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## Roy Bedichek: Scholar, Leader, 'Natural Man'

In 1946 League officials, public school administrators, and teachers throughout the state began to miss Roy Bedichek. He took a year's leave of absence from his duties as director of the University Interscholastic League, went into voluntary semi-seclusion at Friday Mountain Camp in the hills southwest of Austin, and wrote his first book—"Adventures with a Texas Naturalist."

In 1948, when Bedichek reached the age of 70 and went on "modified service," his co-workers and professional associates began to miss him even more. This breach was widened in 1956 when Bedichek officially retired from League activities and assumed the status of director emeritus.

Now, as the League is beginning its 50th year, his associates miss him in earnest.

On Thursday morning, May 21, 1959, Bedichek was puttering around in his garden, looking forward to an excursion into the countryside near Austin that afternoon with two close friends, J. Frank Dobie, noted Southwestern folklorist, and Wilson Hudson, an associate professor of English at The University of Texas. About 11:30 a.m. he went into the house and inquired of Mrs. Bedichek if lunch was ready; she replied that it was, except for the corn bread. Bedichek sat down to wait and a few moments later, with no fuss, fanfare or warning, he was dead—just 37 days short of his 81st birthday.

### Many Tributes

Since that warm May morning thousands of words have been spoken and printed in tribute to and recognition of Roy Bedichek, his ideals, his aims and his achievements. An official resolution honoring Bedichek was adopted in the Texas Senate. Ronnie Dugger, editor and general manager of *The Texas Observer*, published a special 12-page edition devoted entirely to Bedichek. Harold Ratliff, Texas sports editor for the Associated Press, did a lengthy article on Bedichek's contributions to the League football program that was carried in a number of daily newspapers throughout the state. A memorial scholarship was established in his honor by the newly-organized Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

What type of man was this whose death, though he was past 80, would seem so unlikely and come as such a sudden shock to his family and friends? The personality profiles written about Bedichek through the years are too numerous to count. Impressions have been recorded by many of his closest friends—Dobie; T. H. Shelby, dean emeritus of the University of Texas Extension Division; R. J. Kidd, director of the University Interscholastic League; Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, noted educator, writer and historian. Still, to one who knew Bedichek only casually, a study of the recorded material on his life only deepens the impression that Bedichek was like a diamond—he had many shining facets and no one writer was ever

able to capture the man as a whole. Perhaps only an autobiography, in Bedichek's honest and forthright style, could ever contain a complete characterization.

### Self-Effacing Man

For one thing, Bedichek, or "Bedi," as he was affectionately called by his friends, was a self-effacing man. It was difficult, if not sometimes impossible, to draw from him detailed facts or incidents about his personal life. He was known, at times, to forbid, or perhaps "sternly request," that known facts be eliminated from stories about him.

In 1946, in connection with his year's leave, Mrs. Oletta Williamson, then editor of the *Interscholastic Leaguer*, undertook to write a lengthy and colorful piece about Bedichek and his absence from the State Meet for the first time in 29 years. The original story was good; it had color, drama and human interest, but then it was submitted to Bedichek for his approval. It was returned with many entire paragraphs deleted and others radically changed. Attached was a note:

"You have certainly made a valiant attempt to make something out of nothing. You have insufficient and sometimes erroneous data to go on and I'm awfully sorry I can't ok the whole story as written. You will do the League a great injury by making out that it is a one-man affair. There are a lot of good school men in Texas who think it is very much their own baby. Please leave out any references to settling disputes in Deming (New Mexico) with sixshooters. I have many friends out there who would suppose I had taken to slandering the town of which they are very proud. You tend to boast and exaggerate my accomplishments. . . . No one has ever made anything of a personality sketch out of me and I don't believe I'm the cloth that can be made into such a garment. . . ."

### Thick As Blossoms

Later, when Bedichek went on modified service, Mrs. Williamson did a very similar story for the *Leaguer*. That time she asked Bedichek's close friend, Frank Dobie, for comments. He said: "The articles on Bedichek are getting to be nearly as thick as blossoms in Paradise, but, to my mind, yours gives more of his essence than any of the others. . . . You have let your mind play and you have said something with skill. . . ."

Roy Bedichek has been variously described as a writer, scholar, naturalist, historian, administrator, promoter, storyteller, dictator, tyrant, and probably the most all-encompassing description of all, a natural man. His convictions, whether on law, labor or League eligibility, were unshakable and he was not one to be coerced by pleadings, arguments or threats of mayhem. He had the patience to lie for hours in wet grass observing some rare bird in its natural habitat, and he had the proverbial bulldog tenacity to

search tirelessly through legal records and dusty family Bibles for proof that a 30-year-old football player was not, in fact, a 17-year-old senior as claimed.

