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## 50TH NOTES

The League's 50th Anniversary observance is rapidly drawing to a close, but news notes are continuing to trickle into the League Office about the Anniversary activities of various groups and individuals. For example:

W. Z. Miller, Jr., principal, Bishop High School, wrote recently: "... At homecoming our band, directed by Kenneth Turner, ... paid tribute to the Anniversary. The combined bands of the Bishop schools, plus the band from Driscoll Junior High, a total of more than 300 bandmen, formed a huge outline map of Texas. Large placards indicated the importance of the UIL, and large placards bearing the number 50 were outstanding ... a suitable commentary explained the significance of the League's 50th birthday to Texas schools ..."

An editorial in the December 17 issue of the *Houston Post* noted the League's 50th birthday, and summed it up with this statement: "The qualities of leadership developed through the years by the organization have been one of this state's great assets."

The December issue of *Abilene Profile*, official monthly publication of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, contained a lengthy story, with pictures, of the League's December birthday party in Abilene.

George W. Reed, band director at Falls City, reports a 50th halftime show was staged last fall during the Falls City-Nordheim football game.

Jack Arnold, George West High School band director, reports an Anniversary halftime show was staged in October at the George West-Kenedy football game.

Top page one story in the December 4 issue of the *Abilene High School BATTERY* was about the League's 50th birthday party in Abilene. That same issue also contained an editorial page cartoon about League activities.

The top page one story in the November 30 issue of the *Dumas High School DEMON TALE* concerned Gov. Daniel's UIL week proclamation and a short summary of UIL activities.

The cover illustration of the December 4 issue of the *Schulenburg High School SHORTHORN* was a reproduction (in two colors) of the League's 50th Anniversary insignia, and the entire edition was dedicated to the University Interscholastic League.

A page one story reported on the Governor's proclamation and the 11 state championships won by Schulenburg contestants. Also, a page one box gave the UIL calendar for the remainder of the year; an editorial entitled "Interscholastic League is a Real Texas Brag" outlined some facts about League organization and participation; a page three story gave a brief history of the League; and the alumni column featured a number of former state champions from Schulenburg.

The December 4 issue of the *Woodrow Wilson (Dallas) NEWS* featured both a front page and editorial page article about the League, its founding and its 50th Anniversary.

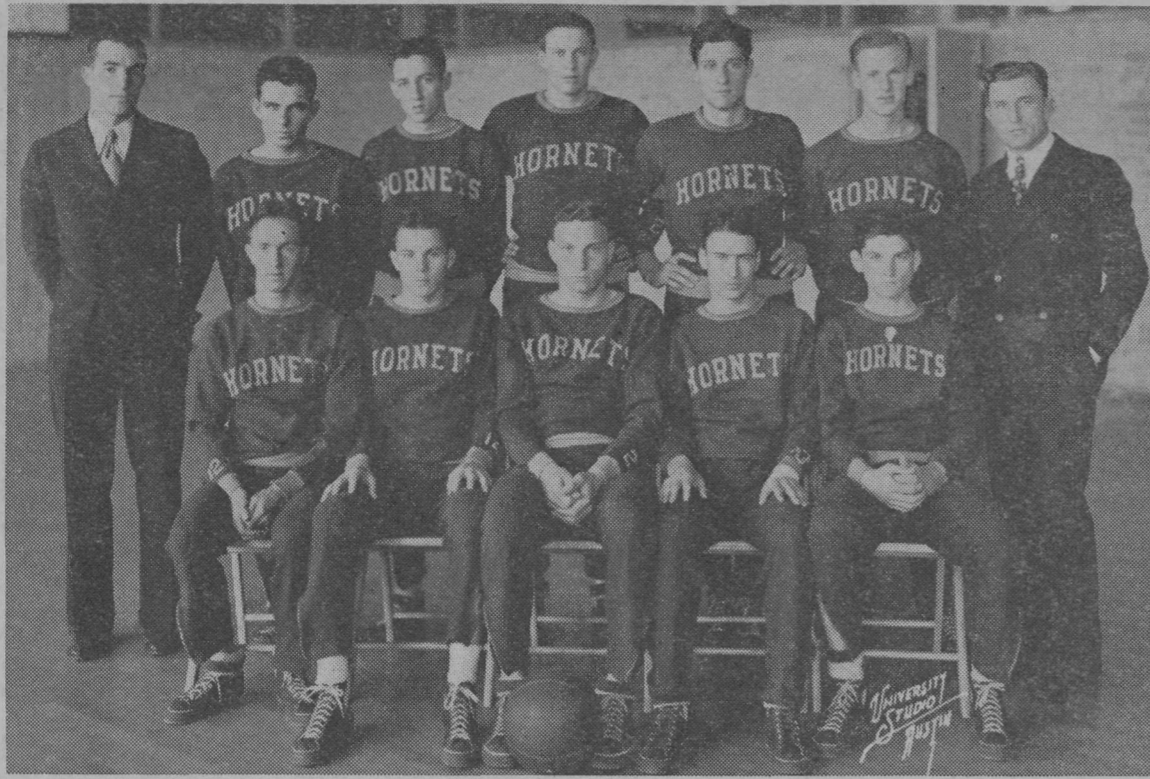
The December 1 issue of the *Gainesville High School LEOPARD TALE* reprinted Gov. Daniel's UIL proclamation on page one, and, in addition, reprinted an editorial from the *Interscholastic Leaguer* on its editorial page.

Top page one story in the December 3 issue of the *Huntsville High School HORNET HIVE* was about UIL week proclaimed by Gov. Price Daniel.

The December 18 issue of the *Newman High School (Sweetwater) PONY EXPRESS* contained a short story about the League's 50th birthday party in Abilene, including a report of Sweetwater's part in the Anniversary pageant.

The December 18 issue of *Victoria High School's VICTORIAN* (with the front page printed in red ink) featured a three-column page one article on the League, its activities, its participation and its birthday.

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**HONOR TEAM**—Athens High School's 1934 state championship basketball team will be the honor team at the 40th annual UIL state championship basketball tournament in Austin on March 3, 4 and 5. The 1934 title was Athens' fifth (a record) since 1927, and it was won by defeating Jeff Davis of Houston 43-13, then Denton 17-12, and finally Lamesa 28-22. Team members, left to right, are: BACK ROW—Assistant Coach Charles Hawm, now living in Athens; Hayden Mallory, Hunt Oil Co., Alvin; Duncan Frizzell, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Athens; Olin Cobb, Dallas Transit Co., Dallas; Joe Ledbetter, Greyhound Bus Co., Wichita Falls; Gaston Johns, Graybar Electric Co., Baton Rouge, La.; Coach J. T. Nelson, high school principal, Celina; FRONT ROW—Archie Fowler, Haggard Clothing, Dallas; Arbra Johnson, Dairy Queen Enterprises, Athens; Prentice Warren, 1704 Holland, Houston; Dan Cumbie, deceased; Newman, deceased.

## Number Sense Tests Have 'New' Problems

By JAMES M. HURT  
State Director of Number Sense

Each of the number sense tests to be used in the spring contests this year will contain a few simple problems on probability. This is in line with our policy of keeping the contest abreast of the times, providing the contestants with challenging problems, and stimulating

## New Scholarship Awards Stressed

The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation has ten scholarships of \$500 each to be awarded to some League regional or state winner. Any such winner from conference AAA, AA, A or B in debate, declamation, poetry reading, original oration, extemporaneous speaking, journalism, number sense, slide rule, or ready writing may apply for this scholarship.

Administrator and sponsors in these conferences should advise their students that these scholarships are available from the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

These incentive scholarships are provided by the Houston Endowment Foundation to make it possible for ten worthy students to get started on their college careers. They are to be awarded in recognition of outstanding work to ten students in League activities.

Other League scholarships available are the Beckman number sense scholarship of \$500, the Beckman slide rule scholarship of \$200, the J. O. Webb ready writing scholarship of \$500. Drama scholarships are also being given to two technicians, three best actors, three best actresses. These are for full tuition for one year.

Also, any girl who wins first place in journalism, debate, extemp, declamation, poetry reading, ready writing, dramatics, or tennis may apply for a \$50 tuition scholarship at the Texas Woman's University at Denton.

## League Membership At 2,392 for 1960

Final membership tabulations for the 1959-60 school year show a League enrollment of 2,392 schools—a decrease of 58 since last year and down 309 from the all-time high of 2,701 set in 1957-58.

The big drop came in the elementary school division, which lost 69 schools from last year's total. High school enrollment dropped six and junior high membership gained 17.

Type Membership	1959-60	1958-59	1957-58
Elementary Schools	1,039	1,108	1,370
Junior High Schools	262	245	244
High Schools	1,091	1,097	1,087
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,701</b>

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## Regional Meet Groups Named for '60 Contests

At each regional site throughout the state, the State Executive Committee has appointed a regional executive committee, composed of public school administrators, to assist the regional director at each host institution in planning and scheduling the regional meet literary, academic, track and field events.

These committees, composed of local faculty members and public school administrators, are charged with planning a schedule which will not conflict with school time, to assist in securing contest judges and officials for the meet, and to conduct the meet at a minimum expense to the member schools, contestants and host institutions.

## Spring Meet Changes Made for 'B' Schools

A number of changes have been made in spring meet participation for conference B schools in Region I (Texas Tech, Lubbock) and Region III (North Texas State College, Denton), and officials of these conference B schools should note the information below.

The changes in conference B, Region I, affect only the one-act play competition. Area meets will be conducted this year to reduce the number of plays participating at the regional meet level. Area meets will be held on April 2 at Lubbock, Amarillo and Abilene, so all conference B, Region I, schools must complete their district one-act play contests by March 26.

### Transfers

To achieve a more balanced competition, a number of interdistrict transfers have been made for one-

## Typewriting Rule Changes Noted

By DR. FABORN ETIER  
State Director  
Commercial Contests

Typewriting teachers are urged to familiarize themselves with the recent change in the length of the district and regional typewriting tests and the manner in which the district, regional, and state contests will be conducted.

The League Legislative Council approved the change in Rule 9, *Length of Test*, at its fall meeting. Rule 9 as follows will have precedence over Rule 9, as stated on page 81 of *Constitution and Contest Rules of the University Interscholastic League for 1959-60*.

Rule 9. *Length of Test. District and Regional Meets.* Each contestant will be given two tests of five minutes each. After the first five-minute test, each contestant will proofread his test as the director reads the test copy aloud. At the end of the second test, time will be allowed for each contestant to proofread his second test as the director reads the copy aloud and to score his first and second tests. The contestant will then select the test which in the opinion of the contestant is the better and hand the selected paper to the director for final grading. At no time will the sponsors be permitted to enter the room. The alternate paper will also be turned in and destroyed by the contest director. Sponsors will not be permitted to examine the discarded paper. However, each sponsor will be permitted to examine his contestant's paper (which has been graded by the committee appointed by the director) before final test results are announced.

