

## 9 Conferences Set This Year

Program planning has been underway since mid-summer for a full slate of nine League-sponsored Student Activities Leadership Conferences scheduled to start next month. Opening the conference season will be the North Texas conclave at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. The date: Saturday, October 13. After the Dallas opener comes the Southeast Texas conference on October 20 in Houston at the University of Houston.

Then, squeezed in between November 3 and February 2, with allowances for holidays and exams, comes meetings at Abilene, Kilgore, Lubbock, Odessa, Georgetown, Kingsville, and Nacogdoches.

(See the complete conference calendar elsewhere on this page.)

As in the past, the conferences are being jointly sponsored by the University Interscholastic League, the host colleges and universities, and the public schools of the conference site regions.

In advance of each conference, letters will go out to school administrators of the conference area inviting student-sponsor representatives from SMU, the Dallas area public schools, and the League gathered to lay the groundwork for the initial conference of the year.

### Conference Programs

All conference programs are planned basically on the same pattern, with additions and omissions made as necessary to tailor the program in each area to fit the available personnel and equipment. Included on the conference programs will be sections on such topics as drama (one-act play), extemporaneous speech, declamation, debate, poetry reading, ready writing, number sense, slide rule, student council, radio-television, and the two-tion at each section of the conference program and advising them as much as possible about the program details.

### Top Talent

On the planning end, top-notch talent is being lined up to present informative and inspirational programs in areas of League competitions. Included on these programs will be professional people, personnel from the League and The University of Texas, educators from the host colleges and public schools of the area, and, in many cases, student representatives to the conference will be participants on the program.

Advance planning for the Houston meeting was officially launched in June when Director R. J. Kidd and Roy Moses from the League met in Houston with Walter Williams and Farris Block of the University of Houston and J. O. Webb, assistant superintendent of schools in Houston and general chairman of the Southeast Texas Conference.

A planning session for the Dallas conference was held September 15 in Dallas with representatives of public school journalism—the school newspaper and yearbook.

## Junior High Group Forms Meet Rules

A committee of junior high school principals met in Austin on May 5 and proposed the formation of junior high school districts for Spring Meet competition. The committee was interested in proposing some basic plan for junior high schools to follow in conducting the literary and academic contests so that these contests would better meet the needs and interests of junior high school students.

The committee worked out the following rules with reference to existing contests as a guide to junior high school districts all over the state when they set up their organizations for spring literary meets. Junior high school meets are scheduled to be conducted on the district level only, and winners do not advance to another meet.

### General Rules

1. The junior high school literary activities Spring Meet will be conducted on the district level, and winners will not advance to any other meet.

2. Where the needs and interests of the students in a district will be better met by a modification of any of these rules, the District Junior High School Executive Committee (the principals of the schools in a district, or properly designated delegates) may change the rules to meet their needs by mutual consent of all of the schools involved.

3. In case help in organizing or clarification of rules is needed, persons desiring such help should write the Director of Speech and Drama Activities, University Interscholastic League, Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Texas.

### Junior High Debate

1. The proposition for debate in the junior high schools for 1956-57 is: Resolved: That there should be Federal annual grants to the states to equalize education in the public schools of the nation.

This topic was chosen by a majority of the Committee as the topic suited to junior high school needs and interests for this year.

2. A specially prepared brief and analysis, together with some supplemental material, is available from the League Office for 40c per package. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3)

of 1955. After leaving the University, Moses joined the staff at Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, as director of publicity and student publications, where he remained until returning to Austin to become the League's journalism director.

Moses is married and has one daughter.



ROY MOSES, JR.

## Conference Schedule

Dates and locations of the nine Student Activities Leadership Conferences, sponsored by the League and the host colleges, are listed below. School personnel are urged to check the dates of the conference nearest their school and plan now to attend.

- Oct. 13—Southern Methodist University, Dallas
- Oct. 20—University of Houston, Houston
- Nov. 3—Abilene Christian College, Abilene
- Nov. 10—Kilgore College, Kilgore
- Nov. 17—Texas Technological College, Lubbock
- Dec. 1—Odessa College, Odessa
- Jan. 12—Southwestern University, Georgetown
- Jan. 19—Texas A&I College, Kingsville
- Feb. 2—Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches

## Roy Moses Appointed Director of Journalism

J. Roy Moses, Jr., has been named to succeed Traxel Stevens as director of journalism for the University Interscholastic League.

Stevens, journalism director since the spring of 1954, resigned last May to accept a job as managing editor of the Texas Outlook, official publication of the Texas State Teachers Association.

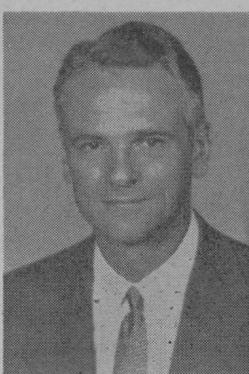
Moses received his BA degree in journalism from Southwestern University in 1949 and soon thereafter moved to Kerrville as news editor of The Kerrville Times. After 18 months with The Times he moved to Sinton, his home town, for a brief stint with The Sinton Enterprise before being inducted into the army in 1950.

After two years with the Fourth Infantry Division, spent mostly in Germany, he took a general reporting job with the Corpus Christi Caller. Moses later moved into the Caller's oil department and served as an oil news writer for sixteen months.

In 1954 he left the Caller to enter The University of Texas to work toward a master of journalism degree, which he received in August



NEW MEMBERS of the State Executive Committee are J. S. Williams, left, and Charles Heimsch. Williams, professor of law, is a native of Denver, Colorado, and formerly served with the University of Iowa Law School, the OPA in Washington, was legal officer in the Army Air Force, and, prior to joining the staff of the University in 1946, he was assistant professor of law at the University of Denver Law School. Heimsch, born in Dayton, Ohio, was an instructor at Swarthmore College and assistant professor at Amherst College before joining the University staff in 1947. He is now professor of botany and an anatomist for the Plant Research Institute.



Regional meets for next spring have been moved up a week due to the Easter vacation that falls on the April 19-20 weekend.

All regional meets are held on college campuses in order to have adequate facilities, faculty members as judges, and members of the student body to assist in various aspects of the meets. The Easter vacation period has become statewide and both faculty and student body members tend to vacate the college campuses during the Easter period, making the personnel shortage too critical for staging regional meets.

## Regional Meet Dates Changed

Several college presidents have advised the League office that it is impossible to hold regional meets during the Easter holidays. This is particularly true since the meets have grown to such proportions that it is absolutely necessary for the colleges to have large numbers of faculty members and students available in order to complete the meets in a two-day period.

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## Debate Packages

The debate proposition for the 1956-57 school year is: "Resolved, That the Federal Government should sustain the prices of major agricultural products at not less than 90 percent of parity."

Packages of materials on this question are available from the State office at two dollars per package. The package contains both volume one and volume two of the NUEA Bulletin, the League brief and analysis, and many other separate publications on the subject. Each debater should have a package of this material.

To order the League debate package, send check or money order to: Interscholastic League, Box 8028, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

## Bedichek's Book Gets Good Reviews

In the three months which have passed since its publication, Roy Bedichek's "Educational Competition: The Story of the University Interscholastic League of Texas" has already achieved sound recognition as a book packed with practical wisdom.

Writing in the Dallas Morning News, William B. Ruggles declared that "Educational Competition" is far more than a history of the League. "What has been written," he comments, "is a philosophical study of the organization which has conducted interscholastic competitive programs in Texas since 1912. . . . Although the author was for thirty years director of the University Interscholastic League, this is no command performance but a serious study of whys and wherefores with no shortage of ought-to-have-beens and perhaps of ought-to-have-beens. . . . This is the quiet story of how things come about, how things ought to be done, told with a wealth of introspection

# Advisory Council Vote Scheduled for October

## Identical Districts Planned For Basketball, Spring Meet

Spring meet district assignments are coming soon. And, for the first time in the history of the League, the districts for the spring meet contests will be composed of the same membership that is found in the basketball district assignments for the 1956-57 school year.

There will be identical memberships in the five basketball conferences at district level and the spring meet districts, and, according to Rule Four of the Spring Meet Plan, the chairman of the basketball district executive committee shall serve as temporary chairman of the spring meet district committee until a new spring meet chairman is elected.

It is strongly recommended that the basketball chairman call a meeting immediately after the basketball district organization and proceed with the organization of the spring meet district. The State Office will continue to list the basketball chairman as the organizing chairman of the spring meet district until notified of the election of a spring meet chairman.

The proper procedure for organizing the spring meet districts is outlined in the Constitution and Rules, page 29.

