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Since junior high school memberships in ILPC seem to be on the increase every year, it might be well to pause a few minutes and try to forestall an annual problem.

Minor as it might seem, this situation frequently causes undue complications and confusion, to say nothing of occasional hard feelings.

Yearbook Contest

Although ILPC doesn't deal in yearbooks, per se, I'd like to pass on a note about ten \$250 scholarships available to yearbook advisers for 1960 summer study.

As many of you may recall, I suggested in the April, 1959, issue of the Leaguer that perhaps the spring meet journalism contest, particularly the copyreading portion, should be redesigned or re-evaluated.

At the same time, I noted that a number of sponsors are in favor of divorcing the ILPC State Convention from the State Meet, and I called for opinions there.

Miss Virginia Knapp, a top-notch sponsor at Gaston High School (Joinerville), had this to say:

No Change

"First, I would like to comment on the journalism contests. I think the copyreading contest should be left as it is for the very reasons that you listed.

"On the subject of the ILPC convention, I am in favor of changing the convention to early fall; as close to the beginning of school as possible.

Thanks for the opinions; any more?

Letters, Cont.

On the subject of letters, I have one as a classic of "tongue-in-cheekness," although I honestly don't know if it was intended as such or not.

"Thank you for your delightful criticism of our newspaper. I never realized until now just how bad our paper was.

During the past summer I tallied the ILPC membership blanks for

DEBATE...

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in our opinion not to the point of presenting the affirmative with an impossible or even with an unfair obligation.

(a) Union funds in elections. It is well-known that although labor unions are not permitted to contribute directly to political parties, they have set up auxiliary organizations (e.g., COPE) that do make such contributions.

(b) Antitrust laws. A respectable, if not a large, body of academic opinion would bring the unions under the operation of federal laws in restraint of trade.

(c) Strikes. Some employers—especially small business men—favor a federal law requiring a majority of the members of a given union to vote for a strike before it can be conducted legally.

(d) Union Shop. Some unions inveigh against the provision (apparently untouched in recent legislation) permitting states to set aside the federal law only when the states wish to enact laws less favorable to unions than the federal legislation.

Without attempting to suggest an affirmative case or cases, therefore, we can observe that ample room still exists for the development of such cases; and their development is not incompatible with the assertion of the unions that the legislation adopted by the Eighty-Sixth Congress was largely punitive rather than corrective.

(III) The issues of labor and management have not been resolved by the current legislation. Indeed, one might well come to the opinion that more dust has been raised than settled by the actions of the Eighty-Sixth Congress.

(IV) Under the current practices of the committee on discussion and debate materials, the three questions and the three propositions now in use will be considered at the Lafayette Hotel in Washington on December 28-30.

Very truly yours, /s/ Bower Aly Executive Secretary

Girls were not allowed to compete in any League literary or academic events until 1916. In that year, girls were allowed to compete only in senior declamation.

More than 2,400 public school students entered League twirling contests during the 1958-59 year.

Music Committees Named For 1959-60 School Year

F. W. Savage, director of music activities for the League, has released the names of school administrators who will direct the League's interschool music contests during the current school year.

Forty-four of the 112 members on these committees have been appointed by the State Executive Committee this year and will serve until June, 1962.

These 16 seven-man committees are charged with the responsibility of organizing and administering every phase of music competition sponsored by the Interscholastic League in keeping with the rules and regulations set forth in the Constitution and Contest Rules.

Representative Selections

Since it is obviously impossible for each school in a given region to be represented on the regional committee such as they are on district athletic committees, seven members are appointed to "represent" all the schools assigned to the region.

Since these committees are representative of and responsible to the member schools in each region, each school unit should make it a point to communicate its wishes to one or more of the members of the committee. It also is recommended that each school maintain a file of minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee or bulletins distributed by these groups.

Region I W. H. Howorth, principal, Tom S. Lubbock High School, Lubbock; W. L. Reed, principal, Levelland High School; Ed Todd, principal, Plainview High School; P. L. Vardy, supt., Slaton; John Criner, supt., Amherst; Weldon Skinner, supt., Whiteface; and Billy Key, supt., Sundown.