Typists must cease typing at the closing signal, even if a word is not completed. No error is counted for the incomplete word. If the contestant continues to write, his paper shall be penalized one error.

*State Meet.* Each contestant will be given two tests of ten minutes each. After the first ten-minute test, each contestant will proofread his test as the director reads the test copy aloud. At the end of the second test, time will be allowed for each contestant to proofread his second test as the director reads the copy aloud and to score his first and second tests. The contestant will then select the test which in the opinion of the contestant is the better and hand the selected paper to the director for final grading. At no time will the sponsors be permitted to enter the room. The alternate paper will also be turned in and destroyed by the contest director. Sponsors will not be permitted to

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act play competition only. These are:

Transfer: Booker and Morse

## Director Urges Reading of Rules

By JOE L. BRUNS  
State Director  
Slide Rule Contest

It is always the responsibility of the sponsor to read, study and secure a complete understanding of the contest rules. If all contestants and sponsors fully understand the rules, many misunderstandings and unpleasantities will be avoided at the time of the contest.

One of the problems which arose at the last State Meet is covered by Rule 4, page 76 of the *Constitution and Contest Rules of the University Interscholastic League*. A few of the contestants advised that during some of the district meets they were allowed to use special holders for their slide rules. Rule 4 states specifically that slide rules without special accessories must be used. The rule further states, "The use of slide holders is considered to be non-standard equipment."

One of the greatest problems in the use of the slide rule involves the placement of decimals. We would suggest that sponsors place emphasis on drills involving the placement of decimals. The handbooks which some of the manufacturers of slide rules furnish with their new rules are excellent in stating the general procedure to be followed in the placement of decimals.

## Debaters Choose Free World Topic

The nation's debate coaches, polled by state, have selected the free world security area for the 1960-61 debate topic.

Debate coaches were offered their choice of three problem areas—free world security, television and water resources. On the basis of three points for a first place vote, two for second and one for third, the free world area polled 104 points, television got 72 and water resources 52.

The wording of the topics was:

A. How can the security of the free world best be maintained?

B. How may television best serve the public interest?

C. How can the United States best use its water resources?

The ballots sent to Texas debate coaches had a slightly better than 50% return and showed that a large majority preferred the free world security area. The water resources area barely nosed out television for second place.

Now each state will be permitted to choose a debate proposition from the ones listed for the free world security area. They are:

1. Resolved, that the NATO should be transformed into a Federal Government.

2. Resolved, that the United Nations should be significantly strengthened.

3. Resolved, that the United States should initiate a Federal Government.

In April a ballot will be sent to

The ready writing (essay) contest of the University Interscholastic League was started in 1915, with approximately 300 students participating.

Administrators appointed to regional committees for the 1959-1960 school year are:

Odessa, Region I, conference AAA and AAAA and Region VIII, conference B: Superintendents J. M. Hanks, Ysleta; Truett A. Roach, Andrews; and Wright Chrane, Pyote.

Lubbock, Region I, conference AA, A and B: Superintendents Hubert S. Wheat, Jr., McCamey; Huelyn W. Laycock, White Deer, and S. P. Stewart, Borden County at Gail.

Stephenville, Region II, conference B: Superintendents C. B. Barber, Bronte and H. Earl Culp, Priddy, and Principal A. A. McQuary, Perrin.

Dallas, Region II, conference AAAA and AAA: Principals Fred R. Boswell, Hillcrest at Dallas and John H. Guyer, Denton, and Superintendent Ray Brown, Greenville.

Denton, Region II, conference AA and A, and Region III, conference B: Superintendents Tort Dick, Callisburg at Gainesville; James R. Phillips, Kaufman; Ben Smith, Pilot Point and Barrett Reeves, Sanger.

Kilgore, Region IV, conference B: Superintendents J. D. Betts, Sabine at Gladewater and J. C. Smith, East Mountain at Gilmer, and Principal L. L. Williamson, Spring Hill at Longview.

Houston, Region III, conference AAAA and AAA, and Region V, conference B: Assistant Superintendent Edwin Martin, Houston, and Superintendents T. A. Manison, Friendswood and F. C. Herndon, Lamar at Rosenberg.

Brenham, Region III, conference AA and A: Superintendents W. G. Barber, Liberty; William Malish, Thrallville; and William Otto Longlois, Bellville.

San Marcos, Region IV, conference AAAA and AAA, and Region VI, conference B: Superintendents John Tumlinson, Waelder; James Maddux, Kyle; Carl S. Chilton, Calhoun County at Port Lavaca; and D. A. Swope, Bartlett; and Principal Clyde Gott, Thomas Jefferson at San Antonio.

Victoria, Region IV, conference AA and A: Superintendents Floyd D. Manry, Edna; D. E. Moore, Karnes City; and Claude B. Mullins, Bloomington.

Kingsville, Region VII, conference B: Superintendents R. H. Brown, Runge; Ralph M. Rice, Tivoli; and B. L. Gray, Sharyland at Mission.

## April Ballot May Delete Restrictions on Winners

The Legislative Council has only one eligibility question to submit to the member schools for balloting this spring, aside from the selection of a debate question.

District 16-AAA has proposed to the Legislative Council that the member schools be given an opportunity to vote on the removal of the restrictions imposed by Article VIII, Section 11, on State Meet winners in debate, declamation, original oration, extemporaneous speech, poetry reading, number sense, and slide rule. The present rule disqualifies a former winner from again entering these contests.

