

ing news to reach me since the launching of Sputnik was contained in the November Interscholastic Leaguer. This was the information that the Legislative Council was girding its loins for legislation on the subject of the number and distance of band trips; both a frontpage article and a portion of Mr. Savage's column, "Music Matters," dealt with this subject. A number of interesting points arise in consideration of this matter.

#### League Disservice

The League has already done the bands a disservice by limiting additional band competitions to two (and by faulty interpreting of what a competition is), thus stifling the competitive spirit which has proved so beneficial to other activities. Rather than proposing new legislation to further curtail band activities, the Council should be giving serious consideration to the matter eliminating it altogether. Such an action world serve notice that the League is no longer a mere Athletic Association but is truly fit to serve as an agency for musical and literary competition as well.

Let us pass on to the pressing matter: that of proposed League legislation on the subject of band trips regardless of whether a contest is entered. In his column, Mr. Savage states that "at first glance" this might appear to be matter for ocal control, but that "extraneous matters frequently put the local decision to say "no" because the pleted by the League Office. proposal afoot is to limit band trips,

If we may take the liberty here may infer that this statement indicates that the purpose of such legislation would be to protect the adtown Chamber of Commerce that "our band cannot participate in your parade." As a matter of fact, that can be the only purpose of such legislation, for any administrator who really desires to eliminate band trips can simply make and enforce such a policy on a local basis without any League action. It is admittedly much easier to say, "League rules forbid that our band attend cross section of schools participatyour activity," than to say, "I cannot permit our band to attend."

## Objections Listed

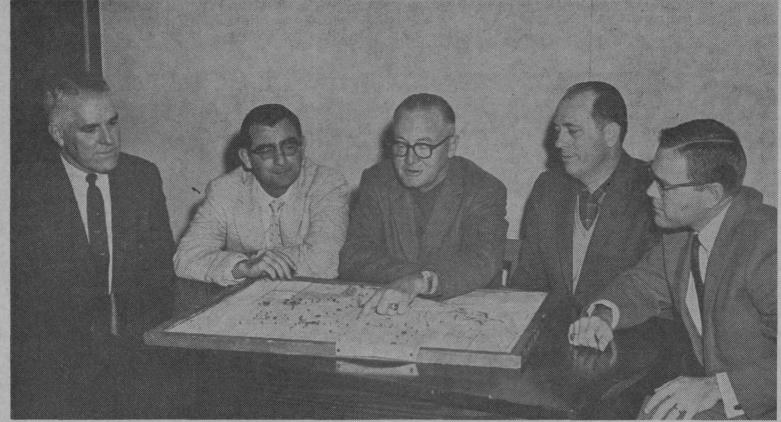
sirable (?) end, let us examine the ment as a first choice and 15 voted other spring sports. question more closely to see whether for international organization. we would be obtaining really helpful regulation or receiving a Trojan horse which we would be apt to

Let us point out that even now, wide question from the three prop- rule or to adopt a new rule abolish- ference AAAA would begin fall weeks prior to the first game, or without such legislation, the number ositions listed for the winning area. ing spring training. Options on the football practice sessions cation Association, the Texas As-ville. of out-of-town activities attended | Should a majority of other states, | ballot will be as follows: by the various athletic teams like Texas, favor the Supreme Court (which in smaller schools are com- topic, the choice of debate proposiprised of the same boys on every tions will be from these: team) far exceeds in number and in 1. Resolved, that Jeffersonian training and to begin fall football A ballot permitting the extension first week). mileage the out-of-town band activities. It is significant to note the simultaneous announcement of a committee of administrators to study the band trip matter unilaterally and without reference to the Texas Music Educators Association or the Texas Bandmasters Associfor a committee to study the matter of interest to other school adminis- good vehicle for this purpose. These facts indicate that those desiring such legislation may not have entirely at heart.

2. It does not lie within the sphere of proper League activity. Does the high school has won top honors in who trained our senior declaimers won second in the Regional. League have, or intend to have, re- district for six of the last eight and coached our one-act play work. strictions on trips by social science. years. Since our school is only ten Miss Pesak was one of our early agriculture, homemaking, science, years old-the result of consolida- graduates, a declaimer, who came or economics clanses?

as well as bowl game committees gratified with the academic progress in our high school. and all civic and patriotic groups, we feel has been made. will find it impossible to obtain the services of bands for their func-

monies. Curtailment of these activi- school program. The development of trying these related events.



The word of advice from League Director R. J. Kidd to all school ad- director of journalism activities.

SPRING MEET PLANNING—The time of decisions has come as the ministrators and faculty members: read the Leaguer and all instructions Interscholastic League staff is faced with many new problems related to the new five-conference spring meet plan. For the first time in League planning sessions are, left to right: F. W. Savage, director of music to the new five-conference spring meet plan. For the first time in League planning sessions are, left to right: F. W. Savage, director of music of revising this limit upwards or history schools will compete at the regional and State Meet levels in activities; Jerry R. Powell, director of speech and drama; R. J. Kidd, the same conference they were assigned to for the basketball season. League director; Rhea H. Williams, athletic director; J. Roy Moses, Jr., Dies in Baytown

# Texans Favor Court' Topic

schools have their way, the problem | moded. administrator in a position where it area for the 1959-60 debate topic is almost impossible to make a de- will concern Supreme Court powers, be empowered to reverse Supreme cision"—we presume he means a according to a survey recently com- Court decisions by a two-thirds vote

At a Chicago meeting last December, the National University Extension Association committee on of reading between the lines, we discussion and debate selected three Court. major problem areas to be considered for next year's national debate topic. A nationwide vote, by states, will determine the general area from which the debate topic

## General Areas

The problem areas were: 1. Labor-management relations.

2. International organization. In Texas, ballots were mailed to a

ing in debate, and the Supreme

## States Select

2. Resolved, that Congress should

3. Resolved, that states by collective action be empowered to reverse decisions of the Supreme

The ballot to determine the exact debate proposition to be used in Texas during the 1959-60 school year will be mailed to member schools in April.

# League Membership Now Totals 2,450

The closing date for joining the Interscholastic League for the 1958-59 school year was January 15, and final tabulations reveal the current membership to be 2,450—a decrease of 251 members since last year's record-breaking 2,701.

The drop came in the elementary school division, which lost 262 schools from last year's record elementary membership, while both the junior high and high school enrollments gained slightly.

Membership records for the Interscholastic League are: elementary schools-1,370 (1957-58); junior high schools-245 (1958-59); and high schools-1,120 (1954-55). The current breakdown:

| Type Membership     | 1958-59 | 1957-58 | 1956-57 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Elementary Schools  | 1,108   | 1,370   | 1,297   |
| Junior High Schools | 245     | 244     | 223     |
| High Schools        | 1,097   | 1,087   | 1,114   |
| TOTALS              | 2,450   | 2,701   | 2,634   |

# Voting Scheduled for April

schools returning the ballot, 36 gave able agitation has arisen among the the first week), or Although legislation to limit the Supreme Court topic first pref- schools for the abolition of this 2. To retain the present practice recommendation was made in an orado State and The University of course, is due to the nature of the band trips would achieve this de- erence, while 30 had labor-manage- training to allow more time for of permitting spring football train- effort to get the high school football Texas.

member schools will be given an op- ball game. portunity to vote on the proposal to Item 2 is the rule now in opera- eight-six man football will vote on Baptist Church and active in many important." For each debate area, the NUEA abolish spring football training this tion. If item 1 is adopted, then item this option, extending fall football educational organizations, among regret later. Allow me to point out regret later. Allow me to point out regret later. Allow me to point out selected three de- April. At its regular November 2 will be deleted from the Constitutions from the conferences in the eight areas. Teachers interested in some objections to such action by the bate propositions. When the general meeting, the Legislative Council tion and Contest Rules. Item 2, if to the first game, under the follow- School Administrators, the National souri, where she majored in mathedebate area is determined by nation- recommended that conference AA- adopted, will become effective with ing options: 

1. To abolish spring football game until September 11.

Court area narrowly edged out the are the only ones still retaining first football game (with no inter- be submitted to all other confer- was a graduate student of the Unisame light of importance, for inlabor-management area. Of the spring football training, consider- school scrimmages permitted during ences, in accordance with Legisla- versity of Chicago, receiving his stance, as the various speech events ference B

tive Council recommendation. This M.A. in 1926. Also, he attended Color athletic events. Some of this, of ing and to begin fall football prac- players in better physical condition Consequently, conference AAAA tice two weeks prior to the first foot- before their first game. Schools in tary Club, both in Plainview and in spectators. It is good for people to ence B

1. It would be discriminatory to- wide vote, then each state will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be AA schools be permitted to vote to the opening of the local scale will be a scale will be a school scale will be a school scale will be a scale will be a school scale will be a school scale will be a school scale will be a school scale will be a school scale will be a scale will

to the first game. If football practice to permit beginning fall football sociation of Secondary School Prin
She has been teaching eighteen of teaching experience, (b) number began on August 24, then the school practice three weeks prior to the cipals, and a life member of the years, for the last thirteen at La of years the candidate has had conwould not be permitted to play a first game (with no interschool Texas State Teachers Association Feria in mathematics. In addition to testants at the regional and state scrimmages permitted during the and the Baytown Educators Associ- coaching number sense contestants meet, (c) number of students who

# Actuarial Awards Slated for 1959

west will provide, for the third coaches. The respective regional particular region. consecutive year, eight \$300 cash executive committees will select the The purpose of these awards by

# La Feria and Gunter Teachers Get Awards

School. Not only has Mrs. Autry classroom work. coached number sense contestants Mrs. Autry is the mother of three

R. B. Sparks, principal of Baytown High School and a long-time member of the League's Legislative Council, passed away on January ods had been developed. With this 15, 1959. Sparks was first elected to thought in mind, she began comthe Council on September 1, 1944, and served until 1949. Re-elected after a three-year interim, he served from September, 1952, continuously until his death. His present term ter's degree. would expire August 31, 1960.

Sparks served on many important League committees. Currently, he bration of the Interscholastic Lea- Pi Omega Pi. She teaches Sunday he had served as chairman of the Aiken study group. She is also a committee which met with the member of the Gunter Garden Club. Southwest Athletic Conference to study athletic recruiting in Texas. Sparks entered Southwestern went to Plainview as principal, from tend to "make the num

Sparks was a member of the Romathematics contests are not for conference AAA, AA, A, B and Baytown. He was a member of the realize that they are none the less

The \$300 award from the Actu- qualified contestants to the State aries Club of the Southwest for Meet in both typing and shorthand. 1958 in Region III was given to At present, some of her students Mrs. J. E. Autry, Gunter High are in The University of Texas and making outstanding records in their

but also slide rule, typewriting, and children, Paula Jane, age 14, Lou shorthand contestants. She has Ann, age 11, and John E., age 7. Mrs. Autry graduated from Gunter High School and later attended North Texas State College, earning her B.A. degree in 1935 and her M. Bus. Ed. in 1958.