Region II Cagle O. Hunt, supt., Anson; Ernest Caskey, supt., Ballinger; Escoe L. Webb, principal, Abilene High School; O. G. South, supt., Sweetwater; Wendel Seibert, supt., Eastland; James D. King, supt., Brownwood; and C. R. Braze, supt., Menard.

Region III C. E. Ellison, supt., Killen; Ernest E. Guinn, supt., Cleburne; L. C. McKamey, supt., Gatesville; A. O. Bowen, supt., Mexia; P. T. Galiga, supt., Hillsboro; W. J. Davis, supt., Ennis; and Avery R. Downing, supt., Waco.

Region IV J. D. Betts, supt. of Sabine Schools, Gladewater; Supt. Hubert

Smith, Hawkins; Supt. J. E. Andrews, supt., Gregory-Portland Schools, Gregory; Supt. D. H. Reese, Three Rivers; Supt. John S. Gillett, Kingsville; Supt. A. R. Pointer, Premont; Supt. Morris S. Strong, Brooks County Schools, Falfurrias; Mark Nelson, principal, Roy Miller High School, Corpus Christi.

Region V Supt. Morgan E. Evans, Galveston; Supt. B. R. Brooks, Texas City; Supt. W. C. Cunningham, Galena Park; Supt. J. C. Rogers, Jr., West Columbia; Supt. G. E. Thigpen, El Campo; Supt. D. W. Williamson, La Marque; and Supt. E. G. Caesar, Hempstead.

Region VI Clyde Gott, principal, Thomas Jefferson High School, San Antonio; Supt. H. C. Brantley, Pearsall; Everett Hart, principal, Alamo Heights, San Antonio; Supt. W. C. Loessberg, Lytle; T. A. Harbin, supt., Uvalde; Virgil Blossom, supt., Northeast Schools, San Antonio; M. E. Noble, supt., Kenedy.

Region VII Supt. Jack R. Ryan, Alice; W. C.

Sample Extemp Topics

- 1. Should laws pertaining to presidential disability be passed?
2. Should Congress have the power to reverse Supreme Court decisions?
3. Are Civil Rights laws inevitable?
4. Is the Federal Government spending too much money on space travel experiments?
5. Are we dangerously far behind Russia in missile development?
6. Should an effort be made to more fully educate the superior student?
7. Can the Federal budget be balanced?
8. What are the factors involved in unemployment?
9. What are the presidential possibilities for 1960?
10. Are tax reductions possible?

Loan Library Has Debate Aids

Extension Loan Library announces that it has material for loan on the 1959-60 debate proposition, that the Federal Government should substantially increase its regulation of labor unions.

Loans of debate material are made to the school librarian or to the debate coach if there is no librarian, so that all members of the team may share the information.

The loan fee is 50¢ per topic. All postage is paid by the borrower. Requests for information should be addressed to: Extension Loan Library, The University of Texas, Austin 12, Texas.

Winters Boasts Winning Record

Last June Principal Rodney D. Cathey, Winters High School, wrote a note to the League Office.

"Once before I called to your attention the outstanding record of one of our teachers," he wrote. "I would like to do so again for I think the record is worthy of mention."

And indeed it is. The teacher in question was Mrs. C. S. Jackson, who has been at Winters since 1924. She has been class sponsor, annual sponsor and choral club sponsor.

Since that time her record speaks for itself. In typewriting her contestants have won 2 firsts at State Meet, 4 seconds, 2 thirds, 2 fourths, 1 fifth and 1 eighth. In shorthand, her pupils have taken 2 State Meet firsts, 2 fourths, 1 fifth and 1 twelfth.

Nine years of the eleven she has coached these contestants she has had two contestants reach the state finals in commercial subjects. Her goal, to make a clean sweep of the State Meet contests, was almost realized last year when Marilyn Watkins won first in conference AAA shorthand and Carol Smith took second in typing.