This rule was placed in the eligibility section of the *Constitution and Contest Rules of the University Interscholastic League for 1933*. Prior to that time, it was a contest rule that prohibited any former state winner in any of the above mentioned contests from participating in these events in any of the succeeding years.

The purpose of this rule was to encourage former state winners to enter other public speaking events. For example, if the state winner was on the debate team during his junior year, he was encouraged to enter extemporaneous speech or declamation, or some other speaking contest during his senior year.

The present rule reads as follows: "The winner of the State Championship (that is, first place) in debate (or member of the winning team), declamation, original oration, extemporaneous speech, poetry reading, number sense, or slide rule, shall not be eligible again in the contests in which the championship was won; and contestants awarded 100 per cent certificates in spelling are also disqualified from further competition in that class and division in spelling."

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HIGH SCHOOL PRESS BY J. ROY MOSES, JR.

Time once again for the annual report on ILPC memberships. When the deadline passed last January 15, we tallied up 331 members—broken down into 281 public high schools, 47 junior high schools and three associate members.

Some Refunds

As always, we had to refund a few memberships because schools (junior highs) failed to join the League and, for the first time since my association with the League, we had to refund two memberships merely because the sponsor, after sending in membership money, wouldn't complete the required membership application blank.

By the time this reaches the readers, all ILPC members should have at least one, and possibly both of our February mailings. The first contained the current 1959-60 ILPC membership list and two pamphlets: 1) Suggested Topics for Features; and 2) Suggested Topics for Editorials.

Contest Rules

As this is being written the complete contents of the second mailing have not been determined, but it definitely will include: sample spring meet journalism contest material and rules for the annual ILPC Individual Achievement Awards Contest. Also, it probably will contain a list of schools eligible for regional meet journalism contests and another new pamphlet on "Ideas for Using Professional Newspapers in High School Journalism Courses."

New Material

ACQUISITIONS: Through the courtesy of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association, and Executive Director John Murphy, ILPC is in the process of obtaining a new publication for addition to the "careers packets" in the Reddick Lending Library. The booklet is "Challenge to Individuality," published by the TDNA, and it covers such topics as who should consider a newspaper career, what sort of preparation and training is beneficial and what to expect from this field (including both the editorial and advertising ends of newspaper work).

Our careers packets, incidentally, have gone begging for borrowers most of the time, and this shouldn't be. We have three identical packets, and seldom is more than one out of the library at any one time. Since various research studies have shown that the journalism information of many high school guidance counselors is woefully out of date and incomplete, journalism teachers could help fill this void by borrowing these packets and letting their more promising students look over them.

Deadlines Coming

Remember two upcoming deadlines: March 1 for submitting file copies of newspapers for ILPC rating and April 1 for submitting entries in the Individual Achievement Awards Contest. You do not, repeat, DO NOT, have to send in a special file of papers for rating if you have been sending us at least one copy of each issue. These have been retained in the files and will be used for the ratings.

If you haven't been sending in each issue, be sure we get a complete file of back issues prior to the March 1 deadline. A rating cannot be guaranteed if we have no copies of your publication in our files as of March 1.

For clarification and emphasis, I'll repeat a note made in three separate places in the January issue of the Leaguer: There will be district meet journalism contests this year (for the first time) in districts 1-AAAA, 3-AAAA, 13-AAAA, 14-AAAA, 15-AAAA and 16-AAA. If your school is in one of these districts, and you submitted a journalism acceptance card prior to December 1, contact your principal and/or district meet chairman for additional details.

State Convention

It's hard to believe, but the 50th Annual University Interscholastic

Fort Worth Choral Workshop Date Changed to February 27

Due to a conflict with other choral activities in the Fort Worth area, the date of the third Choral Judging Workshop has been changed to Saturday, February 27. Registration begins in the foyer of the Fine Arts Building on the Texas Christian University campus at 9 a.m. and the workshop will conclude about 3:30 p.m.

TCU Third

Choral judges and teachers were lavish in their comments concerning the success of the first two workshops held at Texas Technological College in Lubbock and West Texas State College in Canyon on January 9 and 23, respectively. Dr. Gene Hemme, host-chairman at Lubbock, stated his surprise at the large number of teachers attending the pilot workshop and Dr. Houston Bright, host-chairman at Canyon, reported that almost 100% of the choral teachers in the Panhandle area participated in the second workshop.

Directors themselves that none would judge a group in exactly the same manner. I was sorry that there were not more of the Tech music majors in attendance. It would be most worthwhile for young teachers to get first hand information instead of waiting until they are actually in the driver's seat. They missed a fine opportunity!

Important Development A. P. Skoog, Borger: "Those who missed this event missed a most important development in this region. The effects of this workshop should and will improve the standards of judging which, in turn, will improve our choral standards. Mr. Savage is to be congratulated for the excellent work of preparing this workshop."

well as having a better conception of what is expected of contest entrants. Why haven't we had these workshops sooner?" Donald A. Swain, Memphis: "This workshop gave me, a first year director, a view of the choral program in this state. Before this I have had no standards by which to judge my work. This sort of activity should be encouraged all over the state."

Greater Insight Hugh Ellison, Littlefield: "I will say that I don't see how any sincere choral director can afford to miss these workshops. They offer us a chance to exchange ideas about standards of performance. They give us a greater insight into the problems of judging, and whether or not we expect to be judges soon, such information is invaluable to the choral director."