Merging of spring meet districts will be done at the regional level. Conference AAAA and AAA spring meet districts will be merged into one conference at the regional meet level for state meet competition.

and will be designated as Conference AA. Conferences A and B will merge and be designated as Conference B, and Conference AA will be designated as Conference A for state eliminations.

Additional information about the spring meet plan can be found in that section of the Constitution and Rules, page 28.

## AAAA, AAABasketball Has Procedure Change

For the 1956-57 basketball season there will be a change in the procedure in which Conferences AAAA and AAA district winners are certified to the State Tournament.

For this coming season there are sixteen districts in AAAA and sixteen districts in AAA. This means that there must be a regional play-off among the respective four district winners to determine the regional representative to the State

Tournament. In Conferences AAAA and AAA, districts 1-4 will be Region I; 5-8, II; 9-12, III; 13-16, IV.

Each region will have a regional director who along with the representatives from the four districts will make up the Regional Basketball Committee. This committee will have the authority to determine how the regional champion to the State Tournament will be selected.

### Two Methods

There are two methods which could be used to select the regional champion. One would be to have a regional tournament at a site selected by the Regional Committee. This should be a single elimination tournament and could be played on March 1 and 2.

The second method would be for the winner of district one to play the winner of district two, and the winner of district three to play the winner of district four in a one game regional play-off on February 25 or 26. The respective winners would then play a one-game final regional play-off on March 1 or 2.

### No Bi-district

It should be noted that there are no bi-district games or series in conferences AAAA and AAA basketball and that the regional play-off shall consist of one game only, not the best two out of three.

A similar procedure has been used for several years in Conferences AA, A, and B to determine their regional representative to the State Tournament. Specific instructions on all play-off arrangements in basketball will be issued at a later date.

### 4 New Regions

## Music Rules Get Major Revisions

By F. W. SAVAGE  
Director of Music Activities

Topping the list of changes in rules for music competition is the creation of four new regions for contest purposes. Each of the new regions will operate under the direction of Executive Committees composed of seven local school administrators and will have equal status with all other regions.

### New Regions

Schools in far west Texas which have been prevented from participating heretofore have been given the opportunity to organize for competitive purposes as Region XIII. All schools in Culberson, Hudspeth and El Paso counties have been assigned to this new region.

Eight of the western counties of Region X have been combined with Hardeman from Region XI and Foard and Knox counties from Region II to make a new Region to be known as XIV. This general area has been operating as a separate section in Region X under the direction of one executive committee.

As a result of petitions by school administrators and considerable in-

vestigation on the part of the League office, Region IV has been divided into two regions. The northern portion composed of Hunt, Rains, Wood, Upshur, Marion and all counties north receives the new designation and will be known as Region XV. Borderline schools will be given an option the first year of operation and may choose the area in which they wish to compete.

Counties in the northeastern portion of Region VII which competed separately last year, plus DeWitt and Lavaca counties from Region VI, have received regional status this year and will be known as Region XVI.

### Classification System

Beginning this September, classification for competition in music (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

## Lampasas Student Wins First Beckman Award

Glen Turnbo, a June graduate of Lampasas High School, has been named the recipient of the first annual Henry Beckman Scholarship and Slide Rule Proficiency Award.

The \$200 award, made for the first time this year, was given Glen on the basis of his good performance in the Class A State Meet slide rule contest of the Interscholastic League, his high scholastic standing in high school, and his short composition on "Why I Want to Study Engineering at The University of Texas."

H. V. Porter, secretary of the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations, comments on the book as follows: "As usual, Mr. Bedichek has written in an interesting manner and has crowded into the pages of his book a tremendous amount of historical lore and a wholesome philosophy concerning school contests of all kinds. This book should be a valuable addition to any library where school activities are of interest. It is an excellent addition to school activity literature."

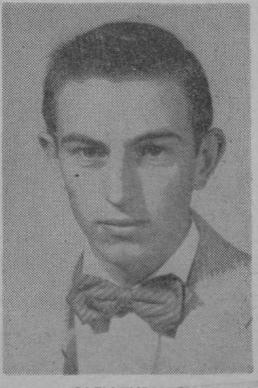
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Due either to resignation or expiration of terms, there are seven vacancies to be filled this fall on the Legislative Advisory Council of the League.

Ballots to nominate individuals for these vacancies were mailed from the League Office on September 15 to each of the regions and conferences where vacancies occur. School administrators have until October 1 to return the nomination ballot and the five highest ranking nominees in each region will be listed on the preferential ballots to be sent out early in October.

Only superintendents, principals and county superintendents are eligible to be elected to the council and all members whose terms are expiring are eligible for re-election.

### November Meeting

The election of the seven members will be completed in time for the new councilmen to take part in the meeting of the Advisory Council in Austin, November 4 and 5. Regions in which elections are to be held are:

Region I—Conference A—Supt. Lee Johnson of Phillips.

Region II—Conference B—Supt. O. B. Chambers, Early, Brownwood.

Region III—Conference A—Supt. J. F. Gardner, Ennis (resigned).

Conference B—Supt. Edwin Bowen, Boyd.

Region V—Conference AA—Principal R. B. Sparks, Robert E. Lee, Baytown.

Conference A—Supt. E. H. Black, La Marque.

Region VII—Conference A—Supt. E. M. Smith, Sinton.

Representation on the Advisory Council is based on the enrollment figures used in assigning schools to the spring meet districts. Each region of each conference is entitled to one representative on the Council, elected by the vote of the administrators of the member schools within the same region and conference.

### Responsibility

The chief responsibility of this Council is to supervise interschool activities and see they are surrounded with such controls as necessary to insure the desired educational aims of the many contests sponsored by the member schools.

Present members, in addition to those listed above, are:

Region I—Conference AA—Supt. W. T. Barrett, Odessa.

Conference B—Supt. Bert Ezell, Matador.

Region II—Conference AA—Prin. O. T. Freeman, Wichita Falls.

Conference A—Supt. W. T. Graves, Coleman.

Region III—Conference AA—Supt. Chester Strickland, Denton.

Region IV—Conference AA—Supt. E. D. Cleveland, Palestine.

Conference A—Supt. Fred Covin, Pittsburg.

Conference B—Supt. Frank L. Singletary, Troup.

Region V—Conference B—Supt. Floyd Manry, Corrigan.

Region VI—Conference AA—Prin. Virgil Currin, Alamo Heights, San Antonio.

Conference A—Supt. J. L. Buckley, Lockhart.

Conference B—Supt. P. J. Dodson, Bastrop.

Region VII—Conference AA—Prin. John S. Gillett, Kingsville.

Conference B—Supt. G. M. Blackman, Banquete.

Region VIII—Conference AA—Prin. Frank Politt, Bowie, El Paso.

Conference B—Supt. Wright Chrane, Pyote.

## Importance of Voting

Make your voice heard. There are seven vacancies on the League Legislative Advisory Council that are to be filled by a vote of the schools in September and October. Nominations for these vacancies are the responsibility of the schools, and the schools should seek to nominate and elect men most interested in promoting League work among the schools.

Men in schools not actively engaged in League activities are not acquainted with the most pressing problems of the field, and should not be considered for nomination. It is through the Council that schools initiate needed legislation and recommend changes in the rules, and without a qualified representative a conference or region has no voice in setting up new policies and recommendations.

Acquaint yourself with the activities and duties of the Council, for the annual meeting is November 4 and 5 in Austin. Present vacancies to be filled are listed in another story of this issue.

## Medical Report

School administrators should read carefully the report from the Texas Medical Association on the school's responsibility for athletic injuries found in this issue of The Leaguer.

This is a problem that should be brought to the attention of every school board if it has not already been done. With increased student participation in all phases of school activities, there is an ever increasing danger of accidents among students while under the direction and supervision of school personnel. For this reason, someone should be given the responsibility and authority to take the necessary actions in case of a serious emergency.

## Participation Record

Of the 178 spring meet districts in the State, 172 held regular district meets last spring and only 28 districts in the entire State failed to report holding a literary meet.

Naturally, some of the 150 districts staging district literary meets did not hold all of the available contests, while others held an entirely different set of events. In summary, the director general's report for 1956 shows that 609 schools participated in senior declamation; 554 schools took part in one-act play; 510 were in poetry reading; 508 in junior declamation; 364 in extemporaneous speaking; and 287 participated in debate. No effort was made in this report to check the participation in other literary and academic contests.

## The University Interscholastic League Directory

Organization Agency: Extension Division, The University of Texas Bureau of Public School Service.

State Executive Committee: James R. D. Eddy and T. H. Shelby, co-chairmen; Rhea H. Williams, R. J. Kidd, Emmette S. Redford, B. C. Tharp (Emeritus), J. S. Williams, Thomas A. Rouse, Howard A. Calkins, I. I. Nelson, Charles Heimsch.

Legislative Advisory Council: W. T. Barrett, Bert Ezell, O. T. Freeman, W. T. Graves, Chester Strickland, E. D. Cleveland, Fred Covin, Frank L. Singletary, Floyd Manry, Virgil Currin, J. L. Buckley, P. J. Dodson, John S. Gillett, G. M. Blackman, Frank Pollitt, Wright Chrane, Lee Johnson, O. B. Chambers, J. F. Gardner, Edwin Bowen, R. B. Sparks, E. H. Black, E. M. Smith.

Director: Rodney J. Kidd.  
 Director of Athletics: Rhea H. Williams.  
 Tennis: Dr. D. A. Penick.  
 Director of Speech Activities: Bruce Roach.  
 Director of Music Activities: F. W. Savage.  
 Director of Journalism Activities: J. Roy Moses, Jr.

### Regional Directors

Region I: Dr. P. Merville Larson, Texas Technological College, Lubbock.  
 Region II: W. P. Showalter, Tarleton State College, Stephenville.  
 Dr. Z. T. Huff, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.  
 Region III: Barry Holton, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.  
 Dr. Harold Farmer, North Texas State College, Denton.  
 Region IV: Edwin Gaston, Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches.  
 Randolph C. Watson, Kilgore College, Kilgore.  
 Region V: Walter Williams, University of Houston, Houston.  
 Region VI: Dale M. Morrison, Trinity University, San Antonio.  
 Dr. Pat H. Norwood, Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos.  
 Region VII: Dr. Eldon D. Brinley, Texas College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville.  
 Region VIII: W. F. Webb, Texas Western College, El Paso.  
 Jack Rodgers, Odessa College, Odessa.



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### DATE CHANGE

April 5-6 is the last weekend for holding District Meets instead of April 13 as given in the Interscholastic League Calendar in the April issue of the Leaguer.

### JOAQUIN

Joaquin High School suspended in football for the 1956-57 season for violation of rules seventeen and nineteen of the Football Plan.

### WHARTON

Wharton High School suspended in girls' basketball for the 1956-57 season for violation of Rule 27 of the Girls' Basketball Plan.

### ONE-ACT PLAY

One-Act Play Rule No. Seven—ENTRY AND SELECTIONS OF PLAY. Failure to participate in the district meet after signing this acceptance card shall be grounds for suspension in One-Act Play for the following year. Acknowledgment of entry is mailed immediately by the State Office. Title must be sent before district contest.

### SIERRA BLANCA

Sierra Blanca suspended in football for the 1956 season and placed on probation for the 1957 and 1958 football seasons for playing two boys in inter-school football games after they were declared ineligible by the district executive committee.

### FAST BERNARD

Fast Bernard placed on probation for the 1956 football season for failure to submit correct eligibility information to League headquarters.

### NEW DIANA

New Diana suspended for the 1956 football season because of an attack by fans on a football official.

### HASKELL

Haskell suspended for the 1956 football season and placed on probation for the 1957 football season because of an attack by a spectator on a football official, and because of verbal abuse of officials by fans.

### APPLE SPRINGS

By action of the district executive committee, Apple Springs was ordered to forfeit all District 68-B boys basketball games played during the 1955-56 season, and placed on probation in boys basketball for the 1956-57 season for violation of Rule 34, Boys Basketball Plan (starting dates for basketball games and scrimmages).

### BASKETBALL

For the 1956-57 school year the narrow free throw lanes will be used in all high school basketball games. The wide lanes will become effective for the 1957-58 school year.

### VAN HORN

Van Horn placed on probation in boys basketball for the 1956-57 season for playing an ineligible player.

### AMENDMENT

The amendment to the Constitution and Rules, Article VIII, Section 2, shall become effective for the 1957-58 school year. It states: "A contestant shall not be barred by this rule until he has completed six semesters of eligibility in a three-year high school or eight semesters of eligibility in a four-year high school, provided he has not received a diploma or participated in graduation exercises."

# Tivy Forming Winning Habits In Number Sense, Slide Rule

Tivy High School of Kerrville had never won a state title in League math competition until 1954, but now has to its credit three consecutive championships in slide rule plus a title in number sense to boot.

The man largely responsible for Tivy's upsurge in math power was John Wagner, who last spring ended a nine-year tenure as science and math teacher at Tivy to become affiliated with the Division of Extension of The University of Texas.

### Eagerness, Cooperation

But Wagner is unwilling to accept such a lion's share of the credit. "It is a record we are proud of," he said, "but we depended 100 per cent on the eagerness and enthusiasm of the students and the cooperation of the administration of Tivy High School."

A glance at the record of Wagner's students in State Meet competition clearly illustrates the rapid and remarkable advances made. Six years of working with slide rule competitions produced a record like this:

- 1951—Eleventh place at State Meet
  - 1952—Sixth place at State Meet
  - 1953—Fourth place at State Meet
  - 1954—First and second places at State Meet
  - 1955—First and third places at State Meet
  - 1956—First place at State Meet
- In number sense contests the record doesn't stretch back quite so far, but still features that rapid advancement through the ranks:

### Science Teaching Confab Scheduled October 4-6

The third annual Conference for the Advancement of Science teaching, to be held at The University of Texas Oct. 4-6, will emphasize improvement of laboratory instruction.

Advance registration figures indicate that some 600 teachers and administrators from Texas colleges, secondary and elementary schools will attend the meeting.

The conference is sponsored by The University of Texas and the Texas Academy of Science, in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency and the National Science Teachers Association.

### UT Professor Writes New Education Book

Dr. Henry J. Otto, University of Texas professor of elementary education and educational administration, is the author of a new book, "Social Education in the Elementary Schools."

His colleagues describe the volume as "a thorough and scholarly publication that serves a real need in American education today." The publisher is Rinehart and Company.

Dr. Otto is director of the University's Bureau of Laboratory Schools and is in great demand as a lecturer and consultant throughout the U.S. He has written several widely-used books on elementary education.

### School Boards Assn. To Meet

The Texas Association of School Boards, which has headquarters at The University of Texas, has scheduled its annual meeting for Oct. 14-15 in Austin. A "School Problems Forum" will be a feature of the meeting. All persons attending are encouraged to bring questions to submit to a panel of top educators and educational laymen.

## Average Starting Pay for New Teachers Up Some This Year

Education graduates of The University of Texas this year will receive an average monthly salary of \$845, compared with \$431 for engineering-science graduates.

The monthly salary of teachers is for nine months, however, while engineers draw pay checks for 12 months each year.

Dr. Hob Gray, Teacher Placement Bureau director, says the maximum salary being offered for the 1956-57 school year is \$4,000 for nine months—approximately \$445 per month—at Snyder. Minimum salary for beginning teachers with bachelors' degrees is \$312 per month.

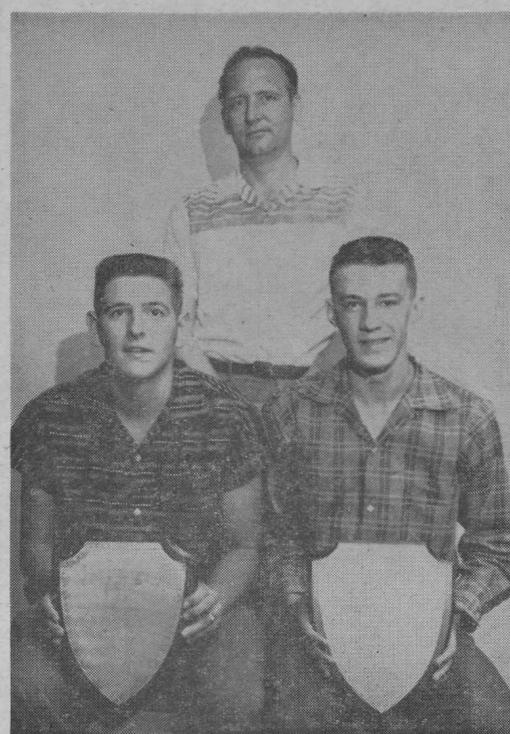
The same minimum prevailed a year ago, but the average starting salary for novice teachers has increased from \$335 to \$345 per month, while the maximum has risen from \$425 to \$445.

Dr. Gray reports almost all University graduates are going to schools where the salary schedule is above the "minimum foundation" required in the state.

Teachers with masters' degrees can command higher salaries, even without classroom experience. They can expect a minimum monthly salary of \$385, an average of \$368 and a maximum of \$468. Last year, the figures were \$335 minimum, \$358 average, and \$458 maximum.

Masters' degrees in engineering-science fields bring an average monthly salary of \$557.

Dr. Gray's report on the teacher shortage points out the urgent need for additional mathematics and science teachers. In all types of positions, he has been able to fill only about one-tenth of the requests for teachers. The ratio of requests and placements in science and math is almost 100 to one.



KINNAN GOLEMON, COACH JOHN WAGNER, ROE DAVENPORT, JR.

1954—"We showed up at State and that is about all"

1955—Third place at State Meet

1956—First place at State Meet

### 17-Year-Olds

Wagner's winners in the Conference AA slide rule and number sense events this year were a couple of 17-year-old youths who plan to enter the engineering profession. Kinnan Golemon, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Golemon of Kerrville, won the slide rule event and Roe Davenport, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Davenport, took top number sense honors. Golemon was a 1956

graduate at Tivy and planned to enter Oklahoma University this fall, while Davenport is a senior at Tivy this year.

Both have had enviable records in past competitions. Davenport, in addition to his state number sense title, placed third in district meet in 1954 and 1955, first in regional in 1956. Golemon was third place winner in the slide rule contests at district meet in 1953 and 1955, second in district in 1954 and 1956, third in regional in 1953 and 1954, and first in regional in 1956. He also placed second in number sense at the district and regional meets in 1955.

## New Project Underway In Science, Math Field

In an effort to upgrade science and math instruction in Texas secondary schools The University of Texas has added two new consultants to its field service staff.

The consultants are John Wagner, former science and math teacher at Tivy High School (Kerrville), and Alan Humphreys, former science teacher at Belton High School.

Wayne Taylor, Extension Teaching and Field Service Bureau associate professor, is director of the new program, which was established through a grant from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It is one of four such experimental plans in the United States and calls for the consultants to "tutor, assist, and serve as a source of information and help to the less experienced and less

### Engineers' Salaries Up

First pay checks of engineering-science graduates of The University of Texas this year averaged \$431 per month—\$23 higher than last year's figure. That starting salary also is \$20 above national averages quoted in trade and news stories. Dr. B. H. Amstead, faculty member who directs engineering-science placements, reported. University of Texas graduates average the highest starting salaries in the nation because of the type of industry located in the state, Dr. Amstead explained.

### UT Visiting Professors

Two distinguished scholars in Spanish will teach at The University of Texas during the 1956-57 Long Session. Dr. Aaron Schaffer, Romance Languages department chairman, announced that Prof. Charles Vincent Aubrun, director of the University of Paris Institute of Hispanic Studies, will be a visiting professor during the first semester. Prof. Walter Fitzwilliam Starkie, former director of the British Institute at Madrid, will teach during the second semester.

### Conferences

The separate conference for beginning organizations has been discarded. This was formerly known as Conference D. In the opinion of the Music Advisory Committee, this class of competition had accomplished its purpose. Rather than have the separate conference, the group believes it will be better for an organization to stay out of com-



The Thirtieth Annual State One-Act Play Contest of the Interscholastic League presented twenty-three plays, the production of any one of which any school in the state could have been proud. It is gratifying to note the advances that have been made in drama in Texas as shown by these representative plays from every section. The first day of the three day contest was devoted to Conference A plays. The second day, the Conference B plays were presented. And the third day, the Conference AA plays took their turn.

### Contest Programs

The Conference A plays, in order of appearance were:

- Kenedy High School: "Sorry Wrong Number"
- Grand Saline High School: "Beyond the Horizon," Act III
- Floydada High School: "Our Town," Act II
- Breckenridge High School: "Three Rats in a Maze"
- Cypress-Fairbanks High School: "Till Death Do Us Part" (Special Cutting from "Our Town")
- Mercedes High School: "Fog on the Valley"
- Jacksonville High School: "The No Count Boy"
- Jacksonville's play was awarded Outstanding Play and Floydada was awarded Alternate Play.

The Conference B plays, in order of appearance were:

- Shiner High School: "The White Lawn"
- Grapeland High School: "Good-bye to the Clown"
- White Oak High School: "The Glass Menagerie" (cutting)
- Clyde High School: "The Valiant"
- Clifton High School: "Minor Miracle"
- Tornillo High School: "This Bull Ate Nutmeg"
- White Deer High School: "The Maker of Dreams"
- Bishop High School: "Eternal Life"
- Outstanding Play Award went to White Deer, and Alternate Play Award went to Tornillo.

The Conference AA plays, in order of appearance were:

- Harlingen High School: "Angel Street," Act III
- Ysleta High School: "Strange Road"
- Birdville High School (Et. Worth): "Four Hundred Nights"
- Palestine High School: "Such a Charming Young Man"
- Amarillo High School: "Elizabeth the Queen" (Scenes)
- Lamar High School (Houston): "I Remember Mama," Act II
- Alamo Heights High School (San Antonio): "A Dollar"
- Ablene High School: "The Skin of Our Teeth," Act II
- Outstanding Play Award was presented to Lamar High School, and Alternate Play Award was given to Abilene.

Some 607 schools indicated in the fall that they would participate in the One Act Play Contest. The final count of those who actually participated was 554 schools: 83 Conference AA schools; 117 Conference A schools; 294 Conference B schools; and 60 junior high schools.

### Fewer Complaints

There were fewer complaints about the administration and the procedures used in the contests this year than ever before. This, too, is a good sign that drama and speech teachers are taking their responsibilities more seriously in planning good educational contests. In no instance where a planning meeting was held by the directors themselves, well in advance of the contest, was there any complaint or protest lodged with the State Office.

### Obtaining Judges

Of the complaints that did come in, the majority concerned the judges. Securing adequate judges still seems to be a major problem in many sections of the state. The difficulty seems to be that the judges are unable to justify their decisions to the directors. There are approximately 190 play contests held in Texas, and it is exceedingly difficult to find enough competent judges to take care of this many contests in the state. Generally, when judges use the "Judging Standards" listed in the Constitution and Rules as a basis for their evaluation and criticism, they succeed in making this part of the contest a real educational experience, as it should be.

Contest Directors should see to it that the judges read and understand the judging standards before the contest. Ten minutes used going over these standards and instructions to the judges would often make the difference between a disappointing contest and a successful one. As you will note in the Constitution and Rules this year, it is strongly recommended that if you cannot secure a good critic judge for the contest, you should use at least five judges. For many years, the acceptable number of multiple judges has been three. It is our experience that unless you are very sure of the

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### Ayer Memorial Fund Due

The University of Texas College of Education has established a "Fred C. Ayer Memorial Publication Fund" to finance publication of studies in the field of education.

Manuscripts will be selected from studies conducted by College of Education faculty members and graduate students. Dr. Ayer, who taught at the University from 1927 until his death in 1955, was a prolific writer. One of his last books was "Fundamentals of Instructional Supervision."

His "Gateways to Correct Spelling" is used widely as a textbook in high schools and business colleges.

## Music Rule Revisions Noted

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 6) will be mandatory. Schools will be assigned to the conference determined by their average membership.

The rules have been adjusted to compensate for the variation in local organization of junior high schools. These school units which include only the eighth grade and below are being permitted to compete in Conference C regardless of their membership.

### Memorization

The Advisory Committee did not deem the experiment allowing soloists to use scores as a success and recommended that soloists be again required to perform from memory. The State Executive Committee approved this change and it will be in effect this year.

Of major importance this year is the requirement suggested by the Advisory Committee that all organizations and small groups must be rated on their performances. There will no longer be any such thing as "performing for criticism only." If any group fails to file a music acceptance card before the deadline, mails entries late or neglects any other of the requirements, it will not be permitted to enter the competition.

### Miscellaneous Changes

Numerous minor changes have been made and are effective this year. A band may be given the Spe-

cial Award if it can earn Division I ratings in both concert and sight-reading performances. This coincides with requirements for orchestras and choral groups. All groups, including junior high schools, will be required to perform a sight-reading selection. Minor changes and interpretations appear in the requirements dealing with the marching contest for bands.

Student conductor competition in both orchestra and choir have been added. Several changes in the composite rule, Rule 12, have been made and the section has been completely revised. Twirling soloists and ensemble must be members of a "currently competing marching band." Class III solo and ensemble competition is reserved for students enrolled in Grades 9 and below whether or not they are members of a high school group.

### Directors Responsible

While the local school superintendent and principal are held responsible for activities by the League, it is absolutely imperative that every competing director become familiar with the rules and regulations. Two bulletins outlining all the rules, the Constitution and Rules, Bulletin No. 5615, price 25c; and Prescribed Music, Bulletin No. 5620, price 50c. Both bulletins are available and directors should order their copies at once.

# High School Press



That time is here again! Fall has fell, and with it comes school opening, football, and, of course, enrollment time in the ILPC.

Chances are, by the time this issue of The Leaguer reaches its readers, many schools will already have their first issue of the school newspaper off the press—or at least in the works. So, in getting an early start with your publications, why not make it complete and get an early membership in ILPC.

There have been no changes in the membership program since last year. The enrollment fee remains at two dollars, with the individual, written criticism still available for an additional optional fee of three dollars. Deadline for both is January 15, but why wait until the last minute?

Also, the enrollment fee and criticism fee do not necessarily have to be mailed to the League office at the same time, in case some staffs have not yet decided whether or not they want the criticism. Just remember the usual flurry of activity around January 15—holidays just over, final exams coming up, term papers due—and let your conscience be your guide.

### Applications Mailed

Membership application blanks have already been mailed to over 600 sponsors of student newspapers, along with DeWitt Reddick Library bibliography, the list of ILPC pamphlets, and an excerpt of the Journalism rules from the League Constitution and Rules for 1956-57.

Your attention is called to the portion of the rules that states no student newspaper is eligible for ILPC membership unless the school is a League member by the January 15 deadline. In the past, cases have come up where the ILPC membership was denied on those grounds. It is unfortunate and it is unpleasant, so check with your administrator on this point.

In addition to the material listed above that has gone out to school paper sponsors, last year's 321 ILPC members have been sent a copy of the style book of The Daily Texan, student newspaper of The University of Texas. These books were scheduled for distribution last spring, but the end of school arrived before they did.

### Office Address

Accompanying each book is a series of brief notes and comments, designed to encourage and assist each staff to adapt the style book to its own use, or set up a style book or style sheet of its own. New members this year will receive the book upon receipt of their enrollment, and additional copies may be purchased from the ILPC office for 25 cents.

Incidentally, the correct mailing address for all orders, enrollments, and inquiries, is: ILPC, Box 8028, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

This address should also be brought to the attention of the exchange editor of each member paper, whose duty it is to mail a copy of each issue of their paper to ILPC headquarters.

### Activities Conference

Early next month the first Student Activities Leadership Conference of a series of nine will be conducted on the SMU campus in Dallas. The entire schedule of conferences is listed on the front page of this issue of The Leaguer and we encourage each publication sponsor to plan to attend the one nearest his city, and take a group of staffers along. Each conference will have a journalism section for students interested in student publications.

We hope this will be one of the best series of conferences ever conducted by the League and host colleges, and members of school newspaper and yearbook staffs can help make it so by their wholehearted participation. Also welcomed are ideas and suggestions for future conference programs. Please feel free to write us at any time and let us know your ideas—or even complaints.

### Pamphlets

At present, there are no new ILPC pamphlets ready for distribution, but we either have or can procure an ample stock of all of those on the bibliography and will provide them on request. The request must come, however, from the newspaper faculty adviser and the adviser is urged to keep a permanent file of the pamphlets for future reference.

There are tentative plans afoot to present a recent study by Mrs. Ann Patrick Jordan in pamphlet form in the early fall. The study is concerned with the news coverage of

## Junior High Meet Rules

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) age. Each junior high school debater should have one of these packages.

3. The maximum time for speeches in junior high school debate shall be as follows, in this order:
  - Minutes
  - 1st Affirmative Main Speech...7
  - 1st Negative Main Speech...7
  - 2nd Affirmative Main Speech...7
  - 2nd Negative Main Speech...7

- 1st Negative Rebuttal...3
- 1st Affirmative Rebuttal...3
- 2nd Negative Rebuttal...3
- 2nd Affirmative Rebuttal...3

4. The two teams allowed to each school may be mixed, or boys, or girls.

5. Other procedure for debate shall follow the rules as given in the Constitution and Rules.

### Junior High Declamation

1. Memorized prose selections: Students in the ninth grade shall use prose selections on the general topic of Good Citizenship. The selections shall not exceed seven minutes in length.

2. Memorized poetry selections: Students in the seventh and eighth grades shall use recognized poetry selections. The selections shall not exceed five and a half minutes in length.

3. Number of entries: A total of six contestants may be entered from each school. Each school may enter two contestants (a boy and girl, two boys, or two girls) in the prose contest from the ninth grade. Each school may enter two contestants (a boy and girl, two boys, or two girls) in the memorized poetry contest from the eighth grade. Each school may enter two contestants (a boy and girl, two boys, or two girls) in the memorized poetry contest from the seventh grade.

4. Participation. Seventh and eighth grade students, if they choose, may participate in the prose contest with the ninth grade students. Ninth grade students shall not be allowed to participate in the memorized poetry contest, however.

5. Other rules for these contests shall follow the rules and standards set forth in the Constitution and Rules.

6. A bibliography of available books and publications for declamations is available from the State Office of the League for 10c.

### Junior High Poetry Reading

1. Participation: There will be two divisions in this contest, one for the ninth grade, and the other for grades seven and eight.

2. Entries: Schools may enter one contestant in the seventh-eighth grade division, and one contestant in the ninth grade division. The contestant in either division may be a boy or a girl.

3. Selections: The contest will consist of a prepared selection and an extemp selection, with time limit for the prepared selection of four minutes.

4. All other rules in this contest shall follow the poetry reading rules in the Constitution and Rules.

### Extemporaneous Speech

1. Participation: There shall be one division in this contest.

2. Entries: The two contestants allowed in junior high school extemporaneous speech contests may be a boy and a girl, two girls, or two boys, and may come from any of the junior high school grades.

3. Topics: All of the topics for extemporaneous speech will come from the general area of Federal Aid to Education, which is the subject for debate in junior high schools.

4. All other rules in this contest shall follow extemporaneous speech rules in the Constitution and Rules.

### One-Act Play

1. General Rules: Junior high school one-act play contests will follow the same rules as for the high school contest, as given in the Constitution and Rules.

2. Selections: Directors shall choose plays suitable to the needs and interests of the junior high school age level.

3. Source of Material: Plays for reading purposes may be borrowed from the Interscholastic League Drama Loan Service, Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Texas.

### Other Contests

Junior high schools are eligible to participate in other literary contests if they so desire: ready writers, spelling and plain writing, number sense. These follow the same rules as in the high school contests, outlined in the Constitution and Rules.

## MUSIC MATTERS

By F. W. SAVAGE

Director of Music Activities

Both the Constitution and Rules, Bulletin No. 5615, 25 cents and Prescribed Music, Bulletin No. 5620, 50 cents are now available. Music directors are encouraged to order copies as early as possible, then read them.

### Rule Changes

Many changes in the rules affect music competition this year. These changes are discussed in another section of this issue. (See page one.) Most of the revisions resulted from the suggestions made during the annual meeting of the Music Advisory Committee in Austin last May. This is the group of music educators appointed by the president of the Texas Music Educators Association and represents all three divisions of competition, band orchestra and choir.

It is my sincere opinion that the committee this year acted intelligently and in good faith. The welfare of music in the public schools was their only consideration. May I express the appreciation of the League for their services.

W. Edward Hatchett presided as chairman and Durward B. Howard served as secretary. The committee consisted of Herbert Teat, Weldon Covington, Kenneth Ragsdale, Nelson G. Patrick, Robert Maddox and F. W. Savage. Every suggestion made by this committee dealing with the "playing rules" was subsequently added to the rulebook by the State Executive Committee. Other projects, not pertaining directly to rules, were initiated and results may be soon forthcoming.

### More Appreciation

Again I must take this opportunity to represent the 2500 member schools of the League and express appreciation to fifty-three educators who assisted in completely revising the prescribed music bulletin. These people are named in the foreword of the bulletin and will not be repeated here. Get your copy of the bulletin and read their names and express your appreciation to them personally. They received no compensation for their time nor services except a portion of their expenses if they were required to travel.

### Yearly Statement

A portion of this column each September is devoted to a brief discussion of the responsibilities and jurisdiction of the various musical organizations in Texas affecting public schools and public school teachers. This is done in order that new teachers may be quickly oriented to the situation.

The University Interscholastic League is concerned primarily with inter-school competition. Contests in band, orchestra, string orchestra, chorus and various and sundry solos and ensembles are organized and administered under League rules and regulations. The League is indirectly involved in a few clinics and workshops which are designed to assist in preparing students for competition. Other than these two areas, the League is concerned only in a cooperative sense.

The Texas Music Educators Association is an independent professional organization for teachers of music. This group makes its own rules and elects its own officers. Other than an overlapping in personnel and the objective to improve music education through cooperative effort, there is no connection between the League and its competitive program and the TMEA with its professional program.