Well, is there?



ACTUARIAL WINNER — E. Rex Arnold, Cleburne, has received one of eight \$300 number sense awards from the Actuaries Club of the Southwest for 1959.

Arnold, who has taught math for 32 years, has coached number sense contestants since 1934, first at the elementary level and then, since 1948, at the high school level.

MUSIC MATTERS BY F. W. SAVAGE

This paragraph constitutes notice Number 2 for the current school year concerning the necessity for renewing Music Acceptance Cards.

Remember, these cards must be postmarked prior to midnight, December 1, 1959, if a school unit is to be eligible to compete in any phase of music competition during the period between December 1, 1959, and December 1, 1960.

New schools created since September of 1958, or schools which were not on the eligible list last year must request cards from the State Office.

50th Anniversary

Band directors in Texas colleges, high schools and junior high schools have received a package of suggestions and information concerning the observation of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Interscholastic League.

Grade Enrollment Shows Increase

In 1958, 475 elementary schools had paid their Interscholastic League membership fees during the first three weeks of the school year.

All elementary school competition is local. Meets depend entirely upon their school principals for planning and organization.

The Constitution and Contest Rules of the University Interscholastic League provides for the following literary or academic contests for the elementary school: number sense, ready writing, declamation, spelling and plain writing, picture memory and story telling.

Further information on organizing elementary meets may be found in the Constitution and Contest Rules. Any principal interested in having an elementary meet may write to the State Office, suggesting the group of schools he wishes to form into a district.

Daniel Nearly Obtains 'Prize'

Governor Price Daniel almost became the owner of one of the rarest books in Texas, according to a recent item in the Austin Statesman.

An enthusiastic reader and collector of Texas books, Gov. Daniel proclaimed Oct. 16 as "Texas Writers' Day." Members of the Austin chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, who held their Writers Roundup honoring the top Texas authors of 1959 on that date, wanted to show their appreciation to the governor by giving him a copy of the first book by the man to whom the Roundup was dedicated, the late Roy Bedichek.

Results: The governor received a copy of "Educational Competition: The Story of the University Interscholastic League," the last book published by the well-known writer and naturalist before his death. This book, too, may be a rare one in future years, publishers predict, and there will be no second printing.

their time, energy and initiative in creating the football halftime shows which were included with the information: Robert Fielder of Abilene High School; I. E. Clark, teacher of speech and commercial subjects at Schulenburg High School; and Durward Howard of Temple High School.

Band directors or music directors are encouraged to inform the State Office of the League concerning any observation which is held either during football halftime or in any other fashion.

Executive Committees Complete

Appointments to fill vacancies on each of the sixteen active Music Executive Committees have been made and every committee has begun its work for the current school year.

A total of 112 school superintendents and principals will have complete authority, as provided by the Constitution, to conduct all music contests within regional boundaries.

A directory of these League officials is carried in another article in this issue and was also contained in the cover letter which was sent out with the current mailing of music acceptance cards.

Congratulations

The Texas Choral Directors Association published the first issue of The Texas Chormaster in July of this year.

Survey Progressing

Fred Covin, superintendent of schools at Pittsburg and chairman of the special appointed sub-committee of the Legislative Council to study travel and lost-time problems of high school bands, reports that returns of the questionnaire are very spasmodic.

Texas public school students entered more than 90,200 contest-events at Interscholastic League music contests in 1958-59.

Football audiences estimated at 6,000,000 witnessed half-time shows staged by 530 school bands during the 1958-59 season.

HISTORY...

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1910 Meeting

On December 28, 29 and 30, 1910, the Texas State Teachers Association met in Abilene. Names of officers, sections, subjects discussed, names of all participants, and hours and places of meeting, all appear in Volume 28, September to June, 1910-1911.

At the Abilene meeting, the superintendents and principals operated as a section of the General Association and were scheduled to meet in the high school auditorium on the afternoons of Wednesday, December 28, and Thursday, December 29.

After some discussion, the pro-