He has been hanged in effigy and lauded as the best read man in the classics in Texas. He had a keen sense of humor and a fine sense of justice. He loved many things—youthsters, peace, Democracy, fair play, education and progress (provided it didn't get in his way, such as fencing him out of a favorite camping spot); but, as Dr. Webb once wrote, his three great loves were literature, nature and conversation.

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## Order Debating Material Early

The debate proposition for the 1959-60 school year is: "Resolved, that the Federal Government should substantially increase its regulation of labor unions."

Packages of material on this question are now available from the League Office for \$2.75 per package. Each debater should have a debate kit, for it not only contains both volumes of the *NUEA Bulletin* and the *League brief* and analysis of the question, but much additional material to assist the debater in his preparation, such as booklets, pamphlets, article reprints, etc.

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

## 50th Anniversary Observance Starts

By VIRGIL CURRIN, Chairman 50th Anniversary Committee

Fifty years ago, the University Interscholastic League was first organized. The occasion was a meeting of the Texas State Teachers Association; the place was Abilene; the date was December 10, 1910.

For a time, the Interscholastic League sponsored only debate for boys but later assumed responsibility for declamation and athletic contests.

### Early Meet

The Texas Interscholastic Athletic Association (a predecessor of the League) held invitational track meets on the campus of The University of Texas. A championship track and field meet was held on Clark Field on May 5, 1911. It was considered to be the most successful in the history of interscholastic athletics, at that time, and was reported to have the best collection of athletes ever gathered at a Texas meet.

This was evidenced by the fact that fifteen records were broken, nine by academy boys and six by high school representatives. The nine teams in the high school division came from Beaumont, Temple, Marlin, Austin, Orange, Arlington, Palestine, San Marcos and Cleburne. Beaumont won honors and for the first year possessed the beautiful silver cup.

Since the early beginning, the League has expanded in the number of participating contests and schools, and in the variety of contests offered. In 1959, the League sponsored fifteen literary contests,

nine track and field contests, basketball, football, baseball, tennis, golf, and numerous music events. The League has grown and developed to meet the needs of the public schools and of the students and athletes of the last half-century.

### Special Committee

Realizing the importance of the League program in Texas education, the Legislative Council voted unanimously to declare the 1959-60 school year as the "golden anniversary" of the University Interscholastic League. A special committee was appointed to guide the observance of the anniversary. It includes: Virgil Currin, assistant superintendent of the Alamo Heights schools; J. L. Buckley, superintendent, Lockhart; P. J. Dodson, superintendent, Bastrop; O. B. Chambers, superintendent, Early; and I. T. Graves, superintendent, Floydada. Since last May this committee has formulated plans for statewide participation in "golden anniversary" ceremonies.

R. J. Kidd, director of the University Interscholastic League, and members of the League staff are prepared to assist in providing speakers for these special "anniversary" occasions, and to furnish special material for news releases, radio programs, and public address announcers at athletic events.

### Materials Available

League staff members are also planning special commemorative programs in the departments of music, journalism, athletics, speech, (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3)

## Memorial Fund Started In Honor of Bedichek

By J. O. WEBB, Chairman Texas Interscholastic League Foundation

Fifty years ago, the University Interscholastic League came into being and, during the half century, this organization has grown tremendously in size and effectiveness. In fact, in its scope and program, the League has no real competitor either in this country or elsewhere.

What accounts for this phenomenal success? First, the idea was sound. It was predicated upon the concept of discovering and developing talent in youth, especially those of greater capacity. This was not only American, but it was also Christian. It provided a sound educational approach.

Second, because of this wide appeal, it has had the support of countless thousands over the years—the schools, the teachers, the administrators; the parents and the pupils; and many other individuals and organizations too numerous to mention.

### Great Leadership

Third, the University Interscholastic League has been fortunate in having great leadership, which not only administered the program well but also helped to evolve the philosophy that accounted for the success of the League. Added to this has been the moral and financial support from The University of Texas and its faculty.

Later more will be said about those Interscholastic League lead-

ers, to whom Texas owes so much. Just now, tribute to Roy Bedichek seems most fitting. Because of the position he occupied and because of his special talents, he stood in a pre-eminent place in the origin and development of the League. Therefore, the time seems ripe not only to pay tribute to him but also to draw inspiration from his life and to use this to take another step forward in the League's history.