Elena Ann Donald, Miami: "A most educational and informative experience! I now have more sympathy and patience with judges as

tion, but now I know differently. There is always help available for someone who needs it and can display the ability and desire to "make it" at the University.

THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE Annual Financial Recapitulation September 1, 1958—August 31, 1959

Table with columns for BALANCES, REAPPROPRIATED BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, and sub-sections for BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, and BASEBALL TOURNAMENT.



TOP TEACHER—A. E. Aguirre, San Diego, is one of the 1959 winners of a \$300 number sense award from the Actuaries Club of the Southwest.

The University Interscholastic League inaugurated a number sense contest in 1924 for an estimated 750 participants. Last year 566 high schools entered 1,698 contestants in the number sense contest while probably an equal number of students participated in the elementary division.

MUSIC MATTERS BY F. W. SAVAGE

Packages containing information relative to making entry in music contests and request blanks for ordering official entry blanks have been mailed from the State Office to every principal and one or more music directors in each of the 921 school units which filed music acceptance cards and are consequently eligible for music competition.

Using this procedure, it was found that schools signing up for music competition enrolled approximately 365,000 Junior and senior high school students. Although conference AAAA and CC represent only 22 percent of the total number of school units enrolled, they have 52 percent of the students who are being "exposed" to music competition.

Do Not Wait According to the records filed with the State Office, the first entry deadline falls at midnight on February 6. This is the final date for postmarking entries in the Region VI band solo and small ensemble contest. All directors should remember that the State Office is manned by people and it does take a little time to fill orders for entry blanks.

Conclusions Although the analysis was not made to prove a point, it seems obvious that in a democratic system there is no excuse for ignoring or disregarding a minority, however it is also a good policy to do the most good for the largest number of people. If both principles can be followed, a millennium has been achieved. That, at least, should be our objective.

"But First" Famous last words, these. "Sure we were going to fill out the Curriculum Study Report distributed by the Texas Education Agency and return it by the first of March, but first...."

Ambition Foiled Again The wording of every questionnaire which emanates from the State Office receives careful scrutiny with the hope that perhaps sometime a questionnaire or blank can be devised that everyone will understand perfectly. That ambition has yet to be realized in the music division, even including the recent requisition for entry blanks.

Statistics Interesting The final portion of this column quotes at length from a letter received in this office from the director of a conference B band. The gist of his letter is a protest against the growing tendency of judges to ignore the problems of the class B school and/or to evaluate the conference B band or choir using conference AAAA standards.

Few Represent Many The median of the numbers included in the various classification limits was used as the enrollment of every school within that conference in order to estimate the total number of students attending schools assigned to that conference. For example, the enrollment limits for conference A are 120 and 199 so the figure 160 was used as the enrollment of every school in conference A.

LETTERS TO EDITOR...

During my junior year in high school I became interested in Interscholastic League activities. My high school mathematics teacher, Mrs. J. E. Autrey, wanted me to enter the number sense contest.

It gives the gifted student the chance to develop his potential as far as he wishes, since there are so many varied events. Excellent opportunities for leadership in athletics as well as literary events are provided, and the League furnishes outlets for the energies of ambitious students.

On the day I was to register I received a call from Mrs. Autrey. She was one of the few people that really knew how much I wanted to go to UT, and she had contacted R. J. Kidd, the director of the League, about it. She had told him of my financial situation and my accomplishments in League competition, and just that morning he had called to inform her he was certain everything could be worked out.

Everything did work out and the next day I was on my way to Austin. Mr. Kidd had contacted Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, professor of history at the University, and the two had managed a job for me and a \$150 scholarship for each of my first two semesters.

I worked 18 hours a week and carried a 14 semester hour class load. It was not as easy as it sounds. I had to plan all of my time carefully, and forget social life except on weekends. At times it was difficult to keep from getting discouraged.

Now I have completed all of my first year and half of my second. As I become more adjusted, it becomes easier. I think it has been well worth the effort so far, and that it certainly will continue to be.

I am thankful for all of those who helped me so much, and they are now my friends. But when they helped me, they did not know me except through my high school teacher. I had always thought of the University as a cold organization,

Roy Lee Baughman Gunter, Texas

Robbie Ann Walters Yoakum, Texas

Kathryn Grant Crosby



COMANCHE HIGH SCHOOL—1951 CONFERENCE A CHAMPIONS



CLAUDE HIGH SCHOOL—1951 CONFERENCE B CHAMPIONS

# Comanche and Claude Teams To Be Honored

Nine years ago the Interscholastic League sponsored its first girls' state championship basketball tournament and the teams that went home with the championship trophies were Comanche in conference A and Claude in conference B. Both will be honor teams at the 19th annual girls' tournament in Austin on March 10, 11 and 12.

To gain this first state title, Comanche first downed Deatur 54-42, then eliminated Fredericksburg 58-39, and finally defeated McLean 50-49. Claude, meanwhile, was beating Sulphur Bluff 25-11, Duncanville 35-32, and finally, Denton Valley (Clyde) 42-40.

Comanche returned to the second annual tournament the following year, but was eliminated prior to the championship round. Claude, however, returned in 1952, 1953 and 1954; they were repeat champions in 1952 and 1953, and were runners-up in 1954.

Members of these first championship teams in the accompanying pictures are, left to right:

Ross, teaching at Comanche; Jane Bradley (Mrs. Lloyd Biggs), one son, Dublin; Manager Barbara Godfrey (Mrs. James Edwards), one son, Pecos.

FRONT ROW—Jeanette Hall (Mrs. L. H. McCall, Jr.), stenographer, Atlanta, Ga.; Rita Jo Arms (Mrs. E. J. Bratton), one daughter, Arlington; Linda Glasgow (Mrs. Clinton Reed), two daughters, Midland; Florence Jo Coan (Mrs. Kyle L. Welch), two children, Comanche; Ruth Bingham (Mrs. J. H. Southerland), two daughters, Goldthwaite; Neita Myrle Smith (Mrs. Lynn Halliburton), two children, Cisco; Jean DeWitt (Mrs. Ralph Spruill), office worker, two children, Comanche.

(Mrs. Ellis Stapp), two children, Amarillo; Shirley Brown (Mrs. Stanley Hodges), one child, Amarillo; Norma Brunson (Mrs. Clinton Lambert), three children, Perryton; Oleta Morrison (Mrs. Marvin Brown), two children, Amarillo; Barbara Corbin, secretary, Roswell, New Mexico; Carolyn Christian, school teacher, Los Alamos, New Mexico; Coach Lawrence Halter, junior high coach, Amarillo.

FRONT ROW—Jane Averyt (Mrs. Davy Cruzan), three children, Pampa; Juanita Smotherman (Mrs. F. A. Neumeister), APO 900, San Francisco; Lorene Whelchel (Mrs. Ray Hackman), two children, Claude; Mary Gillham (Mrs. Rex Bagwell), four children, Claude; Bettye Dawkins, secretary, Amarillo; Yvonne Averyt (Mrs. Fred Newsom), one child, Pampa.

## 544 Teams Slated For Baseball Play

The 1960 baseball season will again feature state championship playoffs in two conferences—AAAA and AAA—with conferences AA and A playing to regional championships.

As far as possible, all schools will be assigned to baseball conferences and districts on the same basis as they are assigned in basketball. It is hoped that this continuity of teams in football, basketball and baseball districts will help eliminate several organizational meetings and better school relationships be developed.

In order to determine state championships in both conferences AAAA and AAA, the following playoff schedule will be followed. District championships must be determined by May 16, the bi-district championship by May 23, and the regional championship by May 30. The state tournament will be held in Austin June 3 and 4 at Dish Field.

There will be eight teams brought to the state tournament this spring, four in conference AAAA and four in AAA. This plan has the advantage of having the tournament completed in two days, while in previous years it has been a three-day tournament.

Conferees AA and A schools must decide their district champions by May 18, and they have until June 7 to complete their regional championship. Conference B schools must decide their district champions by May 18 and they have until June 7 to complete their bi-district series.

At this time, 544 schools have signed the baseball acceptance cards and will participate in the diamond sport this spring. There will be 93 schools in AAAA; 73 in AAA; 81 in AA; 92 in A, and 205 in B.

### Cage Tourney Ticket Prices

With the coming of the annual boys' and girls' state championship basketball tournaments each year there are numerous inquiries about ticket prices. As a matter of information, they are:

Boys' tourney, March 3, 4 and 5—adult tournament ticket, \$4; student tournament ticket, \$2; adult single session ticket, \$1; student single session ticket, 50 cents.

Girls' tourney, March 10, 11 and 12—adult tournament ticket, \$3; student tournament ticket, \$2; adult single session, \$1; student single session, 50 cents.

## Television Returns To Boys' Tourney

Television returns to the boys' state basketball tournament again this year with a live telecast of the conference AAAA championship game on Saturday afternoon, March 5. The tourney is set for March 3, 4 and 5, in Gregory Gymnasium at The University of Texas.

The telecast, sponsored by Mobil Oil Company, will probably be received in Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and Waco. Mobile Oil will sponsor radio broadcasts of all five championship games in the boys' tournament, on a network of 26 Texas stations. The two large news wire services will also staff the tournament to give statewide coverage.

The conference AAAA title game, usually the climax of the Saturday night playoffs, will be played at 3:45 p.m. on March 5. In addition to giving more fans an opportunity to view the leading big school teams in action, League officials expect the televised game to ease some of the crowd problem at Gregory Gym.

Radio broadcast time will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, for the conference B, A and AAAA title games, ending about 5 p.m. Broadcasting will resume at 7:30 p.m. for the Saturday night championship playoffs in conferences AA and AAA.

Radio stations carrying the games will be:

Station	City	Frequency
KRBC	Abilene	1470
KGNC	Amarillo	710
KNOW	Austin	1490
KTCB	Austin	590
KRBC	Beaumont	1450
KBST	Big Spring	1490
KBWD	Brownwood	1380
KSIX	Corpus Christi	1280
WRR	Dallas	1310
KEPO	El Paso	690
KFJZ	Fort Worth	1270
KGRV	Greenville	1400
KTRH	Houston	740
KFRV	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	620

### 50TH NOTES

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The December 10 issue of the Huntsville High School HORNET HIVE contained a page two feature on honors won by Huntsville High's participants in League activities.

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The December issue of the La Vega (Waco) High School JOLLY ROGER featured a report on the designation of UIL week in Texas.

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Some last-minute reports of school newspapers helping to publicize the League's 50th Anniversary came from:

The Lampasas High School BADGER; San Benito High School GREYHOUND GROWLS; Canyon High School EAGLE'S TALE; Kermit High School YELLOW JACKET; Dumas High School DEMON TACKLE; Comfort High School CACKLES; White Deer High School BUCK'S TALE; Stephen F. Austin High School (Bryan) CORRAL.