When she started her "second hitch" in teaching, after getting her family under way, Mrs. Autry says she was afraid she might be using and with the approval of the Actu-"mule and walking plow" tactics on muting between her home and Denton, a distance of 78 miles, on Saturday for nine months and two summers to complete work for her Mas-

In addition to her outstanding school work, she has served as vicepresident of the Alpha Epsilon chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon; she is plan the Fiftieth Anniversary cele- a member of Kappa Delta Pi and AA and A gue. Also, he was a member of the school and is a co-counselor of the committee to study the proposal to YWA and GA. She was on the Gunlimit track participation to three inter Housing Committee (Federal) vitational meets a season. Formerly, and a member of the local Hale-ence B

Mrs. Mattie Freeman Robinson University from Lampasas High of La Feria High School won the School and served two or three \$300 award from the Actuaries years in Georgetown as teacher and Club of the Southwest from Region B two as principal and high school VII. Upon receiving the award, teacher. Receiving his B.A. in 1919 Mrs. Robinson stated that these from Southwestern University, he awards, given throughout the state, 1920 to 1926. Later he became prin- contests seem more important in ference B cipal at Marshall High School. Since the eyes of people not in the mathe-1931, he has been principal at Bay- matics field. The number sense con-Since conference AAAA schools practice three weeks prior to the of fall football practice periods will town High School. Principal Sparks tests have not been viewed in the ences AA and A different contests and the fact that

> Mrs. Robinson is a graduate of Association for Supervision and matics. She did graduate work at award should check their regional School Principals, the National Edu- of Arts and Industries at Kings-

for thirteen years, she has also "tried out" for the number sense served as slide rule sponsor for contests, (d) number of students three years. She has been class who attended the student leadership and sponsor of the science-math and (d) are "adjudged" according

While in college, she was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi, a nathe National Council of Teachers of awards.

awards for winning Interscholastic sponsor in each region who is doing the Actuaries Club is to promote interest in the study of pure mathematics and to reward those teachers and sponsors who are doing an excellent job in stimulating among their students interest in mathe-

> fered, attendance at the number sense sections of the clinics throughout the state has increased. The demand for number sense practice material has been exceeding that of any previous years. A greater number of students have been competing ination process first begins.

Due to the fact that there are now five conferences instead of three, and that four of these conferences now have only four regions, while conference B retains eight regions, procedure for selecting winners will vary somewhat from that used last year. In consultation with the state director of number sense, Jim Hurt. aries Club, the League office has set up the following plan for making these awards for this year:

1. Region I: Lubbock-three conferences, AA, A and B

2. Region II: Stephenville, Con-

Region II: Dallas, Conferences AAAA and AAA

3. Region II: Denton, Conferences

Region III: Denton, Conference

4. Region IV: Kilgore, Confer-

Region III: Brenham, Conferences AA and A

5. Region III: Houston, Conferences AAAA and AAA Region V: Houston, Conference

6. Region IV: San Marcos, Conferences AAAA and AAA

Region VI: San Marcos, Con-

7. Region IV: Victoria, Confer-

Region VII: Kingsville, Con-

8. Region I: Odessa, Conferences AAAA and AAA Region VIII: Odessa, Confer-

Winners will be selected, according to this outline, from applica-

Factors considered in selecting the winning sponsors are (a) years to the conference in which the spon-

of Alpha Sigma Alpha, a na- this year. All other sponsors, inber of Kappa Delta Gamma and of be eligible to apply for these annual

MRS. MATTIE ROBINSON



MRS. J. E. AUTRY

## League Stimulates Achievement, Says Supt. Boone sponsor, student council sponsor, and sponsor of the science-math and (d) are "adjudged" according In response to a query by League | doubly important—we build for the | Until last year our coach was Rob- | Now, to some of your direct ques- | won the district that year and the | club in La Feria High School.

## Stimulate Achievement

ation was asked to provide members program in his school. As a matter League literary events provide a second place at the State Meet.

ties will make the band even more individual talents and capacities in Extemporaneous speakers are our staff had striven each year for career. He entered debate tryouts hours with other school teams not (Continued on Page 3, Column 3) the potential leaders of tomorrow is trained by a social studies teacher. it.

## Winning Newspaper, Too

each of the three years, and to the declamation as seniors. State meet twice, winning second and third with her two shorthand

Our debaters have been coached encourage students to try out for Meet. declaimers were trained by our li- Koym York, a social studies-English enth grade. We do not enter League and debate coaches, successively, We are proud of the records made | brarian and English teacher, Mrs. | teacher, who was on the debate team | events | before the seventh grade, | hated to lose him, but he was enthe welfare of the band movement by our teachers and students in the Mora W. Boone, During 1955-56 in college. Three of these years we though we may start below that couraged to advance to other challiterary events over the past few and 1956-57 we had the services of were district winners, and the other grade in another year or two. Be- lenging events for which the previyears in League competition. Our a speech major, Miss Sylvia Pesak, year won second. In 1956 our team ginning with the ninth grade our ous contests had prepared him in typists are all pushed toward top part. We think he is better prepared declaimers of the previous two years | year because of his diversified ex-Our typing and shorthand coach we select those who are willing to perience in League contests than if tion of ten rural districts and the back to us from college graduation for the past three years has been improve themselves by working we had insisted on his staying with 3. It will render a great public building of a high school plant in for these two years, the only time Mrs. Dorothy Pavlicek. She has had toward debate or extemporaneous declamation all the way through disservice. Chambers of Commerce, south Fort Bend County, we are we have had formal speech training contestants in the regional meet speech. Some prefer to stay with high school.

## Sample Example

as a freshman, made the team which (Continued on Page 2, Column 6)

Director R. J. Kidd, Supt. James L.

Boone, Needville, has outlined some | ber of the Kappa Belta Fi, a navide good student leadership in our | was replaced by Marvin Teague. | in League events by using League | tonal education of fraternity, and | ineligible for consideration again Director R. J. Kidd, Supt. James L. future, but in so doing we also pro- ert W. Jackson, who resigned and tions. We get our students interested next, with a second in regional the ation at the same time that the of the factors contributing to the school activities, both curricular and Teague, a beginning teacher, coach- spelling lists, number sense test debater, he entered extemporaneous ation at the same time that the Texas High School Coaches AssociTexas Hi a part of regular class work, and with a second place in the State of limiting invitational track meets. trators, his letter is reprinted below: From our first year, 1949, our the past four years by Mrs. Bertha declamation, beginning in the sev-

efficiency, and from our ranks of as a pre-law student at Rice this

## Spare Time Given

Our teachers do give lots of their Our extemporaneous speakers students in 1958. Mrs. Pavlicek has As an example of personal ambi-spare time, or extra time, to drill. We use the League literary events and debaters are students who have also sponsored our school newspaper tion for self improvement let us They try to inspire each youngster 4. It ignores the historical func- to stimulate individual and group had two or more years of experience each of these three years. It has take Wendell Alcorn, Jr. As a sev- to want to become better in his tion of the band-which is to academic achievement and to moti- in declamation, usually winners in steadily improved and won the enth and eighth grader he was dis- event. Those who have ambition and present concerts and participate in vate school spirit in an effort to district as juniors, whom we en- ILPC Award of Distinguished Merit trict winner as a junior declaimer, can be inspired to their best efparades and civic-patriotic cere- maintain a proper balance in our courage to develop themselves by in 1958. This top award in our di- with a bright future to go higher in forts can be winners. Interschool vision is especially cherished, since that event during his high school contests are arranged after school

# League Meets Needs

The needs of the academically talented student are partly OFFICIAL NOTICES met in the League's eductional contest program. It cannot be disputed that the gifted student has the same desires, and needs the same training in competition, as does the contestant in athletic events.

In many cases, regular classroom work provides little or no challenge for the gifted student. Extracurricular activities District Executive of Basketball Code permit students to "branch out" into a rich program of work which is suitable to their ages and interest.

Students who can think more abstractly and comprehend more fully than their classmates should be encouraged to enter the high school debate contest, or one of the other academic contests which interest them. Studying a broad topic, such as is found in the debate proposition, the student will be offered a large amount of quantitative as well as qualitative material. In acquiring and evaluating all of this information, the student will develop deeper insights, more refined perceptions, and more mature understanding.

Someone has said that latent intelligence is no more valu- and the opposing team shall be awarded one act play contests should be ad- to district 16. able that unmined gold. How much gold are we, as educators, 1, Item g (4-5) of the D.G.W.S. 1958-59 going to leave unmined? By what right do we, as citizens of a great democracy, fail to bring to fruition the greatest material resource of our country?

# Healthy Competition

"I am a firm believer in the principle that competition, Tech (Dallas), Gatesville, Lawrence D. Bell which is one of the basic facts of modern life, must begin in (Hurst), Northwest (Justin), Marathon, the school and that scholastic competition is a very healthy adjunct to education," says Howard A. Meyerhoff, executive NUMBER SENSE RULES director of the Scientific Manpower Commission.

This statement was made in a letter acknowledging the receipt of the book, "Educational Competition: The Story of the if called for in the problem, such as "squa University Interscholastic League." Meyerhoff further says | yards," "\$." "%." etc. that he is very much interested and will read the book as time permits.

Another comment, received from the National Science Foundation, should be of interest to school administrators. "Mr. Bedichek's book is of especial interest to the National date for playing a football game in confer-Science Foundation because of our responsibilities in the field ence AAAA for the 1959 football season is of science education and training."

The League office is now initiating a science contest and is firmly convinced that "competitions organized in a sensible JOURNALISM CORRECTION way and surrounded by proper controls, have demonstrated On page 65 of the 1958-59 Constitution their usefulness so often and have furnished so much inspira- nalism Program and Contests), delete tion for talented pupils in Texas for so many years," to quote fourth line from top of page "Journalism again, this from Mr. Bedichek's book.

Every public school in Texas, no matter how small, should open deadline). A list of districts. be an active member, if it is at all accessible to interschool competition. Every school in Texas should participate in some

# Recruiting Rules

"Official visits of prospective athletes to college campuses are to be scheduled for non-school days," according to Mr. failure to submit correct and complete in- she came once a week to teach us arm-movement writing in the Spencer- study law; Mrs. Dorothy Pavlicek, Howard W. Grubbs, executive secretary of the Southwest Athletic Conference.

The policy of the Southwest Athletic Conference is not to GRAFORD request that any prospective athlete absent himself from regular class work at any time to visit any college campus or to and for the 1959 season for misconduct of have yet to suffer the writer's cramp Miss Angevine threatened would the State Meet in '59 or '60, or both. discuss any college scholarship. Efforts of any college coach fans at a game. to violate this procedure should be reported at once to the Southwest Conference or to the League office.

This action of the Southwest Athletic Conference meets 1952 NCAA substitution rule shall govern with the solid approval of the League office.