### Bedichek Scholarships

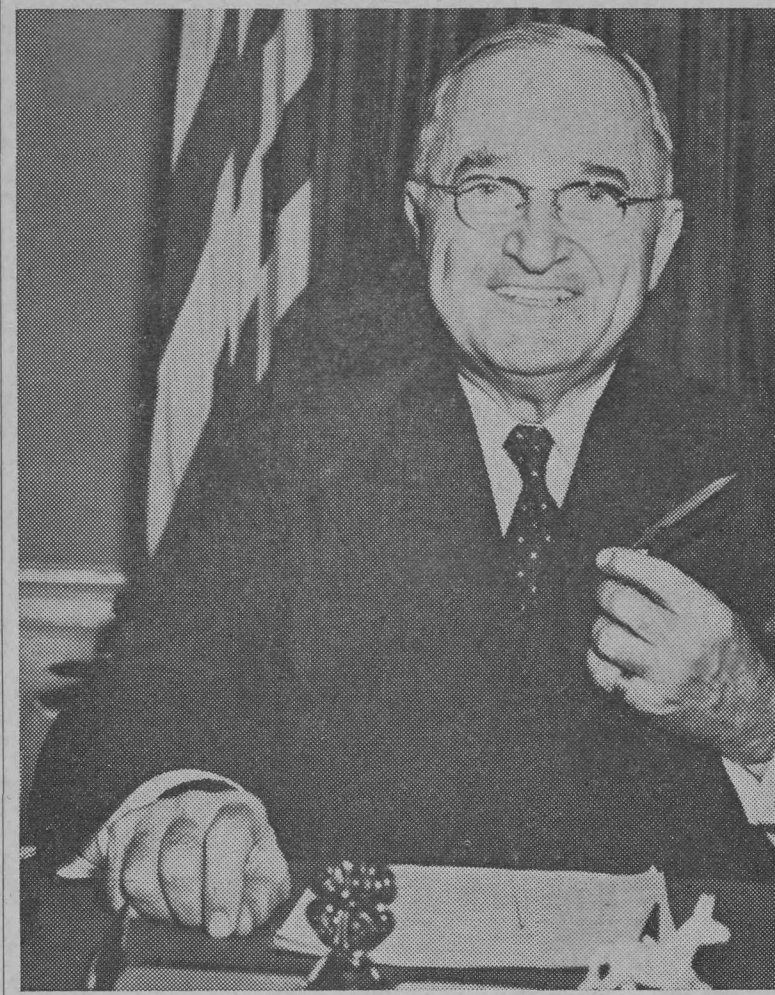
The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation has been recently organized as a means of furthering the work of the University Interscholastic League. This organization is independent of the League and of The University of Texas. Its chief purpose is to set up scholarships for winners in literary and academic contests, who may want to attend institutions of higher learning in Texas.

This Foundation hopes to do by securing contributions from individuals, schools or from other organizations.

As a part of the Foundation's initial effort, its board is setting up the Roy Bedichek Memorial Scholarship, and is suggesting that each school dedicate one game to this memorial, with at least a part of the receipts to apply to the scholarship.

The time is ripe for a further extension of the League's work in helping to discover and helping to develop our best talent in Texas.

## Harry Truman Slated For Dallas Conference



HARRY S. TRUMAN

The University Interscholastic League, in cooperation with host colleges and universities throughout the state, has scheduled seven Student Activities Conferences for the 1959-60 school year, beginning with the North Texas Conference in Dallas on October 17.

The opening conference, to be held on the campus of Southern Methodist University, will feature one of the biggest "names" ever offered to conference delegates. Featured speaker at the opening general assembly will be the Honorable Harry S. Truman, ex-president of the United States.

### Truman to Speak

Truman has indicated plans to make his address short to permit time for questions from the floor. Following the opening session the delegates will break into groups for sectional meetings in debate, poetry reading, declamation, extemporaneous speaking, original oration, one-act play, ready writing, slide rule, number sense and journalism—including both the student newspaper and yearbook.

Additional details about the Dallas meeting will be mailed to schools in the North Texas area early in October.

On the remainder of the conference schedule, one other meeting is scheduled in October, three in No-

vember and two in December. This year, for the first time in many years, there are no conferences slated for January, although others might be added at a late date.

The other October meeting is the Southeast Texas Student Activities Conference on the University of Houston campus in Houston on October 24. All conference schedules will include the basic program topics listed above, although variations and substitutions may be made at some to fit individual situations.

### November Schedule

Scheduled for November are: the East Texas Conference at Kilgore College, Kilgore, Nov. 7; the Central West Texas Conference at Abilene Christian College, Abilene, on Nov. 14; and the Central Texas Conference at Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos, on Nov. 21.

The two December meetings include the West Texas Conference at Odessa College, Odessa, on Dec. 5 and the South Texas Conference at Texas A&I College, Kingsville, on Dec. 12.

(For a ready reference, see complete schedule box elsewhere in this issue.)

The conferences, which have become annual affairs for member schools of the League, are cooperatively sponsored each year by the host institutions and the public schools of the conference areas. They are designed primarily to stimulate interest in the League program and to provide assistance for both teachers and students in preparing for the League's Spring Meet academic and literary contests.

### Qualified Leaders

For each conference, top-notch leaders will be on hand to participate in the program. These workshop leaders will include outstanding students (including a few State Meet winners from last year), professional people, personnel from the League Office, The University of Texas and the host institutions, and administrators and teachers from the public schools.

School administrators and faculty sponsors for League activities are urged to begin planning now to send a large delegation, including both students and teachers, to the conference in their area. Ample reminders will be provided all schools in the vicinity of each conference. Not only will a monthly reminder be printed in the *Leaguer*, invitations will also be mailed for each conference from the League Office and the host schools.

### REMEMBER

The annual convention of the Texas Speech Association will be held in Austin on October 1, 2 and 3.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Dates and sites of the seven regional Student Activities Conferences sponsored each year by the League, the host colleges and universities and the public schools of Texas are listed below. School administrators should check the date of the conference nearest their school and plan now to attend with a large delegation of students and faculty members.

Oct. 17—Southern Methodist University, Dallas.  
Oct. 24—University of Houston, Houston.  
Nov. 7—Kilgore College, Kilgore.  
Nov. 14—Abilene Christian College, Abilene.  
Nov. 21—Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos.  
Dec. 5—Odessa College, Odessa.  
Dec. 12—Texas A&I College, Kingsville.

## Council Vote Due For 14 Vacancies

During the months of September and October, vacancies on the League's Legislative Council will be filled by regional elections. After the elections, representation on the council will be on the new five-conference regional assignment. Each newly elected councilman will represent his conference and region at the annual meeting in Austin on November 1 and 2.

Each administrator should endeavor to nominate, for this council election, the best man available to represent his region and conference. Nominees should be men who have been active in the Interscholastic League affairs of their district and region. They should be individuals who believe in educational competition, as sponsored by the League, and they should be principals or superintendents who understand the needs of the Interscholastic League on a statewide basis.

Nominating ballots for each school will arrive about the same time as this (September) issue of the *Interscholastic Leaguer* appears on the desk of the school administrator. Vacancies to be filled on the Legislative Council are:

Conference AAAA, Regions II, III and IV  
Conference AAA, Regions I and III  
Conference AA, Region III  
Conference A, Regions I, II and IV  
Conference B, Regions I, IV, V, VI and VIII



ROY BEDICHEK





# Beaumont, South San Capture Baseball Tournament Titles



CONFERENCE AAAA CHAMPS—Members of the title-winning Beaumont High School baseball team are, left to right: KNEELING—John Pipkin, Wilson Mason, Joseph Rinando, A. J. Tremont; STANDING—Terry Cobb, John Reynolds, Herbert Troy, Tommy Odiorne, Joe Saurage, John Hightower, Herbert Etheridge, Jerry Hanna, John Laird, Bobby Masterson, Coach John Linney.

The eleventh annual UIL state championship baseball tournament, plagued by rain, went into extra innings before the conference AAAA and AAA champions were determined at Austin's Dish Field last June.

Heavy downpours after the opening game of the first day's play forced the postponement of the three first-round games, thus extending the tournament into an extra day. Another cloudburst on the final day gave Beaumont a 2-0 victory over Paschal (Fort Worth) when the conference AAAA championship game was called after 5½ innings. This was Beaumont's first title in three trips to the tournament.

South San Antonio, reigning king in the AAA division, held on to the title for another year by defeating Ector (Odessa) 7-1 in the conference AAAA finale. This gave South San its second consecutive title in two tourney appearances. Complete tournament results:

### Conference AAA

District champions: Levelland, Ector (Odessa), Snyder, Mineral Wells, Handley (Fort Worth), Paris, Nacogdoches, Corsicana, Cleburne, Brenham, Nederland, Alvin, MacArthur (San Antonio), South San Antonio (San Antonio), Kingsville, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo (Pharr).

Bi-District: Ector (Odessa), Mineral Wells, Paris, Nacogdoches, Cleburne, Nederland, South San Antonio (San Antonio), Kingsville.

Regional: Ector (Odessa), Nacogdoches, Nederland, South San Antonio (San Antonio).

### Conference AA

District champions: Muleshoe, Crane, Childress, Anson, Cisco, Electra, Rosen Heights (Fort Worth), Duncanville, Richardson,

Hooks, Linden-Kildare (Linden), Grand Saline, San Saba, Belton, Georgetown, A & M Consolidated (College Station), Liberty, Kirbyville, San Augustine, Deer Park, West Columbia, Lockhart, East Central (San Antonio), Crystal City, Hebronville, Taft, Donna.

Bi-District: Crane, Anson, Cisco, Electra, Richardson, Linden-Kildare (Linden), Grand Saline, Belton, Georgetown, A & M Consolidated (College Station), San Augustine, Deer Park, Lockhart, Hebronville, Donna.

