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TILF Acquires Debate Award

J. O. Webb, Houston, chairman of the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation board of trustees, has announced a new \$500 college scholarship to The University of Texas for contestants in the League's debate contest.

The Charles I. Francis Debate Scholarship will be awarded each year for the next three years, beginning with the 1960 spring meet contests, to an outstanding debating contestant who was a member of a winning debate team at the regional meet level. The scholarship is open to both boys and girls, but the applicant must have won regional honors in debate during his senior year.

Applicants may secure additional details, plus an application blank, from R. J. Kidd, secretary, Texas Interscholastic League Foundation, Box 8028, University Station, Austin 12.

Active Alum

The scholarship donor, Charles I. Francis of Houston, is vice-president and general counsel of Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, and was honored in 1958 as the outstanding alumnus of The University of Texas Law School. He is a native of Denton and has had a long and valuable association with The University of Texas. In addition to earning three degrees from the University, Francis served as an instructor in public speaking, served as a regent, has twice been president of the Ex-Students Association, helped establish the *Texas Law Review* and served as its associate editor, founded the University of Texas Law School Foundation and played on the Longhorn baseball teams of 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915 under the legendary "Uncle Billy" Disch.

Francis joined the army in 1917 after graduating from the University and was discharged in 1919, when he moved to Wichita Falls to become a partner in a prominent law firm. It was while at Wichita Falls that he began his long association with the oil industry, including co-discovery in 1924 of an important oil pool in Crane County.

In 1933 Francis moved to Washington as a special assistant to the U. S. Attorney General, and a year later he moved to Houston on the advice of the late Hugh Roy Cullen, famed Houston oilman and philanthropist. For 16 years he was a partner in one of the country's biggest law firms—Vinson, Elkins, Weems and Francis—and in 1950 he opened his own law office to specialize in oil and gas practice.

Big Inch Buy

Francis' most ambitious undertaking came in 1946 when, with E. Holley Poe of Tulsa and New York, he organized the Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation which, on a high bid of more than \$143,000, purchased the Big Inch and Little Inch pipelines from the government. Since opening his own law office in 1950 he has devoted most of his time to the problems of this corporation.

In addition to the Francis scholarship, League contestants in literary and academic contests are also reminded of the Jesse H. Jones Texas Interscholastic League Foundations Scholarships available to them. Ten of these, valued at \$500, will be available this year to regional winners from conferences AAA, AA, A and B schools in debate, declamation, poetry reading, original oration, extemporaneous speaking, journalism, number sense, slide rule and ready writing.

These scholarships, good at either Texas Western University or The University of Texas, are open to both boys and girls, and additional details may be obtained from R. J. Kidd, secretary, Texas Interscholastic League Foundation, Box 8028, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

50TH NOTES

The League's annual state championship basketball tournaments (40th boys tourney and 10th girls) are over and, as a result, another nice "dab" of Golden Anniversary publicity has been received.

A giant Anniversary sign was hung at the east end of Gregory Gym to attract the attention of the thousands of fans that crowded into the gym for the two tournaments, and the Anniversary insignia appeared on the official programs. Viewers report the sign a frequent scene on the home screen during the boys' AAAA championship game.

Broadcasters, telecasters and sportswriters also gave a helping hand by including a word or two about the League's anniversary in their coverage, as did the public address announcers at the tournaments.

Thanks to Don Knoles, managing editor, and Jack Maguire, editor, an article on the League and its Anniversary is scheduled for a prominent spot in a forthcoming issue of the *Alcade*, The University of Texas alumni magazine . . . tentatively scheduled for the May issue, reports Editor Knoles.

The December 2 issue of the *EAGLE'S TALE*, Canyon High School student newspaper printed as a part of the *Canyon News*, featured a story on the Anniversary that quoted in its entirety the Anniversary proclamation issued by Gov. Price Daniel.

The January 27 issue of the *Childress High School CORRAL*, printed as a part of the *Childress Index*, contained a lengthy description of an Anniversary skit put on at halftime of the Childress-Wellington basketball game. Miss Nellie Kennedy was in charge of the skit and Mrs. Helen Johnson was in charge of the costumes.