The third agency affecting music teachers, and the only one with official status, is the music division of the Texas Education Agency. This office is concerned neither with competition nor professional organization except as they may affect teaching in the public school program. Dr. V. J. Kennedy, Capitol Station, Austin, is consultant for the agency and all matters dealing with certification, courses of study, textbooks, etc. should be referred to him.

Please try not to confuse the three organizations. Don't blame the League for auditioning systems used by the TMEA in choosing all-state band members for the February convention! Don't blame the TMEA for contest rules and regulations! Don't request Prescribed Music Bulletins from the Texas Education Agency! Don't fail to read and understand all contest rules.

### Opinions Solicited

This column will appear each month through April. It is intended

to be informal and is designed to disseminate opinions, interpretations and information about music instruction and competition. There are other opinions than my own and I desire very much to print them where possible in this column. Do not hesitate to send them to me and they will be edited only enough to insure freedom from libel suits and printed in this column if space permits.

## New Volume Out On Exam Taking

The most important thing about taking an examination, of course, is to know the answers.

But that isn't all. A University of Texas faculty member has written a book to help you do your best when you take a test—in school, business, industry or elsewhere.

"Nearly everybody takes a test at some time or other," Dr. Herschel T. Manuel, director of the University's Testing and Guidance Bureau, points out. "Well, quiet those nerves; here is just what you need—a booklet to tell you how."

For years, Dr. Manuel has been teaching examiners how to make and administer tests.

"Now I am telling their innocent victims the secrets of the trade—not only how to deal with these torturing instruments, but how to do it and like it," he says.

"Taking a Test; How To Do Your Best" is a new publication of the World Book Company of Yonkers-on-Hudson, N.Y. The book offers a chance to learn what tests are for, what kinds of tests there are, how they are built, how results are expressed and what they mean; an opportunity to learn good practices in taking tests, and actual experience with test materials.

# Judy Parker Reports League Aims Achieved

The objective of the University Interscholastic League—to aid in the preparation for citizenship through interschool competitions—was epitomized in a recent letter to League Director R. J. Kidd from Judy Parker, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker of Cuero.

Judy, a 1956 graduate of Cuero High School, won the Conference A ready writing title at State Meet last spring and placed third in poetry reading. Her letter, which

aptly sums up the feelings she and her friends have for the League, is reprinted here in full:

Dear Mr. Kidd: I wish to express my appreciation for some of the benefits which I, personally, have received from the Interscholastic League.

I believe that for developing a student's talents, perseverance, and control of his own nervous energy, the League contests have no equal. I especially found this true in the extemporaneous

speaking contests. I have never worked so hard or constantly at anything in my life, or been under such a physical, mental, and nervous strain. However, never before or since those two years of work in that contest have I been as capable of holding an audience, or as poised before one.

Because I did not prepare for the Ready Writing contests, they cost me little but the six hours actual effort. But I am ordinarily a dawdling writer; those three contests made me realize that I have unnecessarily wasted hours on essays and letters that should take only minutes. I am sure that this knowledge and practice will be of great help to me at the University, where I will have no time to waste.

I speak not only for myself but for my friends in every phase of League work from drama to mathematics, when I say that but for those contests we would never have realized our own potentials. We have also enjoyed the friendships made through competition, and the incentives it gives us. I will never forget listening to the girl who won state in Extemporaneous Speaking my first year. After her opening sentence, I knew that she was good. I studied her until even now I can remember her voice, her gestures, and the way she handled her notes. I decided then that some day I would be as good. I do not know that I made it; but I thank you and the many others responsible for the chance to try.

Sincerely,  
(signed)  
Judy Parker



CUERO'S JUDY PARKER

But ready writing has not been Judy's only achievement during her high school career. Throughout her high school days she has been extremely active in League work, scholastic work, and 4-H Club activities.

In addition to her successes at State Meet last spring, Judy placed second in extemporaneous speaking at State in 1954 and came back the following year to win first place in that event. Coaching her in League competitions the past three years were Mrs. Orita Morrison and Mrs. Ada Kirk in extemporaneous speaking, Miss Annie Lee Green in ready writing, and David Wacker in poetry reading.

### Council Member

At Cuero High School, Judy was a member of the Student Council for three years and in her senior year was elected Council president—the first time in the school's history that a girl had won the presidency. In addition, she was president of the Junior Historians Club, was a class officer during her freshman and sophomore years, was a member of the school paper staff and the pep squad, won the Rotary Club Speech Award in both 1954 and 1955, and last but not least, was valedictorian of her graduating class.

Judy's 4-H Club work is no less outstanding. A member of the Buchel 4-H Club, she has served as chairman of the local club, the county council, and co-chairman for the district. She has shown fat calves at the Houston Fat Stock Show and one year won the Grand Champion award at the South Texas Livestock Show in Cuero with her 915-pound Black Angus named Buffalo Christine.

### Scholarship Winner

She also won a scholarship award to the American Youth Foundation Camp at Shelby, Michigan, and, in 1954, was a state winner in Recreation and Rural Arts—an award that gave her an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago. And to top that off, after returning home, Judy wrote an essay about her experiences at the Congress that was judged one of the top ten essays in the nation, for which she won an Elgin wrist watch. At the 1956 state round-up Judy was a Recreation Leader and for the 1956-57 year she is serving as a member of the State 4-H Club Council.

Judy is scheduled to enter the University of Texas this fall on a Davidson scholarship, but is tentatively undecided about her future career. At present she favors high school guidance counseling or secretarial work, but, judging from her past achievements, she will do well for herself regardless of what field she enters.

## One-Act Play District Contests

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the schools for one reason or another would not have a play ready for the contest. The planning meeting several weeks before the contest with all directors present will do a great deal to solve this problem. But Contest Directors need to know definitely who will be participating if they are to make adequate arrangements for the meet. Therefore, this year you will find in the Constitution and Rules, page 56, Rule 7, Entry and Selection of Play, the following: "Failure to participate in the district meet after signing this acceptance card shall be grounds for suspension in One-Act Play for the following year."

Schools intending to enter this contest send in their acceptance cards before December 3. If a school signs up to participate, it should make every effort to do so. Now that more Conferences will be holding contests, it is impossible to make up a District schedule unless there is exact information as to the number of entries.

For next year, the schools participating in fall activities will participate with those same schools for their District Spring Meet contests. Conference AAAA and AAA schools will combine at the Regional level to become AA in the State Meet. Conference AA schools will participate in a separate series of contests and become A for the State Meet. Conference A and B schools will combine at the Regional level to become B at the State Meet. Since this will almost double the number of Districts in the State, in many sections bi-district or area meets will probably have to be arranged

between the District and Regional levels. Watch the Leaguer closely for organizational news.

### District Meets

The immediate concern, however, of each director is his District Meet. Unless these meets are well conducted and truly educational in value, the whole structure of the contest system suffers. Note that a Planning Meeting is authorized in all Districts. Rule 6 of the One-Act Play Rules, page 57, of the Constitution and Rules, states: "All play directors in a district are authorized to hold a planning meeting well in advance of the organizing date for district spring meets (last date, February 1, 1957)."

"The purpose of this meeting is to assist the District Executive Committee in planning the One-Act Play Meet. Directors are to make recommendations concerning fees, rehearsal time, properties, dates, and other matters pertaining to the meet. These recommendations are to be given to the District Executive Committee for action. It is also permissible to make recommendations regarding the other speech activities as well, in case the directors are involved in these activities."

### Benedict Served Longest Term

The late Dr. Harry Y. Benedict served the longest term as president of the University of Texas, from 1927 to 1937.

## NUEA Two Part Forensic Library Available for Debate Proposition

The Committee on Discussion and Debate of the National University Extension Association now has available a two-part forensic library on American farm policy containing valuable background material pertaining to this year's farm support debate question.

The library consists of nine publications in part one and five in part two and can be purchased for the special package price of \$17.50. Normal list price of the fourteen publications is \$32.30.

Orders for the complete library, either part, or separate items are being taken, and, with each complete library, additional pamphlets, periodicals, and reprints will be included at no extra charge.

Additional information can be obtained from: NUEA Committee on Discussion and Debate Materials, Room 20, Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

### Frequent Complaint

The biggest complaint we had from District Contest Directors was that some of the schools in their Districts would sign the acceptance card to participate in the One Act Play Contest, and then would not show. Directors would go to the trouble of arranging for a contest with a certain number of plays, would provide a time schedule, rehearsal times, storage space, and the like, and then find that some of

## Postscripts on Athletics

## Preventive Measures Help Control Crowds

DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS  
State Athletic Director

On September 1st of this year the League commences its 47th year of sponsoring inter-school contests in Texas.

It grew from a very few schools to its present position of having more schools and students participating in its various programs than any other similar organization in the world.