Regional: Crane, Cisco, Richardson, Grand Saline, Georgetown, San Augustine, Lockhart, Hebronville.

### Conference A

District champions: Spearman, Farwell, Petersburg, Sanderson, Burnet, Rotan, Paducah, Keller, Ce-

lina, Liberty-Eylau (Texarkana), White Oak, Edgewood, Levertt's Chapel (Overton), Shelbyville, Diboll, Elgin, West Orange (Orange), Itasca, Sealy, Moulton, Schertz-Cibolo (Schertz), Carrizo Springs, Pettus, Tuloso-Midway (Corpus Christi), La Joya.

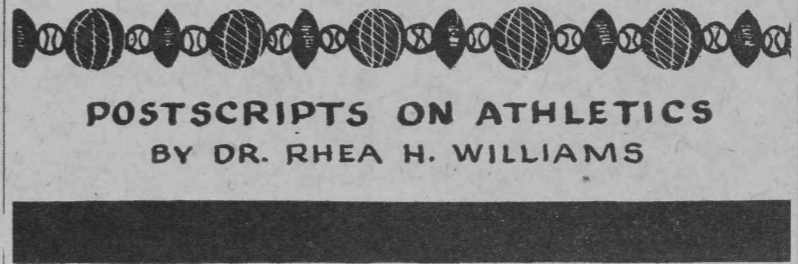
Bi-District: Spearman, Sanderson, Rotan, Keller, Celina, White Oak, Shelbyville, Diboll, Elgin, West Orange (Orange), Moulton, Schertz-Cibolo (Schertz), Pettus, Tuloso-Midway (Corpus Christi).

Regional: Sanderson, Keller, White Oak, Shelbyville, Elgin, Schertz-Cibolo (Schertz), Pettus.

### Conference B

District champions: Higgins, Nazareth, Pep, Lorenzo, Guthrie, Matador, Mobeetie, Trent, Baird, Robert Lee, Wall, Santo, Oglesby, Whitney, Hubbard, Lorena, Harold, Windthorst, Petrolia, Lindsay, Pasadise, Masonic Home (Fort Worth), Van Alstyne, Pecan Gap, Frisco, Powderly, Campbell, Avalon, De Soto, Wortham, White House, Cumby, Frankston, Sabine (Gladewater), Spring Hill (Longview), Tatum, Colmesneil, Normangee, Centerville (Groveton), Hamshire, Willis, Burton, Shiner, Troy, Florence, Dripping Springs, La Coste, Sabinal, Falls City, Skidmore-Tynan (Skidmore), Banquete, San Isidro.

Bi-District: Higgins, Nazareth, Lorenzo, Matador, Baird, Wall, Santo, Oglesby, Hubbard, Harold, Lindsay, Paradise, Van Alstyne, Frisco, Campbell, De Soto, Wortham, Cumby, Spring Hill (Longview), Tatum, Normangee, Willis, Shiner, Troy, Dripping Springs, La Coste, Skidmore-Tynan (Skidmore), San Isidro.



## POSTSCRIPTS ON ATHLETICS BY DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS

The University Interscholastic League will, during the 1959-60 school year, celebrate its fiftieth year of sponsoring athletic competition in the public schools of Texas. The Legislative Council of the League has designated this school year as the Golden Anniversary year of the League. The League, organized in December, 1910, at Abilene, Texas, at a meeting of the Texas State Teachers' Association, has grown from a meager beginning to the largest organization of its type in the world.

### Rapid Growth

The astounding growth of the League into the world's largest athletic program can best be told in cold facts, comparing the first year of operation in 1910 to the last athletic season, 1958-59. That first year for football, 198 high schools entered the League program, while this fall 916 teams will participate. It is estimated there were 3,500 boys playing football in the first year while 100,000 will play this coming fall.

Since the origination of the football program under the League's jurisdiction, it is estimated that over 10,000,000 boys have played directly or indirectly in senior or junior high school under the auspices of the League. Practically all the material for supplying athletes to the colleges of Texas was developed through the League athletic program. The boys' and girls' basketball programs have grown correspondingly to where the League now has more boys' and girls' basketball teams participating than any other state in the nation.

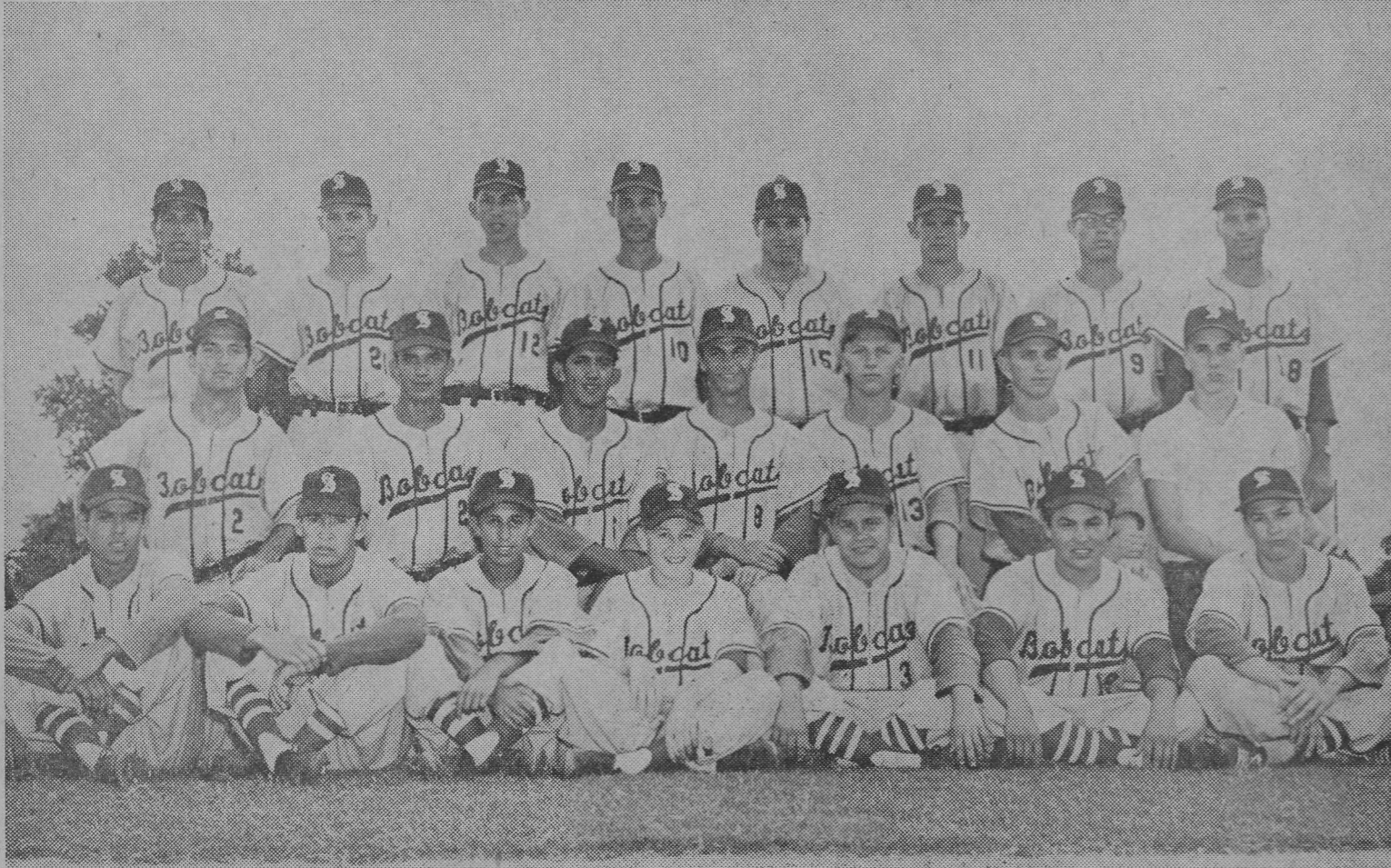
Track and field, tennis and golf also have the largest number of participating schools of any state in the nation. The only athletic activity in which Texas does not rank first is baseball where they rank second among fifty states.

### Need Your Help

We would like very much to solicit your support in helping us to publicize this most important event to the community and to our school faculties and student bodies. May we suggest a few ways in which your school may help us in honoring this fifty years of the League's existence.

### Thanks

We sincerely hope that each school administrator, athletic director and coach will plan some activity to honor all phases of the League athletic program during this coming school year. This should be a great impetus to the local athletic program as well as to the over-all state celebration of the Golden Anniversary of the League. May we thank you in advance for your efforts in this behalf.



CONFERENCE AAA CHAMPS—Members of the championship South San Antonio High School baseball squad are, left to right: FRONT ROW—Joe Herrera, Felix Reyes, Sibby Laque, Newton Grimes, Gabriel Johnson, William Villalobos, Donald Denson; MIDDLE ROW—Jesse

### Conference AAA

First round—Ector 3, Nederland 0; South San 4, Nacogdoches 3. Consolation—Nederland 5, Nacogdoches 7. Championship—South San 7, Ector 1.

### Conference AAAA

First round—Beaumont 4, Odessa 3; Paschal 1, Austin (Austin) 0. Consolation—Austin 8, Odessa 2. Championship—Beaumont 2, Paschal 0.

Reviewing the entire 1959 baseball season, district, bi-district and regional winners were:

### Conference AAAA

District champions: Bowie (El Paso), Odessa, Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Paschal (Fort Worth), Woodrow Wilson (Dallas), Highland Park (Dallas), Lufkin, Reagan (Houston), Bellaire (Houston), Beaumont, Galena Park, Austin (Austin), Ray (Corpus Christi), Harlandale (San Antonio).

Bi-District: Odessa, Amarillo, Paschal (Fort Worth), Highland Park (Dallas), Bellaire (Houston), Beaumont, Austin (Austin), Harlandale (San Antonio).

Regional: Odessa, Paschal (Fort Worth), Beaumont, Austin (Austin).

## 916 Grid Teams To Play in '59

The Interscholastic League's 1959 football season will feature teams from 916 high schools. This is the same number of schools that participated during the 1958 campaign, despite a number of consolidations during the past year.

Texas has the greatest number of high school football teams fielded by any state in the Union. This fall there will be approximately 7,500 "A," "B" and junior high school football games played, with an estimated 100,000 boys participating and an estimated 10 million people seeing these games.

The breakdown of teams: conference AAAA, 103 schools; AAA, 87; AA, 178; A, 188; B, 218 and six- and eight-man, 142.

### Remember When . . .

## Ed Bluestein Played On 'Perfect' Teams

Ed Bluestein, a district engineer for the Texas Highway Department, holds a distinction few other Texas athletes can claim—he was a member of the last two undefeated football teams of The University of Texas, more than a third of a century ago.

The University's last perfect season—no losses, no ties—came in 1920, Bluestein's first season with the Longhorn varsity. He failed to letter that year but nonetheless had

the privilege of playing on a team that won all nine of its games, scored 282 points and allowed its opposition but 13.

Bluestein missed lettering again in 1922 and 1923. The '23 season currently stands in the record books as Texas' last undefeated year, although the record was marred somewhat by a 7-7 tie with Baylor. Oddly enough, the Longhorns failed to win the Southwest Conference crown that year.

Bluestein was a standout athlete at Beaumont High School and played tackle during his days at UT. He received some mention in the all-conference selections of 1922, and made practically all of the all-conference selections in 1923. That same year he also received what he calls "faint recognition" in the all-American selections.

Thanks to less stringent eligibility restrictions than now exist, Bluestein had a five-year college football career. After his graduation from Beaumont High in 1917, he enrolled at Rice Institute and was a member of the reserves that year. The next year was spent in the U.S. Navy, and following his discharge he enrolled in The University of Texas in 1919. After four years of football at Texas he graduated with a BS degree in civil engineering in 1924, and worked as varsity line coach that year under Head Coach Doc Stewart.

Bluestein joined the Texas Highway Department 35 years ago and has been there ever since in various capacities. He has been a district engineer for the past 18 years, longer than any of the other 24 district engineers presently in the organization. Prior to moving to Austin he served the Bryan and Atlanta districts.

Bluestein is married to the former

Ferro, Leonard Sanchez, Loyd Garcia, Marvin Coats, Mickey Leukhardt, Joey Burrows, Manager Russell Trafton; BACK ROW—Raul Cerda, Billy Stockwell, Robert Zamora, Mike Shaddock, Roy Colbath, Doug Lightsey, Bobby Lara, Coach Cliff Gustafson.

## New Insurance Plan Approved; Survey Scheduled for January

The Athletic Insurance Committee of the League, at its spring meeting last April, made the recommendation for the 1959-60 school year that the League not approve any specific athletic insurance policy but to leave it up to each individual school to select the type of coverage which it desires.

A survey will be made in January, 1960, to evaluate whether or not the schools are having their needs met by athletic insurance policies presently being offered or if there is a need for the League to once again try to approve a company which will furnish a policy which will meet the needs of the member schools.

The committee recommends that each school which fields athletic teams provide some type of athletic insurance coverage. It appears at the present time that most of the schools are interested in an unallocated policy, preferably one which is unallocated up to \$2500. This type of policy is very expensive and in the opinion of the committee will, in several years, be practically prohibitive in price.

In an unallocated policy, the hospitals and doctors will always invoke the maximum claims which they can secure; and this, in turn, is going to cost the insurance companies more. They, in turn, are going to increase the rates of this type of policy yearly. This has been amply illustrated during the past several years when this type of policy has gone from a premium of \$8 per boy to \$25 per boy in some cases.

It is the opinion of the committee that the best overall policy is an allocated policy in which the benefits are specifically stated and one in which the parents assume some re-

Francis Ely of Hearne, and they have two children. His daughter, Mrs. Frank Jackson, lives in Dallas and his son, Ed, Jr., is practicing law in Houston.

sponsibility along with the school. This type of policy can be kept to a reasonable premium which schools can afford to pay.