If the Southwest Conference, and all other conferences, would restrict all visitation until after graduation, prospective NUMBERING JERSEYS athletes would turn in better class work.

Furthermore, public school administrators should advise prospective athletes that receiving any cash or other consider- that no jersey may be numbered 1 or 2. Of ation, to reimburse them for expenses of such college or uni- another number (such as 12), but they may versity visitation, will jeopardize their high school eligibility not be used alone. The rules also provide under the League's Amateur Rule.

No high school athlete should be excused from class or permitted to make such visits on regular school days.

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# District Changes Announced For One-Act Play Contests

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Official rules interpretations for girls 1. The three second lane violation rule

2. Team technical fouls are to be handled exactly as individual technical fouls, as described in Rule 2 of the supplement. If a foul is not a contact personal foul, it is a play district meet contests. Any technical foul.

3. Please note that if a foul is committed by a forward who is in the act of shooting for goal or on the follow through of a shot office, while questions concerning for goal, the goal, if made, shall not count dates and sites of district meet onefree throw. Please refer to Rule 10. Section

ONE-ACT PLAY SUSPENSIONS Nine schools have been suspended in the One-Act Play Contest for the 1958-59 school year for failing to participate after having submitted an acceptance card for the 1957-58 school year. They are: Martins Mill (Ben

In order for an answer to be considered correct in the elementary number sense cor test series, all answers must indicate "kind"

FOOTBALL DATES

The earliest starting date for fall football ctice for the 1959 season in conferen AAAA is August 28; in conferences AAA, AA, A, B and 6-man, August 24. The earliest September 11; in conferences AAA, AA, A, B and 6-man, September 4

Contests . . . for their own" and substitute "Office no later than December 1, 1958

avanna High School placed on probaball Code in respect to treatment of basket

Eustace High School suspended in football for the 1957 season and placed on proformation on football eligibility reports and

FOOTBALL RULES The 1959 NCAA football rules with the all League football games for the 1958

mbering jerseys. The rules also provide ourse, 1 and 2 may be used as a digit in that violation of this rule is a technical foul. The rules recommend that even numbers be used on light jerseys and odd numbers on dark jerseys.

will not be enforced in League play. When expected to have them numbered in keeping with the rule. However, schools will not be to comply with the rule. When ample time has elapsed to enable all schools to comply with this system of numbering, the rule will

SPELLING CORRECTIONS

The 15th word from the bottom of column correctly spelled "guttural," instead of gut-

The word "imposter" appears in the spellthe verb impost, meaning to classify (imports) in order to fix import duties.

BASEBALL TOURNAMENT The 1959 state baseball tournament will be held at Disch Field, Austin, on June 3 and Constitution and Contest Rules.

S. F. AUSTIN (HOUSTON) Stephen F. Austin High School (Houston) has been placed on probation for the 1958-59 basketball season for violation of Rule 34

the Boys' Basketball Plan.

## Title Deadline Coming Soon

The sands of time are running, and all one-act play directors who plan to compete in spring meet are reminded of a rapidly approaching deadline.

The titles of one-act play selections should be sent to the State Office just as soon as the selection is made, and the final deadline for submitting titles is Monday, March 2, 1959. Title submissions must be postmarked no later than this date.

of speech and drama activities, has district 11 to district 12. announced a number of changes in

one-act play district meet assignments. The changes were made to provide more competition in the one- district 10 to district 11. act play event, to prevent the necessity of scheduling area meets and, district 20 to district 21. Crockett shall be interpreted in girls' basketball as in some cases, to reduce the number from district 24 to district 23. of schools within a regional area.

It should be emphasized that these Diego from district 30 to district 31. changes apply only to the one-act questions concerning the changes should be addressed to the League graves from district 5 to district 3. office, while questions concerning dressed to the district director. The changes, by conferences, are:

Conference AAA REGION II-Gainesville from district 6 to district 4.

Conference AA REGION III—Schulenburg from

REGION IV-Benavides and San Conference A

REGION I - Plains and Sea-REGION II-Burleson from district 12 and Cooper from district 13

REGION IV-Boerne and Southwest (Atascosa) from district 27 to

Conference B REGION I-Amherst from dis-



Dr. James B. Conant's two-year survey of American high schools brought him to the conclusion that there is nothing wrong which the respective communities of the country cannot themselves remedy. There are too many small high schools, he thinks, and the obvious remedy for come nervousness and build confithat is consolidation. Texas took a long start over most of the states in | dence, while giving additional drill. the Union in this very matter of consolidation of small schools, and for some time held the lead. As early as 1907, an energetic and forward-looking professor of education, A. Caswell Ellis, promoted a study of the matter which took the form in that year of an 85-page bulletin, replete with statistics, plans, illustrations and diagrams setting forth the situa- Rice. He is one of the freshmen to tion and suggesting lines of procedure.

The work was published under the title, "The Consolidation of Rural Schools With and Without Transportation," by Una Bedichek and George and Contest Rules (under Section 8, Jour- T. Baskett, under the direction of A. Caswell Ellis. This bulletin (Bulletin of The University of Texas No. 96 General Series No. 7) was widely distributed and went through two editions. That seems to have started the ball rolling, and as motor highways became available in succeeding exceptional group, having taken the years there were left only comparatively few high schools handicapped, examination at both schools while as Dr. Conant points out, by size so small as to make impossible expanding the curriculum to meet the demands of the time.

In his "Passion for Books" (The World Publishing Company, Cleve- versity of Texas School of Dental form of Interscholastic League competition offered to its members.

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Interscholastic League competition of the instruction of the instruct the only way to teach children really to write instead of scribble) instead Ruth Hedt went directly to an office of teaching them that bastard off-spring of printing and script. But cer- job from high school graduation. tain individuals simply cannot learn the old way and Powell was one who | She does not plan to attend college. couldn't, as appears from the following complaint:

"The fact is I was conditioned early to hate calligraphers. It was in | youngsters: Wendell's coach, Marthe third grade, or was it the fifth? Her name was Miss Angevine and vin Teague, gave up teaching to ian mode. Remember? Those endless inky ovals! Those forests of push- who coached the girls in shorthand, pull, push-pull! 'Lawrence, don't cramp your fingers so! Hold your pen resigned to return to her home town loosely, and write with your whole arm from the elbow down!' I couldn't of Thrall to take her former posido it then, and I can't do it now. Since then I have written millions of tion as commercial teacher there. I words, with my fingers squeezing the lead out of a Scripto pencil; and I predict she will have a contestant at

be our fate if we didn't learn 'arm movement.' " The reminiscence is tempered somewhat by having a sweet-smelling teacher. "Ah," he exclaims, "but she smelled good though, when she came and leaned over me! I can forgive her everything now, for having smelled so sweetly of hair and skin, chalk dust, and newly sharpened

I am surprised that some ingenious person has not published a book entitled "Humor of the Schoolroom", or something of the sort. Killingly pictures is now available for rental This year's basketball rules provide that funny things happen in the schoolroom or concerning the school, children, from the Visual Instruction Bureau parents, or teacher. Maybe a published collection of stories, incidents, anecdotes, and the like might keep us all from taking the school and everything about it too seriously.

For instance, the other day I heard of a meeting in a distant state, of tats-in the tradition of "White kindergarten teachers who were deeply concerned with what should be Wilderness' and "The Living taught little Johnnie and little Mary, just when it should be taught and Desert." just how. It was decided that they should not be taught letters or figures while in kindergarten. The time to learn the letters of the alphabet and During the transition period this rule the Arabic numerals should be left to the first grade. But how to keep animal and insect world shall propotheir little charges from getting ahead of the game and learning them any way? So the technique of keeping letters and figures from them was survival, the spider kills the bee, next discussed. It was decided that no books should be allowed containing but the the mud dauber kills the this verboten field of knowledge.

Much ingenuity was exhibited by one speaker after another suggesting kills them both. ways and means of erasing the contamination. Another thought it would be well to sterilize the home, also, and to do this each teacher must keep unfold in all their dazzling brilin touch with the parents. Naturally, the obstinacy of parents was de- liance as the soft spring sunshine plored, and means of dealing with it were suggested by the more experi- fills the valleys. Colorful monarch enced members of the group. Just as the meeting was coming to a close, butterflies emerge from their silent 4, page 13, of the high school word list is and a sense of accomplishment pervaded the gathering, a modest little cocoons to stretch their wings and woman spoke up from the back of the room with an earnest question. begin another facet of nature's per-"What are we to do about street signs and numbers and house-numbers, petual cycle. ing list on page 13, column 1. In this in- too?" she asked plaintively. No one came up with a solution. After some stance, the word is correct and stems from moments of silence, a motion to adjourn was made and carried. There an educational half hour for all was not even a committee appointed to study the matter and report to students; it should provide enterthe next meeting.

> Not long ago, Nardi Reeder Campion, also in a far-distant state, entertained an hilarious dinnerparty with this schoolroom story:

After much deliberation by teachers and parents of sixth graders it basic natural law as enacted by the stances. Therefore, neither the was decided that the time had come for sex (or at least certain phases inhabitants of field and sky. of the subject) to be undertaken. Being progressive educationists, they Other Walt Disney nature films capable of portraying adequately between a farmer and his wife about decided that the Project Method should be employed, so that the sex theme at the Visual Instruction Bureau might be introduced incidentally and innocently along with other biologi- are "Beaver Valley," "Olympic Elk," cal knowledge. It was much more delicate that way. So a pair of hamsters and "Seal Island." were secured for the Project, male and female, and the pupils were to be encouraged to follow the little creatures along until the pair eventually, in the course of nature, produced progeny. Of course, before the hamsters were caged and brought into the schoolroom to be under constant surveillance, some preliminary instruction was necessary, so that the youngsters might have some idea of what to expect and therefore what to look for as the Project proceeded.

For a while the hamsters acted as hamsters should and verified much of MILTON BIBLE FOUND what the children had been led to expect. But presently there seemed to develop between the pair a strange antagonism. Far from any endear- the poet John Milton on its fly or bit of poetry: ments there was plainly a misunderstanding between the two leading leaves has found its way to The characters in the Project. Interest among the pupils ran high. The little | University of Texas. The Bible was boys enjoyed immensely the skirmishes which took place, and were over-known to have existed but had dis-Within the span of the student's exheard betting on which could whip t'other. Of course there was no super- appeared from public knowledge perience. vision at night but first thing in the morning the children crowded until the University's recent puraround the cage to see how the Project was working out. Then one chase of the Parsons Library. It ap- plain themselves; it is the last item morning, the blow fell, and none was more surprised than the teachers in parently was owned by Milton's which should be elaborated upon. charge of the project. During the night the female hamster had killed the third wife, Elizabeth Minshull, male and had eaten him, hair, hide, flesh and all—except for the larger whom he married in 1663. Milton's

Moral: Hamsters won't always cooperate.