On February 1, the Houston All-City Symphony Orchestra, composed of students from almost every secondary school in the Houston system, presented a concert at Frank M. Black Junior High School dedicated to the University Interscholastic League and its 50th Anniversary. The orchestra is under the guidance of Mrs. Mildred Roach, director of music education, Houston public schools, and was directed by Harry Lantz.

The Dumas High School band, directed by Fred Carpenter, performed an Anniversary halftime show on November 7 before approximately 3,000 spectators.

The January 25 issue of the *CUB CHATTER*, student newspaper of Electra Junior High School, was more or less "dedicated" to the League Anniversary. Besides a three-color Anniversary cover, the issue featured a news story on the League's birthday, an Anniversary editorial and numerous "UIL Fifty Grams" (short, factual filler items) scattered throughout the paper.

Playoff Dates

Conference AAAA and AAA baseball coaches are reminded once again of the revised playoff deadlines for the 1960 season.

Last date for certifying district 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 June 3 and 4.



HAPPY AWARD WINNERS—These Happy High School award winners offer a graphic illustration of that school's Achievement Award System designed to reward students for taking part in activities other than athletics. The award system was worked out under the direction of Supt. Sam T. Bryan, and was first tried on an experimental basis in 1955-56. Two years later it became a permanent part of the school program. Students receive Achievement Award jackets when they earn 200 points, or more, and points are given for such activities as semester grades of A, holding class or club offices, taking part in League literary and academic contests, serving as business manager or editor of the school newspaper or yearbook, etc. Kay Harman, left, and Pat Flaherty, far right, won a state championship in conference B debate last year. Gracyne Devin Parker, second from left, graduated last May with an outstanding record in girls' basketball and extemporaneous speaking, and Marilyn Bryan, who also graduated last May, had an excellent record in poetry reading and dramatics. She won the best actress award in the district and regional one-act play contest.

Dr. Ransom to Speak May 5 At League 'Birthday Dinner'

The year-long observance of the 50th Anniversary of the University Interscholastic League will come to a close during the 50th Annual State Meet on The University of Texas campus May 5, 6 and 7. Highlighting this final Anniversary activity will be an official "birthday dinner" on Thursday evening, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Polynesian Room of the Villa Capri Motel.

Arrangements for this dinner are being handled by the anniversary committee of the League's Legislative Council, headed by

Chairman Virgil Currin, assistant superintendent of schools, Alamo Heights, San Antonio. The principal speaker at the dinner, reports Currin, will be Dr. Harry H. Ransom, vice president and provost of The University of Texas.

Jones to MC

Also on the program will be Austin attorney Herman Jones, former



DR. H. H. RANSOM

Ellis Material Being Sought

Material is being collected for a history of the work of Dr. Alexander Caswell Ellis in Texas, and readers of the *Interscholastic Leaguer* are asked to help.

From 1897 to 1928 Dr. Ellis taught psychology, philosophy and education at The University of Texas, and, at the same time, worked for the improvement of social conditions and public education in the state. From 1928-1941 he directed the Downtown College of Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and in 1941 he returned to Texas to become consultant in adult education in the University's Extension Division. He served in that capacity until his death in 1948.

Individuals who have recollections and impressions of Dr. Ellis and his work are asked to write them down informally and send them to Mrs. Roy Bedichek, 904-A West 22½ Street, Austin 5.

Athletes Need Advice On Rules

By the time this issue of the *Interscholastic Leaguer* reaches the member schools, athletic recruiting on the part of colleges and universities will be in high gear. Whether fact or fiction, athletic recruiting results in many rumors and stories, some of which have a considerable amount of truth.

The coach or principal should warn high school athletes and their parents of what might happen to a school or team if an athlete becomes involved in a recruiting episode.

It is the desire of every college and university participating in the athletic recruiting program to invite prospective athletes to visit its campus. If a boy visited each campus in the Southwest Conference, it would take him eight weeks to make the rounds. If he visited campuses other than those in the Southwest Conference, it could take months.

School administrators are urged to advise all seniors with remaining eligibility not to sign the "application for financial aid" until high school eligibility is completed. They should further be warned that the acceptance of travel expenses, either directly or indirectly, from a college as a prospective student-athlete is considered a violation of the Amateur and Award Rules.

president of the Texas Ex-Students Association, who will serve as master of ceremonies; Dr. J. W. Edgar, