and he tells them the tale of his meeting with Farmer Jones. When the sun comes up later, the children re-awaken to find a real surprise on Easter morning. The play is non-sectarian with music.

**LILIES FOR THE KING.** By Lucy Hamilton Howard. 4m. 2w. 2 scenes. Non-roy. Eldridges. The question of the play is whether teen-agers are too young to understand the real meaning of sacrifice. As the play ends, however, the real meaning of stewardship takes on a new glow for all concerned.

**EASY EASTERETTES.** By Karin Asbrand. This is a book of short programs for Easter. It includes short plays, recitations and monologues, exercises and drills, acrostics, and a few songs. All of these are suitable for children, but some of the contents can be adapted for adults.

**BLESSED ARE THEY.** By Walter E. Butts, Jr. 3m. 4w. 2 scenes. Non-roy. Dramatic Pub. Co. It is Easter eve, and the girl of the family is desperately ill. The father and brother lack the faith of the mother and sister. Abrina, the thief who mocked Christ, and the daughter of Jarius appear as in a dream, and show what real faith is. Any lives and the family is reunited in a strong faith as Easter dawns.

**THE OTHER APOSTLES.** By George E. Callahan. 7m. 1 exterior. Non-roy. Row-Peterson. A powerful scene built around the events that immediately followed Christ's crucifixion. The Roman soldiers discover a new way of life.

**PILATE AND THE CROSS.** By James J. Glade. 11m. 7w. 3 scenes in one set. Roy. \$15. Longmans, Green & Co. Playing time, about an hour and a quarter. The play is especially suited to Catholic groups, though any group may use it. The play is very human, and tells the story of the crucifixion simply but powerfully. The writing in the play is excellently done.

Other plays of interest for Easter are:

**ALLELUIA.** By Katherine Kester. 5w and extras. Choral play. Roy. \$5. Samuel French.

**THEY WILL BE DONE.** By Robert J. Murphy, and Cecilia Lenz. 11m. 7 w. 5 scenes simply done. Drama. Roy. \$10. Samuel French.

**AS EASTER DAWNS.** My Mary

**Bennett Harrison.** 5m. 4w., choir. Runs about 45 min. Simple setting. Non-Roy. Eldridge.

**REHEARSALLESS EASTER COLLECTION.** Poems, plays, pantomimes, monologues and the like for Easter. Non-Roy. Eldridge.

**THE CASE OF JUDAS IS-CARIOT.** By Paul Nagy, Jr. 14m. 1w. Interior set (courtroom). Runs about 30 min. Non-Roy. Baker.

**THE CHALLENGE OF THE CROSS.** By Charles A. Marsh. 7w. and choir. Runs about 30 min. This is a religious pageant. Non-Roy. Baker.

**CHRIST IS RISEN.** By N. B. Dexter. 3m. 2w., extras. Easy set. Runs about 30 min. Non-Roy. Baker.

**COME, YE THAT MOURN.** Flexible number, men and women. Religious pageant of the Resurrection. Non-Roy. Eldridge.

**WHAT I THINK YE OF CHRIST?** By Letitia Hollinshead. 6m. 6w., extras. Easter pageant. 3 episodes. Non-Roy. Eldridge.

This is the time of year many schools choose plays for the Seniors or for the Spring Production of the Dramatic Club. A list of plays recommended by a committee from several states has been sent out giving the plays in the order of their frequency of performance. Some of these are given here for reminders to directors who are looking for interesting scripts:

**DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY** (7m. 6w.)

**IMAGINARY INVALID** (5m. 5w.)

**OUR TOWN** (17m. 7w.)

**PRIDE AND PREJUDICE** (10m. 16w.)

**SEVEN KEYS TO BALDPATE** (9m. 4w.)

**STAGE DOOR** (11m. 21w.)

**WHAT A LIFE** (8m. 10w.)

**YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU** (9m. 7w.)

**ALMOST EIGHTEEN** (5m. 7w.)

**THE BISHOP MISBEHAVES** (7m. 3w.)

**CLARENCE** (5m. 5w.)

**DULCY** (8m. 3w.)

**MR. PIM PASSES BY** (3m. 4w.)

**THE ROYAL FAMILY** (11m. 6w.)

**ADAM AND EVA** (6m. 4w.)

**ALICE SIT-BY-THE-FIRE** (3m. 6w.)

**BEGGAR ON HORSEBACK** (16m. 5w.)

**BERKLEY SQUARE** (7m. 8w.)

**CAPTAIN APPLEJACK** (6m. 5w.)

**CHARLEY'S AUNT** (7m. 5w.)

**THE CRADLE SONG** (4m. 10w.)

**A DATE WITH JUDY** (7m. 6w.)

**DEAR RUTH** (10m. 10w.)

**EXCURSION** (18m. 10w.)

**THE FAMILY UPSTAIRS** (4m. 5w.)

**FLY AWAY HOME** (7m. 6w.)

**FOOT LOOSE** (7m. 7w.)

## Acting Champs Pick Drama As First Choice for Career

Winners in the 1954 State Meet in one-act play contest all agree on the career they wish to enter—drama, of course.