Jerry R. Powell, League director, REGION III-Nederland from trict 4 to district 3, Lorenzo and Wilson from district 6 to district 7. Jayton from district 10 and Loraine from district 16 to district 15.

> Vera, Rhineland (Munday) from district 13 to district 14. REGION II—Baird and Moran your title in to the League on time. sally shared by nearly everyone. from district 18 to district 22. Fairy

district 31 to district 32. REGION III-Woodson from district 35 to district 33.

REGION V-Latexo from dis- to discuss the following points: trict 67 to district 65. Goodrich from listrict 71 to district 70.

REGION VI-Hempstead from listrict 74 to district 75. Manor and Pflugerville from district 77 to dis-

REGION VIII-Fort Davis from district 90 to district 92.

(Continued from Page 1, Column 6) in our district to help prepare for district meets. This helps to over-

Concerning the three students win a place in the advanced, or accelerated, group of students, similar to the one begun at the University this past September. He had qualified at the University, also, for this making a decision between them. Janice Miller is enrolled in The Uni-

Concerning the coaches of these

## **New Disney Film** Ready for Rental

"Nature's Half Acre," one of Walt Disney's most colorful motion at The University of Texas. It brings to the screen insects and birds filmed in their natural habi-

The film illustrates nature's ability to insure that all members of the gate their species. In this law of spider—and the praying mantis

Before the viewers' eyes, flowers

"Nature's Half Acre" will provide tainment for those of all ages. This abbreviated version taken from the full-length film omits none of the ably from an ordinary set of circum- Texas.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The editor of the Leaguer has previewed this film and recommends it as one of the best nature films available for pub-

signature was cut out of another

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## SPEECH AND THEATRE

BY JERRY ROLLINS POWELL

REGION II - Grapevine from Miami, Mobeetie, and Wheeler from deadline date for filing the title of is generally quite alien to them; indistrict 11 to district 12. Knox City, your selection for the one-act play sanity rarely is known first hand;

It is never too late to have that (Hico) from district 26 and Hico planning meeting with the other di- a young student is capable of porfrom district 27 to district 25. Lo- rectors in your district. If you've not traying emotions that all of us have rena and Riesel from district 29 and already done so, you should contact felt at one time or another, regard-Mount Calm from district 30 to dis- those directors and get together for less of whether or not the student trict 28. Blanket and Zephyr from coffee and discuss your problems. has undergone such emotions him-REGION IV - Sulphur Bluff you need only to request this infor- stand a commonly shared emotion from district 53 to district 50. Beck- mation from your principal. In the and the effects such an emotion may ville from district 62 to district 59. meeting with the other directors try have. He must be able to under-

#### Discussion Points

1. The judges. In many cases the which ensues. directors themselves have the right to select the judges. If you have no idea who might be available for judging your contest, send for a list | college or high school, to teach actof qualified speech and drama per- ing to the cast of any play. Direcsonnel in the colleges and universi- tion is not merely a task which inproblem. As far as fees are con- artistically, overseeing the learning you offer a minimum of five dollars props. A director must teach the acper play plus mileage in the case of tor. He must teach acting and all the one-act play contest; and five that it implies. The director who dollars per event plus mileage for has a clear idea of what result he the other contests.

Alcorn, Jr., is a pre-law student at stage—privately. See that a crew play is for the director to ignore his is provided to assist the director in setting lights, curtain cues, sound effects, and all the other details

will provide awards for the winning play, medals for the best actor and actress, awards for the winning teams and students in the speech events. See that a time is set upbefore the critic judge begins his re- | theatre. marks-to announce the winners and award trophies.

4. Fees. It may be necessary for the assessment of fees to be made on each director's school. The as- hearsal of presentation of such sessment should be only to the extent of the minimum amount necessary to hire a judge, purchase trophies, and related expenses.

5. Appropriate rooms for each public speaking event.

6. Get to know your colleagues and xchange ideas!

principal and make plans to meet is affected. These change and drama events.

## Plays Turned Down

may wonder, what are they? Per- contests as convenient as possible. haps a better question would be, what aren't they? They are shows that do not have honest, normal ing being almost completely gutted. emotions. That is, the emotions ex- | Fortunately, the fabulous collection pected of people in a certain set of of costumes (authenticated by the circumstances. The plays turned equally fabulous Lucy Barton) was down are those which have silly, and miraculously saved. Unfortunately, inconsequential plots and offer no the collection of original manueducational challenge. And, finally, scripts of Dr. E. P. Conkle was, for a play which is not approved may be the most part, completely conone that is too sordid, morbid, and sumed. Most of you will remember entirely outside the range of con- such plays by Dr. Conkle as MINceivable experiences by a high NIE FIELD, SPARKIN', and TH' school student-or anyone else for 'NITIATED. that matter.

Knowing the tendency of directors to plan productions of plays requiring much shouting, hysterical such alien characteristics.

## Logical Situations

ment, bitter tears, and firing squads, but only if these things stem logi- back wall overlooking the cow lot cally from a basic and human situ- (and the privy). ation. The same argument can apply to the so-called comedies.

In general, the following items can be used to evaluate the worth of writing to see which of these choices A Bible bearing the signature of any particular play, piece of prose,

1. A sane theme. 2. Normal emotions. 3. Logical psychology. 4.

The first three can be left to ex-

Students' Experiences

contest in the State Office. That date and while heartbreak is familiar, it is March 2. Be sure that you get is of the type that is rather univer-

Nevertheless, it is very true that The site of your contest and its date | self. The span—that is, scope—of has already been determined by the a student's experience is in reality District Executive Committee and determined by his ability to understand the logical processes which give rise to any particular situation and then portray the logical emotion

#### Teach Acting

It is the duty of the director, in ties. This list may help to ease that volves placing an actor on stage erned, the League recommends that of lines, and furnishing most of the wants-what theme of production-2. Rehearsal time. See that ample in the presentation of a play, must time is provided for each school to teach his actors to interpret this who were State winners: Wendell have a rehearsal of its show on the theme. The surest way to ruin a

job as a teacher. Leaving the theme of the show "up to the actors to individually inerpret" is an excellent way of pre-3. Awards. Discuss the question senting a production with six difof whether or not the host school ferent themes. If a director fails to give his young actors benefit of his experience, knowledge, and train ing, the result is that the actors are cheated of their education-which is, after all, a primary purpose of

## Other Applications

These remarks can easily cover the selection of material and respeech events as the declamatory ones. Poetry readers have the same responsibility as the actor-he is an entertainer.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Leaguer is a list of the transfers of schools, for one-act play purposes only, from one district to another. There are a number of other In case you failed to receive a copy things that should be discussed with of the announcement, you should your colleagues. Talk with your carefully check to see if your school with the other directors of speech necessary in order to furnish competition for high schools at the district level, and to prevent schools qualifying to the regional meet by de I have been forced to turn down fault. In some cases there are unrequests by a number of high avoidable hardships, but believe us, schools to do certain shows. You we did our best to make the district

> A fire here at the University recently resulted in the drama build-

## New Play

Speaking of plays, a new one which had its "world premier" last laughter, mental derangement, month is highly recommended and dangerously domineering older sis- will be placed on the BASIC LIST ters, bitter tears over sons dying next year. It is called THE PIT'before firing squads, etc., publishers | CHUR WIN'DER and is written by invite their writers to manufacture Grady Hausenfluck. If you are inmore and more of such plots. Such terested in the play, write to Mr. plots are not normal in the sense | Hausenfluck in care of the Departthat they could not proceed conceiv- ment of Drama, University of

It is a comedy with an averagedirector nor the student actor is sized cast and concerns an argument where the picture window should be placed-in the front wall overlooking the road and a pond where geese A play can have mental derange- might be kept if the neighbors across the way had any, or in the

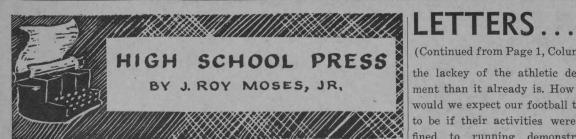
The Debate Ballots have all been returned, most of them on time, and tabulation is proceeding at this

were selected: A. Labor-Management Area. B. International Organization Area.

C. Powers of the Supreme Court

## Debate—Persuasion

It would appear that any one of the above areas would serve well as a topic for debate. Having heard Few students (in the course of enough debates on the current topic document and pasted in the Bible. their lifetimes) have much happen (Continued on Page 3, Column 3)



It is a pleasure to report that membership in the Interscho- plays between halves of band con- from Bishop High School, was conlastic League Press Conference for the 1958-59 school year certs, plus one or two real football ference B second place winner last has reached an all-time high—334 members. The previous games per year? membership record was 321, established during the 1955-56 school year. The breakdown for this year goes something like comings of the League. The League this: 280 high schools; 51 junior high schools; 3 associate provides competition to the state members. Of these, 235 ordered the criticism service (com- level for every type of activity ex- take the back seat to athletic conpared to 199 last year), so we are growing in that department, cept music. When the outstanding tests in our high schools today.

Interview Stories

in ILPC files revealed recurring

**Broad Perspective** 

didn't like English, and had no

hobby. Casually tossed in the middle

of the story, almost as an after-

Insignificant Detail

Wrong Objectives

number of students in Dallas had

They are:

#### New Pamphlet

long. It will deal with writing the ducting the interview as well. What speech story, and is being done by can be done about it? Prof. C. Richard King of the UT ism and the School Paper" (also programs. There can be no rule de-School of Journalism.

should receive a couple of important viewing, including such points as mailings from the ILPC office before preparation, the approach to the the end of this month, and perhaps writing the story, etc. It should be serves to attend and that would be even before this issue of the Leaguer studied carefully. reaches you. They will include: 1. Current ILPC membership list random issues of school newspapers

2. Sample regional meet journal- weaknesses in at least four areas.

ism contests. 3. Rules and instructions con-

Achievement Awards contest. mation about the Texas Association Prof. Jones said, "Nothing." Many town, much less to a band festival. tests because of the lack of exciteof Journalism Directors from Royce stories seem to be merely a series Truly, this is a matter for local Brown, TAJD chairman and ad- of questions and answers strung toviser of the COLT, Arlington High gether in paragraph form, such as School.

#### Worthwhile Objectives

TAJD, organized in San Antonio in 1947, needs our support if it is to become a strong and effective organ- sion to weave facts and opinions ization. As Chairman Brown put it: gleaned from an interview into a band program. There are many to journalism and journalism super- jons. is room for improvement in this into areas of potential interest. America needs music just as surely

IDEA DEPARTMENT: The Refugio High School BOBCAT BLAB of questions, and then doggedly restaff conducted a feature writing fuse to depart from the list regardcontest early in the year for stories less of any new avenues that might about the town's professional citi- be opened to them during the course zens. Thus they were provided with of the interview. a good stock of features that were used in later issues of the paper. In- feature went through the usual phy- 12 AAAA. All are entering the max- possible by a gift from the Wall and newspaper advisers can benefit scheduled on non-school days apcluded were some pretty good stories on a dentist, a minister, the county subject played football, basketball of the events in the Interscholastic lowships to high school teachers of their activities in this area. surveyor, a druggist and a first and baseball, that he liked girls, League district meet.

## Frequent Query

A frequent query from newspaper | thought, was the fact that the subsponsors concerns methods of get- ject had attended school in Alaska ting ALL staffers to do their share for two years. There was no other and/or the selection of staff mem- mention of the circumstances or bers who are willing to work. In a conditions surrounding this fact letter to the ILPC office last spring, which could, possibly, have provided (Continued from Page 2, Column 8) Mrs. Lenore Hughes, sponsor of the an excellent "angle" for an other-AUSTIN PIONEER, Austin High, wise dull story. haps it will help others:

students 50 inches in print before never be reluctant to veer from his for the purpose of presenting both they are permitted to register for list, or throw it away altogether, if sides of the question. It should be Leaguer). the staff. This eliminates those who the occasion arises. register for Journalism I 'because we failed English' from becoming staff members."

She also reported on a grading in interview stories. This, of course, method she has devised. A student applies to the routine news stories concern himself with the problem of must have at least 40 column inches that result from interviews as much convincing as many members of the published in the paper each six as it does to the feature-type inter- audience as possible of the logic of weeks to be eligible for an A, and at view stories. It's all right to ask his argument. The debater, then, is least 20 inches to be eligible for a B. insignificant questions if they have one who practices persuasion. Anything less than 20 inches brings a purpose (even if it's no more than In order to persuade anyone, pubalse have some methods they would facts gathered in an interview do use-publicly. like to share with others?

## Column Volume

Henry, is in its second printing by It isn't until the third, fourth or equally to debate. the Iowa State College Press, Ames, fifth paragraph that they get Iowa. Hinkle, associate professor of around to reporting why the person journalism at The University of was interviewed.

paper columnists, for it provides a as the story moves along-but it wonderful source of ideas. Since must move or it won't be read. virtually every school paper has one or more columns, I'm surprised there haven't meen more calls for

Although not specifically aimed at the opportunity to attend a Dinah the high school staffers, it will still | Shore press conference. One story be valuable to all. For example, had more space devoted to describsome of the chapter headings are: ing how the press conference was Column Content and Structure; arranged and how much difficulty Style—and the Light Touch; How the writer had getting there than it question: "Do these debaters give able each county to vote out the of- are: Caldwell, Childress, Comanche, It takes up two legal-sized sheets members. to Write Quotable Columns; One did telling about the conference. me anything more than what I fice if there is no need for it. "With Cottle, Ellis, Garza, Goliad, Gray, of paper with single-spaced typing. Hundred Column Ideas; Develop- Perhaps this information would would get if they passed out their a law like this," says Corse, "nobody Grimes, Harris, Hays, Hockley, He says: ing a Column Personality; etc.

(Continued from Page 1, Column 1)

the lackey of the athletic department than it already is. How good would we expect our football teams to be if their activities were confined to running demonstration

5. It ignores the present shortband wishes to reap the fruits of its Many schools are unknowingly deexcellence or gain laurels for the priving their students of tremen-Judging from recent interview home folk, there is no place for it encouraging participation in liter-Another pamphlet is now in the stories seen in ILPC papers, many to turn except to invitational com- ary activities. works, and with luck it should be staffers seem to be having trouble petition or to some glamorous ready for distribution before too not only writing the story but con- event to which mere invitation sig- pating in the State Meet slide rule nifies excellence. Dr. DeWitt Reddick's "Journal-

6. It will be unfair to local band available from the ILPC Library) vised on a statewide basis that will Concerning things upcoming, you contains an entire chapter on inter- be so far-seeing that it will not. out of an activity that it really deinterview, conducting the interview, A study of interview stories in and the community.

#### Local Control

Let us further point out that a proposal to limit mileage on band 1. Too much question and answer cerning the annual Individual technique in writing the story. Example: When asked what he liked of Texas, where many bands must 4. Membership letter and infor- about the latest female fashions, travel miles just to get to the next tition will never rival athletic contion.

In my opinion, entrance of the "when asked," "the next question was," "when questioned about," etc. League into the subject of band activity trips would sound the death knell (although a delayed-action Many writers feel little compuldeath knell) of our great Texas "The association needs your inter- smooth, readable bit of prose. They whom this is a consummation de-Its aims and objectives are many, an entity, rather than considering facing ideological and psychological of our already-weak cultural fronvision, and who can deny that there | 2. Failure to probe deep enough | tiers is not a pleasant prospect. terview with a predetermined set ties, the sciences, and athletics.

Jim D. Campbell Director of Bands Plains Independent School District

Example: a routine personality

Tilman B. White Principal Pasadena High School

this year, I feel behooved to launch El Paso, offered her solution. Per- A few predetermined questions into some kind of tirade about the "We require of the Journalism I way, but the interviewer should it is done before an audience, exists versity of North Dakota. (See set up at Room 2700, 48 Wall Street, scholastic League. It is good for presented in such a manner that an audience, if not actually swaved. will wind up with some sort of be-

3. Too much insignificant detail lief. It follows that the debater must

a failing grade is given. Anybody interview underway), but all of the with speech techniques and their

not have to be included in the story. 4. Dull, uninteresting leads. Too the fact that debate is (regardless best to have the job abolished. many interviewers begin their of what else it is) fundamentally

## **Emotional Approach**

columns, but time did not permit. ing, but in most interview stories tertainer, and entertainers rarely districts. the lead-be it one, two or three approach any subject using logic There are two copies of the book paragraphs worth—should indicate alone for they know that logic sel-(the 1952 edition) in the ILPC the direction the story is going to dom sways anyone by itself. It is library, however, and I highly rec- take. Identification, description and emotion—the emotional approach ommend it to aspiring school news- the like can be worked in gradually that sways. The debater who per- over the state. The people of Texas tendents are: Brazoria, Brooks, teachers, etc. sistently presents nothing but "iranother who appeals to a sense of fair play, to patriotism, to a sense For example, a year or two ago a of humor, to the senses.

Audiences need to be told, and

way that will hold their attention. A good way to evaluate casually of the county superintendent. any debate is to ask yourself this (from the San Antonio News). story was to be ABOUT Dinah. for the imagination of the audience. pense of the office. There are also ton and Young.

# League Scholarship Winner Says All Contests Valuable

spring in the State Meet slide rule contest, and also won the Beckman slide rule scholarship to The Uni-

versity of Texas). Literary events, as a rule, must dously worthwhile activities by not

Having had the honor of particicontest, I can easily see the benefits that may be realized from such interscholastic competition.

#### Competitive Spirit

with athletic contests are correct the best. from the spectator viewpoint. It is quite evident, however, that they beneficial to the students, the school, have never participated in a literary contest themselves. Great competitive spirit is displayed in these contests—as great as that in athletic

Participants must practice and tainly mentally. Literary compement and glamor, but participants Institute for Science and Mathereceive much valuable experience matics Teachers is scheduled from which will aid them in the pursuit June 16 to Aug. 20 to coincide with

#### Far-Reaching Benefits

ing benefits a student may receive, weekly for each dependent up to other than the immediate fun of four, and travel allowances. the status and quality of scholastic mit them to arrive at overall opin- known before, further debilitation physics and mathematics. The work Feb. 16.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: John Melde, | mathematics is involved may be cut | ties, I discovered how to present my in half if a person has an adequate views to other people in a manner knowledge of the use of the slide they could readily understand. No

> mechanical manner. Instead, a good others in an effective and convincing deal of mental gymnastics must be manner. performed with each manipulation. I am sure that as high school ad-Each move requires great concen- ministrators realize more and more tration, and the more consecutive the value of literary competitions, moves made, the more mental work they will make these contests more is involved. This is an activity available to their students. The which is certain to help a person competitive spirit is just as keen as think better mathematically—a re- in sports, and the rewards are ward which is certain to be of value, greater, so how can we do anything of business as well.

#### Learning to Think

There are many other League contests just as valuable—look at debate, for example. Of all activities People who insist that literary designed to make a person think, many times a year, cut some band contests cannot in the least compare and think on the spot, this is one of with athletic contests are correct the best

## **UT Again Offers** Summer Institute

summer again will provide accelerated courses for high school teachtrain just as intensively as athletes; ers on latest advances in science and perhaps not physically, but cer- mathematics on a new \$72,100 grant from the National Science Founda-

> The University's fourth Summer the University's new nine-week

The NSF grant will provide 50 Among the first of the far-reach-scholarships of \$75 weekly, plus \$15 participation has been on the in-

competition and fellowship in the Teachers may obtain Summer Inest, your enthusiasm, your dollar." take each reply to each question as college courses. Countless hours of from Dr. Addison Lee, Department contests, is in his high school and stitute scholarship applications but they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improving the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improve the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improve the broad picture which would perbut they all boil down to improve the broad picture which would perbut the broad picture which would perbut

# into areas of potential interest. America needs music just as surely as America needs the other humanitary with a predetermined set ties the sciences and athletics. Fellowships Offered Journalism Teachers

We have eight schools in district nounced that its first project, made career and that high school teachers The ruling that events must be sical description, mentioned that the | imum number of contestants in each | Street Journal, will be to offer fel- | from | specific | encouragement | of | plies also to FFA | contests, vocajournalism and advisers to high "Later the Fund expects to carry as well as music. All of these con-

their own choice.

Bernard Kilgore, president of the Fund."

Journal, indicated that high school retary.

The Newspaper Fund, Inc., has an- ing interest in news work as a days throughout the state.

(District Meet Director) enable teachers to attend summer able further funds and other news- Also, the Illinois High School As- haps so! courses in journalism at colleges of papers certainly are welcome to join sociation requires that sanctions be in the activities of The Newspaper secured from the association for all rectors themselves might welcome The afternoon session consisted

study recently conducted by Pro- lowships in time to make a minimum schools. fessor Alvin E. Austin, head of the of 25 of them available for this Willis' comments should be of indebates themselves. Debating, since journalism department of the Uni- year. Temporary offices have been terest to the members of the Inter-"High School Press" in January New York 5, New York, and Robert Texas schools to know what other Bottorff, executive editor of the state associations are doing about This survey, also financed by the Journal, has been named Fund sec- the problems and regulation of in-

doubt there are many businessmen

tition?

# Illinois Governs

Illinois High School Association, and participation." The University of Texas this according to Albert Willis, executive secretary of the Illinois High School Association. The purpose of this rule is to keep outside organizations from prevailing upon school administrators to take on local speech

Another statement by Willis, which should interest all sponsors of speech contests, is that Illinois is experiencing a very decided increase in the number of high schools participating in debate. In fact, debate crease for some time.