It is recommended that local physicians and hospitals be acquainted with the allocated policy and encouraged to work with the school to keep their expenses in line with this policy. We feel that this is a worthwhile public service which the physicians and hospitals can make to the community. The committee believes that in the long run this is the only workable solution to the athletic insurance problem.

The Security Life and Accident Insurance Company of Denver has agreed to service all schools that cannot get insurance otherwise for the 1959-60 school year, and this company offers both the allocated and the unallocated policy. They have the same provisions, however, that every other insurance company has in that they will not take your athletic insurance if you have your student insurance with another company. If you have no student insurance at all, they will underwrite your athletic insurance policy.

Senate Bill No. 250, sponsored by Sen. A. M. Aikin in the Senate and by Rep. Joe Chapman in the House, was unanimously passed by the Legislature and is now in effect. This bill provides that it is legal in all respects to pay athletic insurance premiums out of gate receipts or other student activity fees. They should not, however, be paid out of local or state tax money. This bill clarifies completely all doubt as to the legality of the purchase of athletic insurance on the part of member schools.

The Athletic Insurance Committee members for the 1958-59 school year were: J. L. Buckley, superintendent, Lockhart, chairman; Wendell T. Siebert, superintendent, Eastland; Joe Barnes, superintendent, Georgetown; J. S. Fikes, coach, Temple; Allen Winters, coach, Gonzales.



SIGNING OF SB 250—A group of interested spectators was on hand to watch Gov. Price Daniel sign into law Senate Bill 250, which authorizes payment of athletic insurance from gate receipts. In the background, left to right, are Supt. P. J. Dodson, Bastrop; Rep. Joe Chapman, who sponsored the

measure in the House; Rhea Williams, League athletic director; Supt. J. L. Buckley, Lockhart; League Director R. J. Kidd; and Sen. A. M. Aikin, who sponsored the bill in the Senate. [See article on this page concerning athletic insurance].

## All-Tourney Selections

(EDITOR'S NOTE: All-state or all-tournament teams have no official status with the League, but are reported here as a matter of public interest.)

Conference AAAA teams shared fairly equally in sportswriters' balloting for all-tournament teams at the eleventh annual state championship baseball tournament, while in conference AAA champion South San Antonio completely dominated the honor selections.

In the AAAA division, champion Beaumont, runner-up Paschal (Fort Worth) and third place Austin (Austin) each placed three players on the mythical team. Fourth place Odessa landed two.

South San gobbled up five places on the AAA selection, fourth place Nacogdoches got three, second place Nederland won two and runner-up Ector (Odessa) had but one. The complete selections:

### Conference AAAA

Don Reynolds, Paschal, 1B; Bobby Masterson, Beaumont, 2B; Rox Covert, Austin, 3B; Terry Cobb, Beaumont, SS; Roger Reid, Odessa, OF; Paul Woods, Paschal, OF; Mike Noe, Austin, OF; Gary Spann, Odessa, C; Stanley Standridge, Paschal, P; and Raymond Culp, Austin, and Tommy Odiorne, Beaumont, (tie) P.

Standridge, Masterson, Cobb and Reid were all unanimous choices, while Noe and Culp are repeaters from the 1958 all-tourney team.

Honorable mention: Jodie Saurage, Beaumont, C; Larry Nelson, Austin, C; Donald Kirks, Paschal, C; Clovis Williams, Austin, 1B; Ronnie Goodwin, Odessa, 3B; John Reynolds, Beaumont, 3B; Butch Etheridge, Beaumont, OF; Jarles Gunn, Austin, OF; Butch Troy, Beaumont, P; James Ingram, Odessa, P; Ed Esquivel, Austin, P.

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Fred Neely, Nederland, 1B; Keith Prince, Nacogdoches, 2B; Mike Shaddock, South San, 3B; James Shirley, Nacogdoches, SS; Raul Cerda, South San, OF; Larry Franks, Nacogdoches, OF; Edward Bellow, Nederland, OF; Doug Lightsey, South San, C; Robert Zamora, South San, P; and Bobby Lara, South San, and Mike Kropp, Ector, (tie) P.

Shaddock, Cerda and Zamora were all unanimous selections, while Cerda was also a repeater from last year.

Honorable mention: Stanley Pezrey, Ector, C; George DeVries, Nederland, C; Joey Burrows, South San, 1B; Gary Everett, Ector, 1B; James Wood, Nederland, 2B; Larry Weaver, Ector, 2B; Joe Herrera, South San, 2B; Lloyd Salts, Nederland, SS; Felix Reyes, South San, OF; Gerald Henry, Ector, OF; Mike Johnson, Nederland, P; Gayle Trahan, Nederland, P; Chalon Jones, Nacogdoches, P.