This fall 902 high school football teams will participate in the League program with over 90,000 boys playing in games directly and indirectly sponsored by the League. There will be approximately 46,000 "A" football games played in Texas this year with close to 7,000,000 people viewing these games. There will be around 1,100 high school boys' basketball games with approximately 25,000 boys participating in them and they will play some 15,000 games.

It is conservatively estimated that approximately 6,000,000 people will see these games and the State Championship games will be viewed by around 500,000 people through the medium of television. In girls' basketball, track and field, and baseball there will be similar participation both as to quantity of teams playing, students participating and games played.

## Proper Conduct

As you can see, school administrators and coaches have a great opportunity and at the same time a great responsibility to see that these activities are conducted in an atmosphere which is truly educational and which exemplifies good sportsmanship. Sportsmanship means honest rivalry conducted in courteous relationships and gracious acceptance of the results of the game on the part of all.

Perhaps no other school activity has a greater opportunity to portray our public school at its best to the public than is found in our athletic interscholastic program in Texas. During the last school year we had more than our usual share of cases which involved poor sportsmanship in respect to conduct toward game officials. It goes without saying that unless there is proper conduct on the part of the public, the students, the players and the school personnel, we cannot condone or approve athletics

as making their maximum contribution to education.

Generally, where cases of misconduct arise there has been inadequate preparation and thought given by school administrators and coaches to prevent these situations from arising or to handle them in case they do occur. The State Executive Committee has outlined certain prerequisites which should be carried out to prevent attacks on officials from occurring and has delineated procedures which should be followed if they take place.

## Prepare

Under the football code, rule 18, it is strongly recommended that: 1. Police protection be furnished at all football games to insure proper conduct of fans and to provide an escort for the game officials. The peace officers should meet the game officials and conduct them to their dressing facilities both prior to and after the game. They shall be so situated on the field that they can protect the game officials. They cannot do much good sitting in the grandstand.

2. Each member school should construct a fence or adequate barrier

## New Record Set: 902 Grid Teams To Play in '56

Once again the number of high schools participating in League Football for the 1956 season shows an increase over the preceding year. Participating this year are 902 high schools, as compared to 900 for the 1955 football season.

This is the largest number of high school football teams ever fielded in the League and it is also the largest number of high school football teams playing football in any state in the Nation. This year there will be approximately 4,600 "A" football games played with around 45,000 boys participating in these games.

Conference AAAA will have 86 schools competing, Conference AAA 87, Conference AA 163, Conference A 187, Conference B 229, and 150 in Six-Man Football.

around the playing field to restrain fans from moving onto the field. In most instances where attacks are made on game officials, there has not been an adequate fence or barrier around the field of play.

3. The public address system should be used prior to each game to explain to the fans the meaning of the football code and that the officials are guests of both teams and should be so treated. Pre-game invocations along with the playing of the National Anthem are also recommended to help create a proper atmosphere.

## Prosecute

If in spite of all pre-game arrangements an attack should occur on a game official, then the school administration and the school board should take immediate steps to see that the person or persons making the attack on the official or officials is arrested and prosecuted before the proper court. There should be a sincere attempt on the part of the school to see that the guilty person or persons are brought to justice. Token punishments will not carry much weight with a committee.

If all these steps are taken, it has generally been the policy of the State Executive Committee not to penalize a school as it is their feeling that everything possible had been done by the school to insure a proper playing environment and to bring to justice those who have violated this trust. If, however, all of these steps have not been taken, the school shows by its actions that it condones the attack on the game officials and the Committee usually has no alternative but to apply the maximum penalty.

## All Together

It is our sincere hope that every school administrator and every coach will do everything in his power to see that all proper precautions are taken to prevent undesirable incidents from occurring at athletic events. With the wholehearted support of all interested in the athletic programs in our schools, we can and must see that our high school athletic program is conducted in an environment and atmosphere which can be justified by any educational critique. With your help it is our sincere hope that no school or community in Texas this year will be penalized through misconduct on the part of their fans relative to game officials.



STATE AA BASEBALL CHAMPS—The Abilene Eagles, in their third trip to the State Tourney, proved the best in baseball in the state last spring by winning the title game 13-0 over Highland Park (Dallas). The champions are: front row, left to right, Pat Armstrong, Bill Sides, Don Smith, H. E. Dunlap, Hubert Jordan, Jimmy Carpenter; middle

row, David Hughes, manager, Butch Adams, Jerry McIver, Robert Carothers, George Nichols, Kenny Schmidt, Gerald Lewis, Harold Stephens, Bill Teague, manager; back row, Shorty Lawson, coach, Altus Scott, John Harrison, Freddie Green, Glynn Gregory, Charles Bradshaw, Bruce Boyd, Carlton Winkles, B. L. Blackburn, coach.

## Moral, Legal Issue

## Delegated Authority Helps Improve Treatment of Injuries

The extent of treatment of athletic injuries—long a basis of moral and legal problems for physicians and school officials—was a main topic of discussion at a recent physicians' conference and the result was a series of sound suggestions for the guidance of schools in such matters.

Dr. Jay J. Johns, chairman of the Committee on School-Physician Relationships of the Texas Medical Association, sent a summary of the proceedings of the First Texas Conference on Physicians and Schools to League Director R. J. Kidd, emphasizing the portion of discussion concerning athletic injuries and pointing out how better treatment procedures may be obtained.

## Authorization Needed

Dr. Johns wrote: "... Often it happens that children are brought to the hospital at night, having been injured in a football or basketball game, and the parents... have no knowledge of the injury, and it is possible they cannot be reached by



Q. Does participation last fall on a "B" football team representing a Class A school, or participation on a private or parochial school football team which does not belong to the League make a boy ineligible in a high school to which he changes this year?

A. Yes. It does not matter whether a boy participates on the "A" team, the "B" team, scrub team, or the junior high school team, as long as he engages in any inter-school competition he is covered by Article VIII, Section 14 of the League rules. Furthermore, it does not matter whether the school for which he participates belongs to the League. He still is engaging in inter-school competition and will be ineligible in any school to which he transfers until he has been in attendance for one year.

Q. Is the penetration rule in effect in determining the winner of the football games within the district?

A. Rule 14 of the Football Plan applies only to inter-district games unless the District Executive Committee specifies this procedure for determining the winner of tie games within the district.

Q. May a student accept transportation, meals and lodging, and tickets to athletic events and retain his eligibility?

A. Under Article VIII, Section 8, the amateur rule, any student who receives valuable consideration because of his athletic ability can be declared ineligible when evidence is presented before the proper committee. The items listed above are interpreted as having valuable consideration.

Q. Can the school or a coach accept an award for a football player and hold this award for him until he graduates and then present the award to him?

A. No. The State Executive Committee has ruled that if the school or a coach in any way participates in the evasion of the Awards Rule, that school is in violation of Article XVI, the Awards Rule.

telephone. Legally, under such circumstances, the physician has no right to do more than the barest first aid. As you know, the coaches or the people who are with the child... want more than that done... if we simply do the barest minimum first aid, everybody is displeased... For that reason, we would like to insist that... authorization be given the school employees so that the physicians can render proper aid to injured children without incurring risk of lawsuits over rendering unauthorized service."

The League heartily endorses the points set forth in the conference proceedings and suggests each school in the State take measures to activate an athletic injury plan encompassing these suggestions or variations of them for the benefit of parents, school officials, and physicians involved in treating athletic injuries.

## Particular Interest

Of particular interest is item number two in the report, dealing with authorizing a school official to use his best judgment in proceeding with treatment of injuries. The entire report, however, is printed here as a matter of record and information. The report stated:

Representatives from coaching staffs, private physicians, school physicians, health department, and others discussed the various aspects of athletic injuries and emergency care and were definitely agreed on the following points:

1. Each school system should have definite written policies for handling emergency illness or accident. These policies should be formulated by the school administrator after consultation with a school health committee made up of administrator, coaches or teachers of physical education, representatives of local medical society, Parent-Teachers Association, and several classroom teachers.

## Keep Records

2. Upon each student's record

should be (a) the name and address of parents; (b) next nearest of kin or neighbor who can be reached in case of emergency; (c) family physician or clinic group or hospital used by family; and (d) authorization for school employee to proceed with first aid and refer child to definitive aid such as physician, hospital, or clinic in case family cannot be readily reached. This last item is particularly important when a school team is playing a game... (away) from home...

3. Schools should endeavor to employ individuals trained in physical education as coaches or athletic directors rather than employ a coach simply because of some outstanding athletic ability.

4. Students should not be allowed to resume athletic activity after serious injury without the consent of the family physician and the parents. In case of any disagreement, additional competent medical consultation should be had.