But although the best actors and actresses concentrate their interest on drama, they by no means limit their talents to that one field.

Shirley Ann Rust, best actress in Conference AA, was on the Student Council, a member of the

chorus, president of Masque and Wig Club, and treasurer of Spider Club, a social group. She was chosen an outstanding student in 1954.

"I try to get into any sort of dramatic work done in my hometown (New Braunfels)," Shirley said. She has participated in radio programs and minstrel shows.

Coached by Mr. Gale Nelson,

Shirley won best actress at district and at State. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Rust.

David Martin, Conference AA best actor from Waco, has served as homeroom and class president, president of the Forum Debating Society, and assistant editor of the annual. He has received letters in radio and dramatics.

David's success in the one-act play contest began his junior year, when he received the best actor award in district and region. He followed his success in his junior year by winning best actor at State his senior year. He was coached by Miss Mattie Bess Coffield.

David's interests range from camping to painting and playing the piano. He planned to attend Baylor University.

Molly Ann Clark, Conference A best actress from La Marque, began her high school acting career in 1952, when she won best actress at district and regional meets. Even with her drama work, she found time to win second in district declamation that year.

By her senior year, Molly Ann was reporter of the Senior Class, president of the choral club, secretary of the Student Council, and a member of the Honor Society. She received the school drama award in 1952 and 1954.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill C. Clark, Molly graduated from La Marque High School last spring. She was coached in drama by Ray W. Miller.

Data was not available on other winners, who were Mary Willingham, Conference B best actress from Overton; Rex Henderson, Conference B best actor from McCamey; Tommy Bingham, Conference A best actor from Carthage.



Shirley Rust



Molly Clark

## Area One-Act Play Meets April 6-16

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15: Districts (42-44), 43, 53, (54-55).

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

Stephen F. Austin College, Nacogdoches: Dr. Robert Capel, Director. Date to be arranged: Districts 47, 45, 51, 52.

**Region V**  
Anahuac High School: T. P. White, Director. Thursday, April 14: Districts 59, 66, 68.

Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville: Charles

Schmidt, Director. Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.: Districts 58, 60, 61, 62.

Katy High School: James A. Harris, Director. Tuesday, April 12 (tentative): Districts 64, 65, 67.

**Region VI**  
Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin: Miss Margaret Breedlove, Director. Wednesday, April 6: Districts 70, 71, 72, 73.

Alamo Heights High School, San Antonio: E. C. McCarty, Trinity University, Director. Friday, April 8: Districts (74-75), 77, 79.

Del Rio High School: Mrs. Nellie F. Knight, Director. Thursday, April 14: Districts 76, 78.

**Region VII**  
Wm. Adams High School, Alice: George C. Draper, Director. Friday, April 15: Districts 84, 85, 86, 87.

Refugio High School: Mr. L. L. McCallister, Director. Date to be arranged: Districts (80-81), 82, 83.

**Region VIII**  
No Area Meets for Districts 88 through 93. Advance to Regional at Odessa from District.

**League's 45th Birthday**  
This school year (1955-56) is the 45th anniversary of the University Interscholastic League. The League, founded in 1910, is the oldest organization of its type in the world.

At the invitation of President Logan Wilson, Dr. Splawn will record his recollections of the University during his administration. He is doing preliminary work now in the office of Dr. Eugene C. Barker, professor emeritus of history and dean of Southwest historians.

Unwritten chapters in University of Texas history will be spoken by Dr. W. M. W. Splawn, 1924-27 president of the institution who recently concluded a long and distinguished career of government service with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

ed over to the few schools represented at the State Meet; that is, by not more than five per cent of the entire membership. The 1914 State Meeting limited this provision by adding the following:

"Provided, however, that the amendment offered is approved by the State Executive Committee. In case a proposed amendment is not approved by the State Executive Committee, a two-thirds vote is required."

The discussion of this amendment turned largely upon its stabilizing factor and that it followed the conventional procedure of requiring a two-thirds majority to override a veto. Some of the legislation introduced showed a tendency to require a more elaborate program than the funds assigned by the University could support. It was argued that power and responsibility were thus thrown out of balance.

However, it restored some power to the State Committee and from that standpoint it was a recession from "more democratic controls."

The next year there was further tinkering with the article providing for amendments, as follows:

"All amendments to the Constitution and Rules of the League shall be made by the State Executive Committee, provided that all material changes in the eligibility and other rules which do not involve a question of University policy shall first be submitted to

the members of the League for an advisory vote."

While this may seem to be a further recession from democratic controls, it did not prove so in actual practice. "University Policy" proved to be merely those rules which required the expenditure of more money. That was not reserved explicitly to the State Executive Committee which had the responsibility of providing the funds. The member-schools were primarily interested in eligibility rules, and this revision guaranteed members that no material change could be made without submission of the proposed change for "an advisory vote."

"Advisory Vote"  
The "advisory vote" proved in practice to be a mandatory vote, especially when the "submission" came to be by mail-ballot. That procedure is now followed, and although the terms of the ballot prescribed only a "recommendation to the State Executive Committee" there is no record of the Committee overriding the mandate of the mail-ballot.

Nevertheless, these early revisions of the amendment procedure indicate that the League was conceived of in those years largely as the University Extension Bureau's "offer of service," the terms of which were contained in the Constitution and Rules.

Further development in the direction of more democratic controls will be given in the next issue of the *Leaguer*.

## Speech Contest Help Available From VIB Films

With the first outburst of spring comes preparation for the Interscholastic League contests. Teachers and students interested in supplementing their contest preparation with 16mm educational sound films can obtain several films dealing with ready writing, spelling, debate, and extemporaneous speech.

For spelling and ready writing, these films are suggested:

Building an Outline #2106, 10 minutes, \$1.75.

Building Better Paragraphs #5716, 11 minutes, \$1.75.

Describing an Incident #2115, 10 minutes, \$1.75.

Improve Your Spelling #5093, 11 minutes, \$1.75.

In preparation for debate and speech, teachers and students might use these films:

Speech: Function of Gestures #2180, 10 minutes, \$1.50.

Speech: Platform Posture and Appearance #2181, 9 minutes, \$1.50.

Speech: Stage Fright and What to Do About It #2183, 10 minutes, \$1.50.

Speech: Using Your Voice #2182, 11 minutes, \$1.50.

These films are available from Booking and Scheduling Office, Visual Instruction Bureau, Division of Extension, The University of Texas.

Rental price given with each film covers use from one to three days (not including shipping time). Users are required to pay postage both to and from Austin.

Alternate use dates should be given. These films are in heavy demand, so alternate dates will eliminate unnecessary disappointment for the user in not being able to obtain the films when he wants them.

## How to Run Contest: Pointers Offered

BY BRUCE ROACH  
Director of Speech Activities

The Constitution and Rules of the University Interscholastic League is the official reference book for running any of the contests sponsored by the League. Directors and participants should be familiar with the rules of their respective contests.

The pointers listed here are intended as a supplement to the rules in order to help those responsible for running contests to make the operation as educationally valuable as possible. Rather than detailed instructions, these pointers are intended as suggested standards to be met.

In general, good contests reflect careful planning and administration.

1. Start early to plan for the contest.

2. Keep in close touch with your local member of the District Executive Committee (this is probably the superintendent or principal). One member of this committee is designated as Director General for the District. He should be consulted on any major plans for the contest.

3. The executive committee has the responsibility for setting the dates for the district contests, but the committee welcomes suggestions on dates and on planning.

4. The person appointed by the executive committee to have charge of each of the contests should call a planning meeting of sponsors of that activity from each of the schools entering the contest. This planning meeting, well in advance of the contest, is the key to holding successful contests.

5. At the planning meeting, agreement by the visiting sponsors should be made on judges, room in which contest is to be held, drawing for places on the program (by schools), arrangements for food, and other details which can be taken care of in advance of the contest. When sponsors go back to their schools, they should have as complete information about the contest as possible. The more directors and participants know about an event before they begin, the better the event runs.

6. In addition to the planning meeting, the manager of the contest should send a reminder to each of the schools entered. Here are some samples of such reminders:

**Extemporaneous Speech**  
a. Boy and girl eligible from each school.

b. Participants bring own magazines.

c. Topics: Current events (emphasis on Jan.-April).

d. Plan: As outlined in Constitution and Rules pp. 49-53.

e. Contestants report to (name of person in charge) in room (number) of Blank High School at (time).

**Poetry Reading**  
a. Boy and girl eligible from each school.

b. Participants bring own book or manuscript from which to read. (May be one or a number of selections within time limit of 4 minutes).

c. Plan: As outlined in Constitution and Rules, pp. 46-48.

d. Contestants report to (name of person in charge) in room (number) of Blank High School at (time).

7. The manager of the contest should provide for ballots, pencils, instructions, and the general comfort of the judges.

8. The manager should make sure that plenty of time has been allowed in the schedule for any unforeseen delays and for a reasonable number of breaks. In the all-over planning there should be at least 15 minutes between consecutive events.

## MUSIC MATTERS

By F. W. SAVAGE  
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**EMERGENCY CHANGE**  
Last minute consultations with W. Edward Hatchett, recent State, choral chairman, and other officials have resulted in the conclusion that the numbers prescribed for Girls' Vocal Solos, Low Voices appearing on Pages 35-36 of the Prescribed Music Bulletin are in error.

Consequently, we are authorized to announce that these prescribed numbers are to be disregarded and the girls entering this competition may select their numbers from any source. In other words, there is NO prescribed list of solos for Girls' Low Voices this year.

**ENTRY DEADLINES**  
As usual, many schools are not mailing their duplicate entries before the much-advertised deadlines and the State Office has no alternative but to refuse to certify them. Many reasons are being given, but almost all stem from the fact that directors are human beings and wait until the last minute to mail the blanks. In some cases, where the deadline passes at midnight on Saturday, the blanks are dropped in a mail box where mail is not picked up and postmarked until Monday morning. The State office rejects such entries automatically. This can be avoided by mailing the blanks several days before the deadline!

As an additional reminder we are publishing the remaining entry deadlines as we now have them:

March 25 — Region IX — Vocal Concert, Solos and Ensembles.

March 26 — Region V — Vocal Solos and Ensembles.

March 30 — Region XI — Vocal Concert, Solos and Ensembles; Region IV — Band and Orchestra.

April 7 — Region XI — High School Band and Orchestra. Region VI — Vocal Concert, Solos and Ensembles.

April 8 — Regions I-II-III — Band and Orchestra and Instrumental Solos and Ensembles. Region XI — Junior High Band and Orchestra.

April 9 — Region V — Instrumental Solos and Ensembles. Region X-East — Vocal Concert, Solos and Ensembles and Instrumental Solos and Ensembles. Region X-West — Band and Orchestra. Region XII — Band and Orchestra.

April 16 — Region III — Vocal Concert, Solos and Ensembles. Region X-West — Vocal Concert, Solos and Ensembles and Instrumental Solos and Ensembles. Region X-East — Band and Orchestra.

We hope that this project will be accepted as it is intended and that some progress can be made toward standardizing procedures.

transferred to the right foot after a long back swing. The left-handed player must reverse all these instructions.

(2) Never stand up straight and flat-footed. Your bone joints are waist high and knee high. Use them at all times when playing tennis in the back court. Get down to the ball so that you can see the ball at the right elevation. Bend your knees and your waist.

(3) Move your feet forward or backward as conditions demand; also from side to side. The proper position of the ball for hitting is waist high and the proper distance from the player so that the player can hit it comfortably. That means that the player must move his feet forward and backward with relation to the ball and (or) forward or backward with relations to the net. It means very definitely that the feet must be moved constantly because the ball is not going to accommodate the player.

(4) The best position of the feet for serving is with the left foot (for the right-handed player) just back of the line and the right foot behind at about a three-fourth angle. The left foot must not leave the ground until the ball has been hit.

(5) The receiver may stand facing the net until the server hits the ball but must be changed at once to be in the correct position for hitting the ball on the right or left side, as described above. Do not hit the served ball facing the net.

(6) When volleying, follow the same foot position as far as possible, though there are times when there is little or no time for changing the position of the feet.

(7) When hitting an overhead ball, keep one foot on the ground. Hit the ball just over the head slightly to the right. An overhead ball is the same as a service ball, i.e., it should have the same position and be hit the same way.

## Tennis Fundamentals: Keep Eye on the Ball

BY DR. D. A. PENICK  
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Mention of tennis fundamentals was made in a previous issue of the *Leaguer*.

1. Watch the ball; that is, keep the eyes on the ball from the moment it is first hit by your opponent until you hit it with your racket. Failure to do this is an almost universal fault and is responsible for many errors. Watch the ball all the time of its flight; otherwise, you can not hit it correctly.

2. Get to the proper position for hitting the ball before the ball gets there. How? With your feet guided by your eyes. Wrong footwork is responsible for three-fourths of all errors.

What is wrong with footwork: (1) Facing the net. You should be at right angles to the desired direction of your ball. For a right-handed player, the weight should be on the right foot until the right hand makes a long back swing and should be transferred to the left foot for hitting the ball at the right moment and at the right elevation, i.e., about waist high.

The wrist should be stiff and the racket should be kept in contact with the ball as long as possible. Don't slap the ball. To make a backhand drive, the weight must be on the left foot and must be

UT Library Has More Than Million Volumes

The University of Texas Library contained 1,095,284 volumes at the end of the fiscal year, showing a growth of 45,581 volumes during the previous 12 months, Librarian Alexander Moffit reported.

In addition, the Library currently receives 160 newspapers and 7,200 periodicals.

The 15th largest university library in the U.S., the University of Texas Library is the "workshop" of faculty and students.

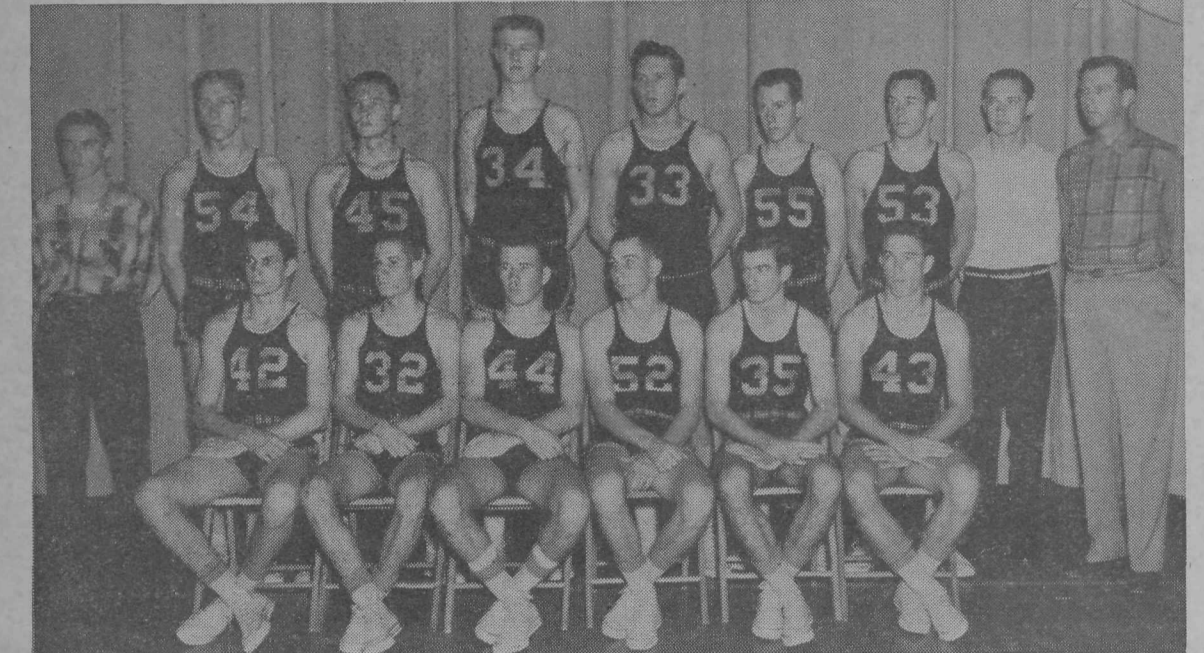
# Five New Champs Crowned In State Boys Cage Tourney

(Continued from Page 1)  
 —Atlanta 80, Freer 63. (125, Bowie 81, Dumas 44, 1953.)  
 Team scoring one series—(2 games): 136 points, Atlanta. (Ties record set by Bowie, 1954.)  
 Conference A:  
 Fewest points by winner in championship game: 58, Buna. (62, Dimmitt, 1952.)  
 Low aggregate score in cham-

pionship game: 102 — Buna 58, Dickinson 54. (Ties record set by Dimmitt 62, Plano 40, 1952.)  
 Most free throws one game: 12, Wayne Williams. (9, Dean Morrison, White Oak, 1953.)  
 Conference B: None.  
 Conference AAAA  
 District winners in this conference were: Pampa, Jefferson (El

Paso), Polytechnic, Crozier Technical, Waco, Laredo, Jefferson Davis, Beaumont.  
 Bi-district results were: Pampa, Crozier Tech (Dallas), Waco, Beaumont.  
 Conference AAA  
 District winners in Conference AAA were: Plainview, Brownwood, Sherman, Kilgore, McCallum (Aus-

tin) French (Beaumont), Victoria, Harlingen.  
 Bi-district results were: French (Beaumont), Plainview, Kilgore, Victoria.  
 Conference AA  
 District winners were: Phillips, Tulia, Childress, Stamford, Abernathy, Seminole, Alpine, Coleman, Stephenville, Birdville (Fort Worth), Bowie, Lancaster, Athens, Mount Vernon, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Rusk, Spring Branch (Houston), Teague, West, Gatesville, Georgetown, San Marcos, Caldwell, Lamar (Rosenberg), Beeville, Webster, Nederland, Eagle Pass, South San Antonio, Freer, Weslaco.  
 Regional play-offs: San Marcos, Atlanta, Seminole, Freer.



3-A CHAMPS: Victoria took home its first title in its first trip to the State tourney, beating French (Beaumont), 60-51. Team members, left to right: Back row—Bob Lamey (Mgr.), James Redding, Bill Kelly, John Moore, Larry Roach, Terry McCall,

Neil Swisher, Buegner (Mgr.) Coach Jack E. Cook. Front row—Bruce Hammonds, Kenneth Pickett, Harlon Gerhold, Sammy Jordan, Jack Martin, Garland Braun.



2-A CHAMPS: Another title winner on the first trip was Seminole, which upset predictions all the way to win in the final against San Marcos, 50-49. Team members, left to right: Back row — Allen Burke, Johnny Speer, Edwin Young, Bill Burnett,

Harry Walker, Ronnie White, Coach Metz LaFollette. Front row—Donnie Wilson, Jones Daugherty, Bobby Bingham, Leland Caffey, Lin Beavers, Rupert Combs.



CLASS A CHAMPS: Buna captured its first State championship trophy by outscoring Dickinson, 58-54. Members of the title team, left to right: Back row—Donald Hillin, Delman Rogers, James Mellard, Robert Goins, James Lamb, Billy Holland,

Revis Whitmire, Coach M. N. "Cotton" Robinson. Front row—Don Stanley, Jerry Buckner, John Ed Hargroves, Jackie Swearingen, John Rich, Jerry Smith, Pat Stanley.



CLASS B CHAMPS: Another championship for the first time, but on the second trip, went to Avoca. They beat perennial finalist Big Sandy, 47-41, to take the title. Team members, left to right: Back row—Coach G. E. Hastings, Dixon

(Mgr.), Kenneth King, Bud Shelton, Glendo Hughes, Jake Sanders, Lester Putman, Nauert (Mgr.), Asst. Coach Connel. Front row—Bobby Gorden, Curtis Williamson, Barkley Edwards, Milton Martin, Max Williams, Don Whitworth.

## News and Views of the Coaches

By STAN LAMBERT  
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### NOTES FROM AUSTIN BOARD MEETING

R. J. Kidd, in answer to an invitation from the coaches association, met with its board of directors at its regular March meeting and gave his viewpoints on the various aspects of the proposed basketball all-star game rule. Without editorializing on his remarks, we will quote his most pertinent comments—the ones in answer to questions that had been raised by the coaches.  
 "The intent of the rule," he said, "is exactly the same as the present ban on high school all-star football games (the one sponsored by the coaches association at its coaching school excepted of course). It is to prohibit the assembling of a team or teams, composed of representatives of several different high schools, for the purpose of staging a game for financial gain or publicity that the sponsoring organization may derive from such an event."

### Saw It Coming

He pointed out that the school administrators "saw it coming," and did not want to let high school basketball get in the same condition as football prior to the passing of the all-star football game rule. He cited some recent requests that he had received for permission to stage all-star basketball games—always for the benefit of some worthy charity. One call wanted to match a district champion that had been defeated in the region against the "all-district" team. Another would pit an all-star team (the all-district again) against the Arkansas Travelers, a barnstorming girls' team.

Director Kidd also explained why the basketball rule made one change in the wording of the already-passed football all-star game rule—i.e. using the word "current" instead of "previous" before the word "year." "Basketball is different from football in that it does not lend itself to all-star games in the summer because of the heat in gymnasiums," he explained. "Therefore the word 'previous' would not get the desired results. We wanted the word 'current' in order to prohibit the all-star games that are promoted immediately or soon after the close of the high school basketball season when the sponsors can cash in on the publicity build-up of boys that you, the coaches, have developed."

And one final quote concerning the question of the status of recreation teams, church teams and various other local organizations that derive great benefit and pleasure

from the many advantages that the game has to offer. "Church teams and recreation teams are not all-star teams," he stated emphatically. "In no sense of the word could such an interpretation be placed on any such bona fide organization."  
 Well, those are the most important quotations from the man who will be in charge of administering the rule when and if it is passed. And incidentally, we received his permission to quote all of the above verbatim. Pres. Mattingly did not ask the board for any expression on the question; but his remarks did clear up the atmosphere and no objections were voiced to Mr. Kidd.

Another probable result of this meeting will be either an interpretation or an addition to Article VII of the Constitution and Rules to give an exact definition of "all-star game." Kidd indicated that this would be in line with the definition handed down by the Texas Supreme Court in the case of University Interscholastic League vs. Midwestern University, et al., in which the UIL was recognized as having the authority to enforce the football all-star game rule.

### Kidd Makes Proposition

The UIL director also pointed out the danger of false rumors making the rounds in the State. "Anytime that you hear one of these so-called 'rumors,'" he proposed, "I am hereby authorizing you to call me collect so you can find out whether it is authentic before you take any stock in it. After all, as officers and directors of this association, you have a right to know what is and is not going on. After all both of us are working for the same end—we're just doing it in different jobs." He just might get "took up" on that one sooner than he thinks.

### Two Welcome Guests

The board also had two other guests. Coach Glenn Buffalo of Kirbyville asked for permission to appear before the board and thank them on behalf of his school administration and the people of Kirbyville for the \$1,000 that the association contributed toward the hospital expenses of one of his boys who received a permanent injury during a passive head-on tackling drill last fall. He told the board that he was not expecting it, and that when it came it gave a great boost in morale to the boy, his family, the school people and the town in general.

"You know," he said with some emotion, "our coaches association is generally thought of as a group that sponsors a coaching school where we can go for a week, learn a little about coaching, maybe cutting a few lectures and letting our hair down in general. But this help, when we really needed it, has changed all that in Kirbyville. Up to the time this happened we had won five straight. We lost the next three (all of which we should have won) because the kids just did not want to stick their heads in there. There was strong feeling against football in the town as the kid hovered between life and death. There was a movement on to ban football in our school. I don't mind telling you that this gesture on your part saved high school football in Kirbyville."

The other guest was Bob Martin of Brownsville. He has done a great deal of work on a proposal that the association recognize members of long service. He reported his findings and another committee was appointed to work with Exec. Sec. McConachie to investigate the numbers that would receive them, etc. You can expect something on that later.

## Final Count: 698 In Baseball Play

For the 1955 baseball season, 698 schools will participate under League sponsorship. This figure is 28 schools above that of last year. The distribution is as follows: Conference AA has 4 schools more than last year, with 98; Conference A, 2 schools more than last year, with 166; Conference B, 22 schools more than last year, with 434. The last date for certifying district baseball champions is May 16 for Conferences AA, A, and B. Conference AA bi-district champions must be certified by May 25, with the state championship to be held in Austin, June 1, 2 and 3. Conference A regional championships must be completed by June 4. Conference B bi-district championships must be determined by June 13.

## Postscripts on Athletics

# Football Practice Limits Explained

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 State Athletic Director  
 Rule 30

Rule 30 of the Football Plan specifies that football practice or training is interpreted to mean any organized instruction, drills or calisthenics or conditioning periods conducted prior to the opening date for fall practice. Football equipment under this rule is interpreted to mean the issue of football shoulder-pads, shoes, head gear, football trousers, or any other equipment used primarily for organized football practice.

### Physical Education

This column frequently receives queries on the legality of teaching football in physical education classes relative to Rule 30 of the football Plan.  
 This writer has consistently answered that in his opinion if the following conditions were present it would not be a violation of the letter of the rule: 1) if it be conducted as a regularly scheduled physical education class open to all students and not just for football players; 2) if no football equipment was issued except the ball; 3) if held during the regular class periods (classes held before and after school and during the noon hour would violate this rule).

There is no doubt but that football is a valuable and educative activity in the regular physical education curriculum and to forbid it to be taught in order to eliminate any possible infraction of Rule 30 of the Football Plan would be a gross injustice to the general student body. The teaching of football in a physical education class in the winter or spring is not usually done in a physical education course, as sports are generally given during their seasonal periods. Therefore, when one physical education class in the school is having football instruction and all other physical education classes are having softball, tennis or volleyball, it indicates that there is at least a violation of the intent of Rule 30 by organizing such a class.

### Several Instructors

Establishing a special physical education class to which several physical education teachers are assigned, with the large majority of students consisting of football players who have been indirectly or directly informed that if they want to play on the varsity football

team next fall it would be advisable to sign up for a particular physical education class, is a violation of the spirit of the law if not the letter of the law.

In the opinion of this writer, any class which is assigned more than one teacher in physical education indicates clearly that the purpose is to train or instruct in football techniques as far as it is possible to do so without actual football equipment. A district committee could, in the opinion of this writer, give serious consideration to whether or not the assignment of more than one instructor to a physical education class is not a violation of Rule 30 of the Football Plan.

### Equipment

Many questions have come to this office relative to what is football equipment. Many coaches like to issue tennis shoes with cleats, such as are used in softball or Little League baseball. This writer has always given it as his opinion that any equipment which is not standard equipment for all physical education classes in the school would be in violation of the above mentioned rule.

It appears obvious, if special shoes or equipment are issued to a special class, that this class is not in the category of a bona fide physical education class and therefore an attempt is being made to evade Rule 30 of the Football Plan.

### Moral Integrity

In many schools a boy who desires to go out for track and baseball is forced to take the last period physical education class directed by the football coach or coaches, and then after regularly scheduled school hours compete for a berth on the track or baseball team. A policy of this type gives the boy no free choice of participation and is a travesty on a well-balanced athletic program.

By and large, most of our schools and coaches do not attempt to evade this rule. However, there are always some who will try to stay just inside the law but have no scruples whatsoever in violating the intent of the law.

It holds true in athletics, as well as in society, that no rule or law can supersede the moral integrity of those few who will continue to be of just within its legal bounds but clearly outside professional standards of conduct.

## Remember When?

# Wolcott Hurdle, Dash Records Still Stand

It was a lucky day for the track world and Rice Institute when a tow-headed lad named Fred Wolcott was asked to volunteer to run the 100-yard dash for Snyder High School in the 1934 county meet.

He won it, and thus began a sparkling career which has few equals, particularly in the Southwest.  
 In 1950 Wolcott was voted the greatest track and field athlete of the half-century for Texas in a poll conducted by Associated Press. The lanky kid went on to district meet that year at Lubbock, his second track meet, and in a dust storm won the 100 in 10.0, then ran off and left the field in low hurdles. He won the State Meet low hurdles that year, his only season of high school track. He graduated in May.

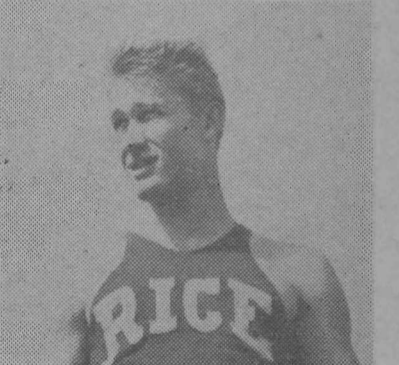
Before that, Wolcott was known principally for his football play. He led the district in scoring while playing for Snyder his last two years in high school.

In September, 1934, he entered John Tarleton Junior College, competing in football and track that year.

After laying out a year and working for a construction company in West Texas, Wolcott entered Rice Institute. There he began rapid development of his latent talents under tutelage of Track Coach Emmett Brunson.

During his varsity career, the blond speedster tied Spec Towns' 120-yard high hurdles world record of 13.7 seconds, and set a new world record of 22.5 in the 220 lows (breaking a mark set by all-time track star Jesse Owens), but these marks since have been lowered still more.

Wolcott dominated the high and low hurdles in a four-year period as few men have. His only loss in college competition was in the finals of the high hurdles at the National Intercollegiate meet in 1939. He fell after hitting a hurdle, but got up and finished second. He won the low hurdles.



Fred A. Wolcott

In all, the Rice star won seven first places in National AAU competition from 1938 through 1941, and won five firsts in NCAA competition. Other wins were in such meets as the Border Olympics, Drake, Kansas and Texas Relays, and Southwest Conference meets. In addition to his scintillating hurdles record, Wolcott also was a great sprinter. He was the first of several fine track men to attain a 9.5 mark in the 100-yard dash for what is still a Southwest Conference record he shares. He still holds the conference record in 120-yard high hurdles at 13.9 seconds, also.

Wolcott stamped himself as a man to beat in his first tri-school meet between Rice, Texas and A. and M. Running in the freshman events, he won the high and low hurdles, the 100-yard dash and ran on the winning sprint relay team. He had enough afternoons like that during his career to give other track coaches grey hair.

His last races were at indoor meets in the East during 1941. During that time he established world records in the 40, 60, and 75-yard high hurdles. It was that year that he equaled the 13.7 second record for high hurdles.

He served in the Naval Air Corps, and on April 18, 1941 he was married to Margaret Darby. After the war he returned to Houston, the insurance business, and the rearing of a family. Now he is in the oil business.

## 4 Players Get 'All-Tourney' Unanimous Nod

Four players were unanimous choices on the all-tournament teams picked by sportswriters covering the 35th Annual State Boys Basketball Tournament.

(These teams are unofficial as far as the Interscholastic League is concerned, but are reported as a matter of interest.)

They were: Joe Thomas, Big Sandy, Conference B; Neil Swisher, Victoria, Conference AAA; A. C. Black, Crozier Tech (Dallas), and E. Jay McIlvain, Pampa, AAAA.

Black and McIlvain were the only two repeaters from last year's mythical teams. Black was also a unanimous selection in 1954.

The teams are:  
 Conference B: Thomas and Oscar Williams, Big Sandy; Don LeSturgeon, Medina; Kenneth King, Avoca, and Don Lyles, Maud.

Conference A: Delman Rogers, James Mellard and Jackie Swearingen, Buna; Charles Lynch and Leon Hill, Sudan; Wayne Williams, Dickinson.

Conference AA: Johnny Speer and Edwin Young, Seminole; Bob Caruthers, San Marcos; John E. Fite and Johnny Haynes, Atlanta.

Conference AAA: Swisher and Larry Roach, Victoria; Brenton Hughes and Charles Williams, French (Beaumont); Buddy Humphrey, Kilgore.

Conference AAAA: Black, Crozier Tech; McIlvain, Pampa; Charles Pack and Kenneth Brunson, Waco; Wayne Wedgeworth, Beaumont.



HEALTHIER LIVING, by Justus J. Schifferes, M.D. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York. Price: \$5.75.

At long last Dr. Schifferes has produced a treatise on health which encompasses all aspects which contribute to the health and happiness of the human being.

This is a book which could be used in the classroom as a text, could be used by the layman in acquainting himself with the latest information in the field of health, could be used as an encyclopedia or reference material in this field, or could be used in other related fields such as sociology and psychology.

It utilizes the multi-approach to health and embodies socio-psychosomatic medicine. The author consistently brings to focus the point that health is not limited purely to physical factors but involves the society in which we live, the mental and psychological attitudes and includes anything and everything with which the individual comes into contact.

The scope of this book is all-inclusive and it is amazing how much pertinent material could be crammed into the 909 pages. Especially are the chapters on Achieving a Mature Philosophy of Life, and Sex, and Religious Aspects of Adjustments, superlative in their treatment of the respective subjects.

Any teacher in the field of health, sociology or psychology would do well to consider this book as a possible text and by all means it should be found in all high school and college libraries.