### AAAA—AAA Baseball Dates

Officials and coaches of conference AAAA and AAA baseball schools should take note of the following playoff deadline changes for those conferences:

Late date for certifying district baseball champions is May 16; last date for determining bi-district champions is May 23; last date for determining regional champions is May 30; state championship tournament is scheduled for June 3 and 4.

### POSTSCRIPTS ON ATHLETICS

BY DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS

This column has frequently called to the attention of its readers the fact that athletes are intelligent and, according to research in this area, have as much or more innate ability than the average high school student. Dr. Terman, while at the University of Southern California, made a study over a period of 30 years of children with gifted or superior physiques. He found that in practically all cases where there was a superior physique there also was a superior intelligence. Thus, the "dumb athlete" cartoons and often quoted derogatory comments directed toward the mentality of athletes are based not on scientific results but on a magnified picture of those few athletes who are educationally below average.

**Football vs. Grades**

The scholastic records of those teams that went as far as the semi-finals in all four of the state championship races once again bear out the fact that athletics are intellectually equal, if not superior, to the average student.

As an illustration, the 1959 conference AAAA state championship team, W. B. Ray of Corpus Christi, had 21 seniors on the squad. Out of these 21 seniors, 11 rank in the top quarter of their class; and six seniors rank in the top 10% of their class of 640 students. Six seniors are enrolled in accelerated classes, and three of these are taking accelerated courses in physics and English. Four other seniors are in the top 50% of the class and the remaining six seniors are making creditable grades.

**Accentuate the Positive**

It is regrettable that prejudices are created in the mind of the public by the misconduct and poor scholarship averages of the few athletes that do not live up to their potential. If one athlete fails his courses and becomes ineligible, the news is immediately known throughout the community as it is printed in every newspaper and broadcast and telecast throughout the area or state. Here is one athlete who failed his work while there are 99% who have passed their work and have made outstanding grades, yet no one takes notice of this or releases this information to the press.

**Other Examples**

The 1959 co-champion Cleburne team had an overall scholastic average of 87.76 during the first semester. During this time these players participated in 14 games and traveled a total of 2,808 miles. Twelve members of this football team are in the National Honor Society.

The Olney football team which reached the semi-finals had 16 members on their first string. Four of these players had scholastic averages of 90 or better for their entire high school career. Ten others had grade averages between 80 and 90, while two ranked between 75 and 80.

**False Values**

There is no denying that many of our athletes do not develop to the maximum of their scholastic ability. There are several reasons why this is true, perhaps the most important being the fact that they sometimes receive false impressions of their value to the school and the community.

This is often accentuated by newspapers, radio broadcasts and telecasts which praise or overpublicize the athletic activities of certain individuals. Also, the community gives them an improper evaluation of their worth by heaping undue praise on them. These factors, when combined, make them believe they are doing the school a service by playing on the team rather than feel they owe the school and community a great deal for making it possible for them to play on the team. This naturally leads to the viewpoint that they should be "passed" because they are athletes and not because of the amount of work which they have put into their studies.

Unfortunately, there have been instances in certain communities where citizens have applied pressure to local school personnel to pass a boy because of his athletic ability. This public attitude naturally gives the boy a false sense of his own value and reflects on the athletic program where this procedure is followed.

**MATH...**

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Another type of problem to be encountered for the first time this spring concerns an average other than the common arithmetic mean. It is called the harmonic mean; its use is illustrated in the following problem.

A plane flies from Austin to Dallas (200 miles) at a constant speed of 200 miles an hour and returns from Dallas to Austin at 300 miles an hour. Find the average speed of the plane; that is, find the constant speed at which it could make the round trip in the same time. Let  $x$  represent the average speed. Recall that  $\text{time} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{speed}}$ . So

$$\frac{200}{x} + \frac{200}{300} = \frac{400}{x}$$

$$\frac{200}{x} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{400}{x}$$

$$\frac{200}{x} - \frac{400}{x} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$-\frac{200}{x} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{200}{x} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{200 \times 3}{2} = 300$$

Thus the harmonic mean of 200 and 300 is 240.

**Challenge**

In this era in which we are living it is becoming more and more necessary that all students become well educated in all areas. Athletes, because they do have ability beyond the average, should set the standards for other students in scholarship achievements. An athlete has a place of honor in his school. As a result of this honor, he should have the responsibility to set proper examples in citizenship, health and scholarship. It is my sincere wish that the athletes of Texas, through the outstanding scholastic achievements which they have the ability to attain, will do away forever with the popular public misconception that "athletes are dumb."

## Girls' Basketball Tournament Scheduled for March 10-12

February 27 is the last date for certification of district winners in girls' basketball, conferences AA, A and B, and regional tournaments in all three conferences must be held by March 5.

Regional champions qualify to the Tenth Annual Girls' Basketball State Championship Tournament to be held in Austin at Gregory Gymnasium on March 10, 11 and 12.

The following schedule for determining regional champions in conferences AA, A and B has been authorized by the State Executive Committee for this season:

A one-game playoff on Monday

or Tuesday, February 29 or March 1, to determine which teams will qualify for the regional tournament to be held the following Saturday, March 5. The first-round game must be played on either February 29 or March 1.