A new non-profit organization, students, particularly boys, are los- organizations to parades and band

tional "fairs," and athletic events,

Journal, said organization of The Directors of the Fund expect to other assembling of student repre-Newspaper Fund grew out of a work out details of the summer fel-sentatives from four or more high tional contests, festivals and the Texas bands in competition during

No teacher's time may be involved

Regarding music competition in Illinois, Willis explained that the Illinois High School Association does not permit high school bands to attend meets or tournaments outside the state. Further, all interschool meets and music festivals are required to be scheduled on nonschool days. Any time two bands or music organizations assemble for the same event, this is considered interschool activity and comes under the regulation. This ruling governs the Illinois policy regarding various organizations which invite the music

meets, tournaments, festivals or some sort of assistance with the of a comparative rating and dis-

# Is County Superintendent Needed?

a C and if nothing at all is published relieving tension and getting the licly, one must be well acquainted making a successful race last sum- and the money used for something president of the Texas Association number of non-school trips, excurmer for the county school superin- worthwhile."

Corse contends that the Legisla- poses the discarding of the office. On the book front it has been an- stories by telling who they inter- public speaking. The techniques ture can save \$1 million annually. nounced that "How To Write Col- viewed, where, when, what the in- that apply to declamation, poetry including his \$429 monthly salary, umns," by Olin Hinkle and John terviewee wore, how he looked, etc. reading, and one-act play, apply by amending Article 2688 of the Public School Law. Article 2688 pro- school directory, there are 33 coun- ample: vides for a county school superin- ties in Texas still maintaining the One of the big jobs is supervising mittees of the Legislative Council. Division of the Texas Music Edutendent in any county with as many office although there are no county the school bus system for rural I am reasonably sure that any sur- cators Association will serve as host A teacher who is successful in im- as 3,000 scholastics, but it doesn't schools left in operation. In ad- schools. Another is working out co- vey on this matter will make no chairman. Texas, reports he intended to add a Of course there are exceptions, parting knowledge to his students— specify if the scholastics go to com- dition, says Corse, there are many operative agreements between small attempt to prejudice the issue and chapter on high school newspaper like when trying for a surprise end- and making them like it—is an en- mon schools or independent school districts to provide special all results will be purely statistical. Committee on Adjudication Stand-

## Work Disappears

"What has happened in Young County," he says, "is happening all tricts and full-time county superin- etc.), physicians, nurses, itinerant ment similar to: do you think the School on March 14. still pay county school superintend- | Camp, Clay, Colorado, Dawson, refutable facts" is bound to lose to ents who have no duties in many Dickens, Donley, Eastland, Fisher, counties." Since Article 2688 was Glasscock, Gonzales, Hale, Jack, want to be told, the facts that they with the operation of an independ- Terry, Trinity, Waller, Willacy, pendent school has fewer than 500 whether it be answered either yes or as host chairman for this group. need—but they want to be told in a ent school district. When a common Wilson, Yoakum, and Zapata. district disappears, so does the work | Counties with fewer than 100 still has supervisory duties.

George Corse, Jr., according to an | funds for a secretary, office space, | article by Anita Brewer in the Jan- travel expenses and other incidenttendent's job in Young County. He | Corse does not belong to the | His reply to Corse:

## **Directory Count**

that the remaining duties could services for students. And another Although I cannot speak for Mr. ards of the National Interscholastic easily be handled by the county is working out cooperative agree- Covin and the committee, it is hard Music Activities Commission, will judge acting in ex officio capacity. ments for special service teachers to visualize a questionnaire of this be host to Central-West Texas di-

scholastics in common districts and Corse favors a bill that would en- a full-time county superintendent of a county school superintendent. more and better service for League cussions, primarily those dealing have been worth a "sidebar" story, arguments to me in mimeographed would be dictating to anybody else." Hood, Kleberg, Madison, Nueces,

A week later, in the January 28 director of music activities. uary 21 issue of the Austin States- als. "I don't want to take money issue of the Statesman, came the reman, had a most unusual motive for "but I want useless waste cut out County school superintendent and formal study be made relative to the County school superintendent and formal study be made relative to the County school superintendent and formal study be made relative to the County school superintendent and formal study be made relative to the County school superintendent and formal study be made relative to the County school superintendent and formal study be made relative to the County school superintendent and schools," of County School Superintendents. sions, and activities that should be

with it."

It takes five years, said Hancock, just to learn all the duties of a opinion nor attempt to draw a con-

The counties with no common dis- (music, art, physics, chemistry, sort which does not include a state- rectors and judges at Abilene High

## States Correction

written the common school has be- Jackson, Lamb, Liberty, Live Oak, is not true that the county superin- groups from its member schools? ome a rarity, and a county super- Lynn, Matagorda, Medina, Mont- tendent has nothing to do with indeintendent has no duties connected gomery, Starr, Stephens, Sterling, pendent school districts. If an inde- problem by hundreds of schools, March 21. Robert Maddox will serve pupils, the county superintendent no, makes the job much easier for Although the sessions are de-

"I'd be glad to furnish this list to



Legislation by Interpretation

were having "legislation by inter-

pretation—and not very desirable

Yardstick Necessary

with other bands using some cri-

terion or yardstick. I still think that

distance travelled, number of stu-

dents in the band and similar fac-

tors are adequate criteria for rating

one band ahead of another on a

Naturally this interpretation, like

all those emanating from head-

quarters, is subject to counteraction

by the proper League judicial and

**Apathetic Music Educators** 

Project Not Pre-judged

ticipation during school hours."

League or any agency should legis-

late to regulate the number of trips.

excursions, contests, etc. engaged in

Rule 13.

legislative bodies.

## MUSIC MATTERS BY F. W. SAVAGE

For many years we have tried to encourage music educators to take a stand and express their opinions concerning various proposals and suggested legislation before a vote is taken. Our The use of this remarkable device today who lack, and yearn for, the offer to print these comments in The Leaguer has seldom been cannot, however, be learned in a ability to clearly state ideas to accepted. This month we have an exception . . . and a double barreled one at that. A letter to the editor from Jim D. Campbell, director of bands at Plains, is reprinted almost in its entirety on the front page of this issue. Be sure you read it.

Education Department of another state university, broadens our out-The portion of Jim's letter not look a mite.

reprinted on the front page needs | Jerry says, "Four months in this some attention in this column since state have convinced me that fellows it involves a misunderstanding and in Texas should really appreciate not only in school but in the world but encourage the continuation of an error concerning interpretation. what is being done for them. All interscholastic literary compe- Jim begins by calling my hand on competition here is under the austhe statement in the November pices of the Music Educators Asso-"Music Matters" column that "ad- ciation, except scheduling and cerditional contests" have been inter- tain matters of policy which must preted, among other things, to in- be cleared through the High School clude, "any other award given to Association, an entity similar to the encourage attendance and partici- League but lacking any college or university connection. There is no He is right in calling my hand on band marching except in one of that particular statement. It is in- eleven districts; sight-reading is complete and should have read, "any part of only five of eleven contests; in conducting contests other than other award given for any contest and, standards for adjudication those sponsored or approved by the devised to encourage attendance seem ill-defined. If you ever need a

testimonial, call on me." Had the statement as originally It's never too late for a testiprinted been a fact, I would be monial, so I have taken the privilege forced to agree with Jim that we of quoting Jerry Newman.

#### Entry Blanks—Deadlines

Have you received your official legislation at that." Actually, I have never interpreted Rule 13 to entry blanks for the spring conor essay contests at the local level. include the acceptance of scrolls, tests? If you have not, have you plaques or trophies given to every ordered them? Forms upon which these entry blanks can be ordered group participating in an invitawere sent to either your superintendent or principal, whichever signed the acceptance card, as an acknowledgment of the receipt of Contests still mean to me that this card. bands must be judged in competition

Some entry deadlines are fast approaching. Remember that all entries must be postmarked at least 21 days prior to the date of the contest. According to our records, only Regions X and XIV do not have an rating scale and therefore consti- entry deadline during the month of tute contests within the meaning of February. Refer to the schedule of events published in the November issue of The Leaguer. Don't be late. Postmarks are notoriously rigid!

## WORKSHOPS

The first of the 1958-59 series of workshops for band judges and di-In his letter of transmittal, Jim rectors was held at Victoria College calls attention to the fact that my in Victoria on Saturday, February failure to receive voluminous mail 7. Judges and directors from Region from band directors challenging the XVI and the surrounding area spent study on the proposed limitation of the morning discussing the qualifiband trips is "contradictory to your cations of judges and the mechanics forward other suggestions made by tests must be held on weekends and (Savage's) statement in the No- of judging, and panels of directors The fellowships, each represent- Professor Austin," Kilgore said. must not interfere with the classare not an apathetic bunch." Per- ments which are expected of judges who officiate in Texas competition-It is also possible that band di- festivals.

limitation of the number of promo- cussion of taped performances of like. If there are any pros on the the 1958 contests, Participants in subject, we'd like to hear them, too. the workshop concluded that there is probably more variance in the opinions of the various band direc-It is my honest opinion that tors attending the workshop than neither the Music Sub-committee of there is in the judges who officiated the Legislative Council, nor the during the contest year. This group Legislative Council itself has any was also of the general opinion that "chestnuts in the fire" in this par- although strides have been made in ticular matter. The problem origi- "standardizing standards" during nated from letters to the director of the past few years, there is still

the League, R. J. Kidd, from vari- much room for improvement. ous superintendents, and was re- Wilbur L. Collins, of Victoria Colferred to the sub-committee by the lege served as host for the workshop and F. W. Savage, director of

## Four More Set

Four more of these workshops permitted for school bands during have been scheduled during the Too many debaters lose sight of wanted to get elected, then do his County Superintendents' Associ- "There's plenty to do, and best the school year, with particular em- school year. C. A. Wiley and Huot ation, an organization which op- you go home, George Corse, and get phasis on activities involving par- Fisher of Lamar State College will be hosts to the second assembly in This statement does not infer an Beaumont on February 14.

> The next will be held at the High According to the latest public county superintendent. For ex- clusion. It merely authorizes a study | School in Harlingen on February 28. of the problem by one of the com- Joe Frank, chairman of the Band

Robert Fielder, a member of the

## **Final Session**

Directors and judges in far West Hancock also pointed out that it by bands, orchestras and choral Texas and the South Plains are invited to the final session in the series An answer to this particular to be held at Odessa High School on

the League. Officials will know signed primarily for directors and Hancock has a long list of duties which route to take in providing judges of concert bands, several diswith the qualifications of judges and the mechanics of judging are applicable to the orchestral and choral A letter from Dr. M. J. Newman, fields as well. All music teachers

Another Side Headline of the Month: HANG- if the details were interesting form?" The entertainer gives more According to Corse, the salary Polk, Rains, San Jacinto, San Saba, Mr. Corse. I'm afraid he just doesn't former chairman of the Music De- and administrators are invited to ED BOY BELIEVED SLAIN enough, but the press conference than an appeal to logic. He provides money is but a portion of the ex- Scurry, Uvalde, Val Verde, Whar- know what he is supposed to be partment at West Texas State Col- attend one or more of these worklege and now chairman of the Music shops.

# Athens Made History With 4th State Title

Money was extremely tight; of 14 spot in the championship round. Burnell Trammell, c/o Union ing to Austin for the 13th annual bounding of Bruce Reagan and the mesa. University Interscholastic League sharpshooting of sophomore Olin Bruce Reagan, State Senator state championship tournament, Cobb that made the difference. Cobb from Corpus Christi. only three took lodging in Austin's scored 10 points for individual scor- Olin Cobb, 6622 Anita, Dallas; downtown hotels. The others were ing honors and was described by one employed by Dallas Transit Co. placed in dormitories and fraternity | sportswriter as "one of the most campus. (Today most teams look ment." Three of the team members Chandler Public Schools, Chandler. askance at anything less than the Reagan, Sanders and Frizzell-

A tremendous earthquake in ship team. Southern California left more than The 1933 Athens championship

record number for any school in members are expected to attend.

#### Basketball Heyday

were in a basketball heyday during to right) are: the 1927-34 era. They won numerous national honors, were con- high school principal at Celina. sidered national high school champions at one time, and lengthy road nue, El Paso; now employed by Avenue, Houston. trips, both in and out of Texas, were the rule rather than the exception. They annexed their first state title in 1927, were victorious again in 1929, 1931 and 1933, and then won their fifth in 1934.

So it was no wonder that the Hornets came to town for the 13th of Houston. And for once the sportswriters picked wisely, for the two Television returns to the boys' also staff the tournament to give favorites downed all comers in state basketball tournament again statewide coverage. tourney play and met in the finals. this year with a live telecast of the The conference AAAA title game, When it was over, Athens had a conference AAAA championship usually the climax of the Saturday

#### Lamesa Third

eliminated by Jeff Davis on the first ston and Waco. day of play, while Jefferson survived until the finals and then came in fourth after losing a 33-32

ville, Brownwood, Big Spring, Crowell and Temple, the defending champ from 1932.

The Hornets entered the tourney with plenty of experience under Opens March 5 their belts. They had made an ex- Rice Institute's annual spring tensive road trip (to Central Texas, coaching clinic will be conducted the Panhandle, and as far west as March 5, 6 and 7 on the Rice campus El Paso) to gain this experience in Houston during the Rice Owl's and boasted a season record of 24 spring practice session. victories and 6 defeats.

## Impressive Record

Lufkin. Beaumont. Tyler Junior office in Rice Gym. avenged, however, for the Hornets under full game conditions, at 2 p.m. man squads, as well as Tyler Junior | Institute that evening for the Rice-

play with a flashy 50-19 win over Members of the Rice staff who 29 victory over El Paso. These suc- and head football coach, are: Joe cesses put the Hornets into the finals Davis, Cecil Grigg, Red Bale, against Jeff Davis, Meanwhile, Jeff Charles Moore, Bo Hagan, Dell Davis was downing Gilmer (48-36) | Morgan and Bill Beall.

high school basketball teams travel- In the title game, it was the re- Compress & Warehouse Co., Lahouses on The University of Texas outstanding players of the tournaalso played on the 1931 champion- Box 549, Athens.

120 persons dead and more than team will be the "honor team" at the 39th annual tournament sched- ens: rancher. And Athens High School won its uled at Gregory Gym on The Unifourth of five state basketball cham- versity of Texas campus, Austin, on

#### Where They Are

In the accompanying picture, florist. The Athens High School Hornets members of the team (top row, left | Coach J. T. (Bobo) Nelson, now Henry Boyd, 1120 N. Cotton Ave-Southern Pacific Railroad.

Dan Cumbie, deceased. Rupert Craig, 1800 Bonner pionships that stands today as a March 5, 6 and 7. Many of the team Street, McKinney; employed by Texas Power & Light Co. John Thomas Sanders, Box 1652,

"Spot" Owen, deceased.

Paul Morris, superintendent,

Assistant Coach Charles Hawn,

W. A. Hawn, Jr., Box 552, Ath-

Jackson, Mississippi; wholesale Leland Tarrant, farmer, LaRue,

Eli Bob Ard, 203 E. Douglas Drive, Midwest City, Oklahoma. Prentice Warren, 1704 Holland state athletic director, has an Williams pointed out.

Duncan Frizzell, Athens; teller, Gaston Johns, c/o Graybar Elec- Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

# Radio, TV Coverage annual League tournament in the role of the favorite, although it was a role they to share with Jeff Davis Due Cage Playoffs

game on Saturday afternoon, March night playoffs, will be played at 7. The tourney is set for March 5, 3:45 p.m. on March 7. In addition

pre-tournament pickings were Dal- The telecast, sponsored by Mag- in action, League officials expect the las Tech and Jefferson of San Anto- nolia Petroleum Company, will televised game to ease some of the nio, respectively. Tech, coached by probably be received in Austin, San crowd problem at Gregory Gym. a gentleman named Doc Hayes, was Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Hous-

thriller to Lamesa in the consolation | broadcasts of all five championship | p. m. for the Saturday night chamgames in the boys' tournament, on pionship playoffs in conferences AA Other tournament teams were El a network of 26 Texas stations. The and AAA. Paso, Zavalla, Bryan, Gilmer, Bee- two large news wire services will

# Rice Grid Clinic

There will be no charge for visitors to the clinic, and a coach's only expense will be meals and lodging. Their losses were to Big Spring, Registration will be in the coaches

College and the University of Texas | Climax of the clinic will be the and SMU freshmen. Some were Blue-Gray Rice intrasquad game, also held victories over the TCU, on Saturday, March 7. Visiting Baylor, Texas, Rice and SMU fresh- coaches will also be guests of Rice Texas A&M varsity-freshman bas-Athens opened its tournament ketball double header in Rice Gym.

Bryan, and gained steam with a 62- will Jess Neely, athletic director

6 and 7, in Gregory Gymnasium at to giving more fans an opportunity Seeded third and fourth in the The University of Texas in Austin. to view the leading big school teams

> Radio broadcast time will begin at 1 p. m. Saturday, March 7, for the conference B, A and AAAA title games, ending about 5 p. m. Magnolia will again sponsor radio Broadcasting will resume at 7:30

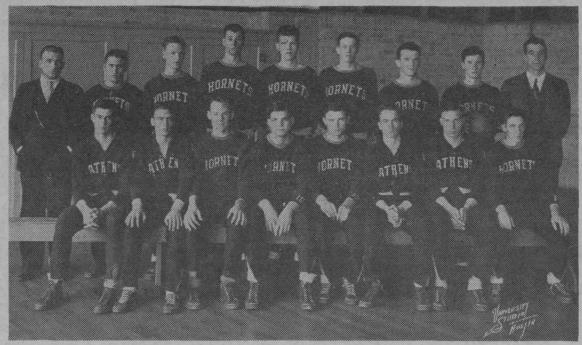
> > Radio stations carrying the games will be:

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



CONFERENCE B CHAMPS—Barbers Hill High School (Mont Belvieu) had an undefeated season to become the 1958 conference B champion in Region VIII. The team had only one tie-a scoreless game with Anahuac-to mar its record, and scored 458 points during the season while allowing only 79. Coach Lloyd Kelley's teams, during the past six years, have won 60, lost 6 and tied 3. Team members, left to right, are: FRONT ROW-Lee Goodman, Raymond Fitzhenry, Al Mills, Chris Tilton, Leroy manager, George Henry, Thurman Williams, Mike Lansford, Wilbert Weckworth, Floyd Hill, and man- Dugat, Kenneth Hargraves.

agers Steve Barrow and Ronnie Duhon; SECOND ROW-Lynwood Klaus, Hal Hooks, Leonard Mock, Paul Podraza, Carrel Smith, Milton Reeves, Vernon Moorhead: THIRD ROW-Assistant Coach Rod H. Purswell, David Cross, Jerrell Troutman, Jerry Follett, Richard White, Kenneth Tilton, Douglas Williams, Lee Wiley, Miller Lee Casey, Coach Kelley; BACK ROW—Assistant Coach Bruce Smith, George Abbe, Stevens, Brian Honsinger, Woodrow Carroll, Douglas



ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL-1933 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

# Girls' Basketball Tournament Scheduled for March 12-14

certification of district winners in be played. girls' basketball, conferences AA, A and B, Dr. Rhea H. Williams,

conferences must be held by March | merged. Each conference will cer-7. Regional champions qualify to the tify a regional champion to the state Ninth Annual Girls' Basketball tournament conducted in confer-State Championship Tournament to ences B, A and AA.

nasium on March 12, 13 and 14. termining regional champs in con- these educational institutions: ferences AA, A and B has been authorized by the State Executive Committee for this season:

#### Procedure Outlined

A one-game playoff on Monday or Mary Cooley, co-chairmen. Tuesday, March 2 or 3, to determine Region II: Districts 17-32, incluteam for your school, church or organe. This would mean that schools costs in equipment and injuries which teams will qualify for the sive. Howard Payne College, ganization. Coach McGuire, whose in the conferences affected would be which accrue from spring training regional tournament to be held the Brownwood; Dr. Z. T. Huff, Mrs. team won the national NCAA bas- able to commence fall practice on in football. following Saturday, March 7. The Walter Hamilton, Mr. Bennie Wil- ketball title in 1957, has outlined in August 17, 1959 and have their first An athletic director of a city sysfirst-round game must be played on liams, co-chairmen. either March 2 or 3.

basketball season for boys and girls Mr. Ralph Hester, Mrs. Ralph Day tems in basketball. He has several officially ends with completion of and Mr. Ralph McCord, co-chapters devoted entirely to develthe girls' tournament March 14. | chairmen.

A and AA. League officials hope this co-chairmen. plan will allow teams to eliminate Region V: Districts 65-74, includealing with individual attack abilisome of the travel involved in de- sive. University of Houston, Hous- ties and the basic rules for an inditerest in the play-offs having the co-chairmen. games played near the homes of the Region VI: Districts 75-82, incluemphasis throughout the book. competing schools.

## Illustration

conference AA, the winner of disclusive. Texas College of Arts and drills and practice outlines are mer work of players. Although trict 1 will play the winner of dis- Industries, Kingsville; Coach Wil- clearly diagramed and discussed. trict 2; 3 vs. 4; etc., with the re- liam T. Carley, Miss Nan Roberts Game organization, scouting and spective winners going on to the and Mrs. Dorris Lee Binnion, co-strategy are given ample attention. regional tournament. This same chairmen. pattern is followed in each region Region VIII: Districts 91-94, in- ples and philosophy which are dein each conference.

winner of district 1 will play the Holm, co-chairmen. winner of district 2: 3 vs. 4: 5 vs. 6: 7 vs. 8; etc.; with the respective winners going to the regional toureach conference.