## Team Physician

5. Football teams should have a physician at games. Coaches should use great discretion and care in returning injured boys to the game. The coach should consult the school health committee in choosing a team physician. As many injuries occur in practice, obviously a team physician cannot be present at the time of all injuries so that coaches should have a definite practice for rendering first aid and referring injured students to family physician and notifying family as early as humanly possible.

6. Teachers should be covered by insurance against liability incurred in rendering first aid, etc.

7. There was a suggestion that athletic training should be under health services.

8. All students in high school and possibly in junior high school should have some training in first aid. This is increasingly important in view of the large number of traffic and industrial accidents.

## Abilene Wins State AA Baseball Title

The third time was the charm for the Abilene Eagles at the Conference AA State baseball tournament in Austin June 6-8 as they trounced the Highland Park Scots (Dallas) 13-0 to clinch the title.

The championship game was a meeting of perennial also-rans. It was the third trip for each team to the State finals. Abilene previously lost title games to Odessa, in 1950, and Paris, in 1955, both by a 2-1 score. The Scotties lost a 2-0 decision to South Park (Beaumont) in 1951 and a 6-1 tilt to Travis (Austin) in 1954.

Third place this year went to the Port Arthur Yellow Jackets by virtue of a 3-2 win over Paschal (Fort Worth). Other tournament teams were Amarillo, Edinburg, Lufkin, and McCallum (Austin).

The Eagles, coached by B. L. Blackburn, came to the tourney with a 23-3 season record and a starting line-up boasting five .300-plus hitters. In the title game they were quick to pounce on Scotty pitcher Mike Collins to begin a siege of runs that ended the game after five innings under the League's ten-run rule.

## Record Breaker

Outstanding performances were plentiful in the 1956 tournament. Jim Carpenter, Abilene, set a new series batting average record with

## Press Selects All-Tourney Baseball Team

(EDITOR'S NOTE: All-state or all-star tournament teams are not official with the League, but are reported as a matter of interest.)

The 1956 Class AA State Baseball champions, the Abilene Eagles, dominated the all-star team chosen by sports writers and broadcasters covering the three-day tourney in Austin June 6-7-8, with six players named to the mythical team.

Runner-up Highland Park (Dallas) and third-place Port Arthur dominated the second team selections.

## Tie Votes

Ordinarily a ten-man team is selected to include two pitchers, but ties in the voting this year forced an eleven-man selection for both first and second teams. The complete teams are:

First team: Bruce Boyd, Abilene, first base; Larry Foote, Paschal, second base; Freddie Green, Abilene, third base; Robert Carothers, Abilene, and Paul Gaunt, Paschal, (tie) shortstop; Jim Carpenter, Abilene, Major Rising, Port Arthur, and Jay Arnette, McCallum, outfielders; Glynn Gregory, Abilene, catcher; and Mike Collins, Highland Park, and Altus Scott, Abilene, pitchers.

Second team: Hank Wainwright, Port Arthur, first base; Butch Crain, Highland Park, second base; Bennett Shotwell, Paschal, third base; Ronnie Durham, Lufkin, shortstop; Leonard Dube, Edinburg, Jack Collins, Highland Park, and Gerald Lewis, Abilene, outfielders; Dickie Mullen, Highland Park, and Bobby Walker, Port Arthur, (tie) catcher; and Bobby Copple, Port Arthur, and Bobby Reed, Highland Park, pitchers.

a .727 percentage. Freddie Green, Abilene, tied the old batting mark of .600. Carpenter tied the tourney mark for most triples with two. Major Rising, Port Arthur, tied the record for doubles with two. Green got three hits in one game and Carpenter got three in two games to tie the old mark for most hits in a single tourney game. Mike Collins, Highland Park, pitched a seven inning no-hitter to beat Amarillo 2-0.

District, bi-district, and regional winners in the 1956 League baseball program were:

## Conference AA

District champions: Amarillo, Austin (El Paso), Midland, Abilene, Paschal (Fort Worth), North Dallas, Bryan, Highland Park (Dallas), Paris, Lufkin, Port Arthur, Pasadena, Reagan (Houston), McCallum (Austin), Ray (Corpus Christi), Edinburg.

Bi-district: Amarillo over Austin (El Paso); Abilene over Midland; Paschal over North Dallas; Highland Park over Bryan; Lufkin over Paris; Port Arthur over Pasadena; McCallum over Reagan; Edinburg over Ray.

## Conference A

District champions: Alpine, Pecos, Rotan, Childress, Archer City, Jacksboro, White Settlement (Fort Worth), Granbury, Waxahachie, Grand Saline, New Boston, Henderson, Livingston, Hearne, La Vega (Waco), Belton, Fredericksburg, Brenham, Lockhart, Angleton, Jasper, Bay City, Falfurrias, Raymondville, Hondo, Crystal City.

Regional champions: Region I, no teams playing; Region II, Pecos; Region III, Granbury; Region IV, Waxahachie; Region V, La Vega; Region VI, Lockhart; Region VII, Jasper; Region VIII, Falfurrias.

## Conference B

District champions: Stratford, Booker, Wheeler, Bovina, Nazareth, Bula (Enochs), Lorenzo, Turkey, Guthrie, Oklaunion, Paint Creek (Haskell), Gordon, Lorraine, Robert Lee, South Taylor (Tuscola), Menard, Santo, Pottsville, Evant, Burnet, Clifton, Riesel, Itasca, Foreston, Joshua, Everman, Kerens, Wilmer-Hutchins (Hutchins), Krum, Era, Van Alstyne, Pilot Point, Cooper, Wolfe City, Blue Ridge, Frisco, Blossom, District 38 did not play, Maud, Winona, White Oak, Quitman, Levertt's Chapel (Overton), schools in District 44 did not play, Cushing, San Augustine, Little Cypress (Orange), Dayton, Central (Pollock), Alto, Chester, Richards, Round Top-Carmine (Carmine), Buckholts, Florence, Pflugerville, Elgin, Sealy, Shiner, Dickinson, Needville, G a n a d o, Schertz-Cibola, Boerne, Southside (San Antonio), La Coste, Calallen, Hebronville, Poth, Three Rivers, La Pryor, La Joya.

Bi-district: Booker, Bovina, Nazareth, Lorenzo, Oklaunion, Paint Creek, Robert Lee, South Taylor, Santo, Burnet, Riesel, Itasca, Joshua, Wilmer-Hutchins, Krum, Pilot Point, Cooper, Blue Ridge, Blossom, Maud, White Oak, Levertt's Chapel (forfeit), San Augustine, Little Cypress, Alto, Richards, Round Top-Carmine, Pflugerville, Sealy, Dickinson, Needville, Boerne, Southside (forfeit), Hebronville, Three Rivers, La Pryor.

## Remember When

## 'Professor' Calhoun Retires After 46 Years of Teaching

Denton Principal A. O. Calhoun retired from active school work in May, 1956, completing 46 years of successful teaching in Texas high schools.

"Professor Calhoun," as he is lovingly called by all who know him, first started teaching in Palo Pinto County in 1911. His first year of teaching was the inaugural year of the League and he has watched the League grow from its small beginning to the largest organization of its type in the world.

In 1911 "Professor Calhoun" paid the League dues for his school out of his own pocket so his school children could compete in the county meet.

He later moved to Jacksboro where he served as principal of the school and was instrumental in seeing that the League program was installed there.

## Outstanding Record

For many years "Professor Calhoun" has been principal of Denton High School, and has made an outstanding educational record for himself and for the high school of which he has been administrator.

"Professor" has always had a strong love for children and this interest has brought him into associations through the extracurricular area perhaps more than most principals. During his career as an educator, he has also served at one time or another as coach of all the athletic and literary activities. For years he was the district chairman for the football, basketball, baseball and spring meet districts in which Denton High School has participated.

In addition to his work with the League, "Professor Calhoun" has also been an outstanding administrator and is well respected for his



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work in the area of supervision, guidance and curriculum. He has been an active participant in all community affairs and is known throughout the State as a friend of all.

## League Booster

It is his contention that the League has done more for the extracurricular program of Texas schools than any other force which has operated with and for the schools. He believes that a school without a well-rounded League program in athletics, music, commercial, and literary contests is neglecting a very important part of the educational program. The League, says

Principal Calhoun, is the greatest organization of its type to be found anywhere and he wishes the League and its member schools many more years of sound educational competition.

"Professor Calhoun" will enjoy his retirement by supervising his farms and various other interests in and around Denton.

We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun the very best in the years to come and along with his many students we would like to take this opportunity to say thanks again for a job well done. His influence in teaching will live on for years in the lives of the many students he touched through his school work.