This will mean that only four teams will be represented at the regional tournament in conferences A and AA. League officials hope this plan will allow teams to eliminate some of the travel involved in determining the regional champion and at the same time increase interest in the playoffs by having the games played near the homes of the competing schools.

For an illustration, in Region I, conference AA, the winner of district 1 will play the winner of district 2; 3 vs. 4; etc., with the respective winners going to the regional tournament. This same pattern is followed in each region in each conference.

This will mean that there will be eight conference B teams in the regional meet in Regions I, II, III and IV, six in Region V and four in Regions VI, VII and VIII.

In Region VIII there will be no first-round regional games as there are only four districts in the region. Therefore, each district champion will certify directly to the Region VIII tournament.

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 to determine where the game is to be played. First-round games are part of the regional playoff and are not to be classified as bi-district games.

In the regional tournament conferences A and AA will not be merged. Each conference will certify a regional champion to the state tournament conducted in conferences B, A and AA.

Regional playoff sites are:

Schwartz and Mrs. B. C. Crawford, co-chairmen.

Region VI: Districts 75-82, inclusive. Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos. Frank Gensberg and Mrs. Cleo Broxton, co-chairmen.

Region VII: Districts 83-90, inclusive. Texas College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville. Miss Nan Roberts, Coach W. T. Carley and Mrs. Dorris Lee Binnion, co-chairmen.

Region VIII: Districts 91-94, inclusive. Odessa College, Odessa. John O. West, Mrs. Mary Beth Holm and L. E. McColloch, co-chairmen.

Conference A and AA

Region I: Districts 1-8, inclusive. Texas Technological College, Lubbock. Edsel Buchanan and Miss Ethel Rollo, co-chairmen.

Region II: Districts 9-16, inclusive. North Texas State College, Denton. Kenneth Bahnsen and Mrs. Agnes Cannon, co-chairmen.

Region III: Districts 17-24, inclusive. University of Houston, Houston. Walter Williams, Miss Sue Garrison and Harry Fouss, co-chairmen.

Region IV: Districts 25-32, inclusive. Victoria College, Victoria. Hester Evans and Miss Esther Etzel, co-chairmen.

### BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

**DEFENSIVE BASKETBALL**, by Frank McGuire; Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1959; \$4.95.

Coach McGuire, one of the outstanding basketball coaches in the United States, has just published a sequel to "Offensive Basketball" entitled "Defensive Basketball." Defensive basketball in recent years has not received the attention that offensive basketball has received, but still past national championship teams have proven that the difference between the winning and losing team is usually in the caliber of defense the winning team produces. This treatise takes up in detail information on the philosophy and principles of defensive play in basketball. The following defenses are adequately covered, well illustrated and clearly explained: individual man to man defense; man to man defense; zone defense; combination defenses; and game defensive situations.

In addition, a most interesting contribution is the chapter which deals with scouting, defensive strategy and drills to develop defensive ability on the part of individuals and the team. The full court press and the variations of the press are covered in all respects.

You will find this to be a most interesting compilation of the latest techniques in defensive basketball. There are ample diagrams and photographs to clarify all phases of the defensive game, and the reader will find the language to be clear and to the point. This book should be found in the library of any person who coaches interschool basketball.

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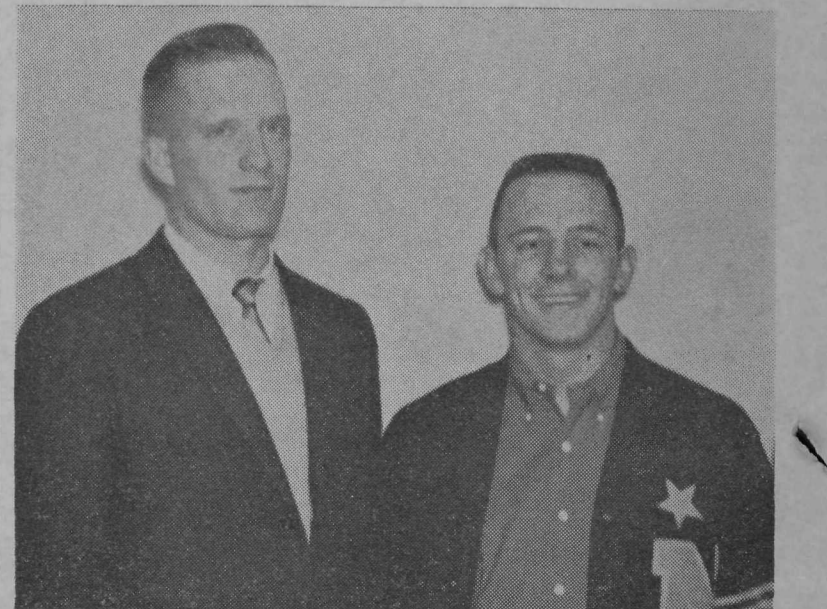
Region I: Districts 1-16, inclusive. West Texas State College, Canyon; Hatcher Brown and Miss Laura Richmond, co-chairmen.

Region II: Districts 17-32, inclusive. Howard Payne College, Brownwood. Dr. Z. T. Huff, Mrs. Don Abbott and Bennie Williams, co-chairmen.

Region III: Districts 33-48, inclusive. Austin College, Sherman. Ralph Hester, Mrs. Ralph Day and Ralph McCord, co-chairmen.

Region IV: Districts 49-64, inclusive. Kilgore College, Kilgore. James M. Parks and Miss Ruth Green, co-chairmen.

Region V: Districts 65-74, inclusive. Blinn College, Brenham. W. C.



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