This will mean that there will be Ethel Rollo, co-chairmen. eight conference B teams in the rein Region V and four teams at the Janet Thigpen, co-chairmen. regional meet in Regions VI, VII and VIII.

first-round regional games as there co-chairmen. are only four districts in the region. Therefore, each district champion will certify directly to the Region VIII tournament.

## Coin Toss

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

#### CAGE TOURNEY TICKET PRICES

Each year, during the latter part of February, the League Office receives a number of inquiries about the price of tickets for the boys' and girls' state championship basketball tournaments. They are:

Boys' tourney, March 5, 6 & 7 - adult tournament ticket, \$4; student tournament ticket, \$2; adult single game ticket, \$1; student single game, 50 cents.

Girls' tourney, March 12, 13 & 14-adult tournament ticket, \$3; student tourney ticket, \$2; adult single game, \$1; student single game, 50 cents.

February 28 is the last date for to determine where the game is to sive. Victoria College, Victoria; Hester Evans and Miss Esther First-round games are part of the Etzel, co-chairmen. regional playoff and are not to be

In the regional tournament con-Regional tournaments in all three ferences A and AA will not be

classified as bi-district games, Dr.

Regional playoffs will be held be held in Austin at Gregory Gymthrough the cooperation of colleges, The following schedule for de- using facilities and staffs offered by

#### Conference B

Under new League rules, the clusive. Austin College, Sherman; ing the most effective offensive sys-

This will mean that only four Region IV: Districts 49-64, inclu-plains carefully with adequate picteams will be represented at the re- sive. Kilgore College, Kilgore; Mr. tures and diagrams the various gional tournament in conferences James Parks and Miss Ruth Green, types of offensive basketball skills.

termining the regional champion ton; Walter Williams, Miss Sue vidual to keep in mind. The game and at the same time increase in- Garrison and Mr. Harry Fouke, fundamentals for footwork, coordi- harm may come from excessive

clusive. Odessa College, Odessa. scribed in Chapter I are very in-In Region I, conference B, the Billy Boyles and Mrs. Mary Beth teresting, informative and provide

## Conference A and AA

nament. This pattern is followed in Texas Technological College, Lub- McGuire should be in the hands of

Region IV : Districts 25-32, inclu-

"Offensive Basketball," by Frank 1958; \$4.95. est offensive basketball coaches in fundamentals. From a health view-Region I: Districts 1-16, inclu- the nation has come a vital, realistic point and from the viewpoint of acsive. West Texas State College, explanation of how to develop those quiring fundamentals in football it eliminating spring training would

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Region III: Districts 33-48, in- the fundamental tenets for develop- adopted. Especially good are the chapters

sive. Southwest Texas State College, Several chapters are devoted to San Marcos; Frank Gensberg and building a basic offense or style of practice at night which eliminates the players or the educational bene-Dr. Jean A. Smith, co-chairmen. | play, and many variations are added For an illustration, in Region I, Region VII: Districts 83-90, in- to insure a versatile attack. Basic

> The fundamental coaching princia fine background for any coach who is working in the basketball

Region I: Districts 1-8, inclusive. "Offensive Basketball" by Frank bock; Edsel Buchanan and Miss every coach or physical education teacher who is interested in this Region II: Districts 9-16, inclu- most fascinating athletic activity. gional meet in Regions I, II, III and sive. North Texas State College, As most emphasis today tends to be IV, five teams at the regional meet | Denton; Kenneth Bahnsen and Miss | on the offense, that is, scoring more points than the opponent, this Region III: Districts 17-24, inclu- treatise should be "just what the sive. Blinn College, Brenham; W. C. doctor ordered" for a progressive In Region VIII there will be no Schwartz and Mrs. B. C. Crawford, basketball coach or physical education teacher.

# State Baseball Tourney Set in Austin June 3-4

teams in football, basketball and for 1958-59. baseball districts will help eliminate several organizational meetings and better school relationships must also decide their district cham- able to make the team for the next This writer sincerely hopes that developed.

## Playoff Schedule

termined by May 16, the bi-district signed the baseball acceptance cards the team the following year. championship by May 23, and the and will participate in the diamond regional championship by May 30. sport this spring. There will be 91 The state tournament will be held in schools in AAAA; 71 in AAA; 99

they are assigned in basketball. It AAA should carefully note the three weeks of football.

This spring all schools participating in football will have the opportunity to vote on important changes in the football plan. Conference AAAA schools will vote on whether to retain the present 18 days of spring training in football and to keep the

same starting dates for fall practice and for playing the first

game or to eliminate spring training and gain an additional

week for practice in the fall. If this amendment is approved, no

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scrimmages can be scheduled during the first week of fall practice.

proved there can be no interschool with spring training. scrimmages during the first week In fact, many coaches believe that of fall practice. Both changes, if the extra week of concentrated approved, will go into effect with the practice and conditioning which 1959-60 school year.

#### Better Conditioning

fall practice in all conferences, ex- tice plus spring training. cept conference AAAA, prior to the As long as all schools have the first football game. This is entirely same rule there would be no adtoo short a period in which to get vantage gained by any school over boys in condition and to acquire the the other school; therefore, it would necessary fundamentals to play be fair competition. This writer is such a strenuous activity as foot- convinced that the game of football

The reason for not allowing any overall athletic program would be McGuire; Prentice-Hall, Inc., interschool scrimmages during the better by eliminating spring trainfirst week of fall practice is to in- ing and allowing schools to start sure that the first week will be de- their fall practice one week earlier. From the pen of one of the great- voted entirely to conditioning and a readable, understandable fashion game on September 4, if this rule is tem with nine high schools told this

The arguments against extending oping individual abilities and exfall practice one week forward is pense would not be anywhere near that it will mean in some cases that coaches will have to report earlier and would have to be paid additional in excess of the educational gains salaries; it will mean that some boys will not be able to get away from their summer positions, and if school boards are looking carefully coaches use poor judgment, physical at all budgets, it certainly seems nation and offensive shots are given workouts under the hot climatic conditions in Texas at that time.

two of the arguments: climate conditions and intereference with sumthere are arguments on both sides of this proposal, this writer is of the opinion that the fall practice period week so there can be three weeks which should provide for a safer players participating in football.

## Balanced Program

This writer is of the opinion that it is preferable not to have spring training in football in any conference and therefore sincerely hopes that the member schools in conference AAAA will see fit to join all other conferences in excluding consideration must be spring footspring training. It should be re- ball. In addition, many of the iterated that this writer is not in any way opposed to a strong football ball also must coach other spring program and the recommendation to do away with spring training in conference AAAA is not in any way an attempt to de-emphasize football.

However, it is impossible to have a completely balanced athletic program as long as football occupies approximately five out of the nine

Conference AA and A schools that unless they do they will not be game.

## Football Better

Austin June 3 and 4 at Disch Feld. in AA; 86 in A, and 236 in B. football fundamentals and skills are beliefs as to what will be best for There will be eight teams brought Schools have until February 15 to decreased by not having spring the student and the educational proto the state tournament this spring, sign up for baseball this spring. training and therefore you have a gram of his school.

Conferences AAA, AA, A, B, six- poorer brand of football being and eight-man schools will vote on played if you do not have spring whether to extend the opening of training. This has not proven to be fall practice one week earlier or to true as there has been very little retain the present rule which allows difference in the caliber of football only two weeks of practice prior to played by schools in the respective the first game. If this rule is ap- conferences who have done away

they would gain by such a change would better than offset the period which they now have for spring This writer is of the opinion that training. The three weeks of conthere should be at least three weeks | tinuity, plus conditioning, would, in practice prior to the playing of any the opinion of many, prepare a boy football game. At the present time, better for a game of football than there are actually only ten days of the present two weeks of fall prac-

will be just as good and that the

#### Save Money

Another most important factor in Canyon; Hatcher Brown and Miss individual and team traits which is sound for schools to acquire three be the economical saving that would insure a high scoring basketball weeks of practice prior to the first result. There are great financial

writer recently that spring football costs between \$20,000 and \$30,000 each year. It is true that for a system with only one school the exthis amount, but even in this situation the expenses are oftentimes far

which accrue from spring football. At this time when the public and that the coaches and school administrators would want to economize in every way they can as long as Most coaches, however, have held they do not sacrifice the health of fits of the game.

## Interference

Even though it is true that in many of the larger schools there are more boys available for spring should be extended forward one sports, it nevertheless holds true that in the conference AAAA high conditioning and training period schools with which this writer is familiar, football does interfere and more healthful environment for with other spring sports. There always are illustrations constantly reported to this office of boys who are required to go out for football who woud like to participate in basket-

ball, track, baseball, golf or tennis. In most cases, our spring sports must rotate around the spring football training period and even though they are eventually allowed to participate in other sports, the primary coaches who work with spring footsports and this often creates a very undesirable situation as it is impossible to give adequate attention to anything except football while spring training is in session.

## **Vote Your Convictions**

As is true in all of the League months during the school year. At rules and regulations, member The 1959 baseball season will four in Conference AAAA and four the present time, boys come out for schools of the state will make the again feature state championship in AAA. This is the same number of football on August 26 and are out decision as to whether or not Conplayoffs in two conferences—AAAA | teams brought to the tournament in | for football until at least November | ference | AAAA | schools will disconand AAA-with conferences AA past years. This plan has the ad- 23, and many of the schools continue tinue spring training or retain and A playing to regional champ- vantage of having the tournament their football programs as late as a spring training, or whether they completed in two days, while in day or two prior to Christmas. They will continue to commence fall prac-As far as possible, all schools will previous years it has been a three- then take out for Christmas holi- tice two weeks prior to the first be assigned to baseball conferences day tournament. All baseball days and mid-term examinations game or three weeks prior to the and districts on the same basis as schools in conferences AAAA and and it is time once again for another first game. All other conferences will vote upon whether they desire is hoped that this continuity of dates listed in the League Calendar Players do not like spring foot- to open all practice three weeks ball and most players go out for prior to the first game or retain the spring football because they know present two weeks prior to the first

pions by May 16, and they have un- fall. Several years ago this writer we will eliminate spring training in til June 4 to complete their regional made a survey of students and their conference AAAA and open fall In order to determine state cham- championship. Conference B schools desires relative to spring football practice a week earlier and that we pionships in both conferences must decide their district champions and found that 90% of the boys will vote to open fall practice one AAAA and AAA, the following by May 16 and they have until June would have preferred not to have week earlier in all other conferences. playoff schedule will be followed. 4 to complete their bi-district series. gone out for spring football but felt This is a matter, however, which District championships must be de- At this time, 583 schools have they had to if they wanted to make rests in the hands of each school administrator whose school plays football and our only recommendation to each person who casts a vote for The statement is often made that his school is that he vote his sincere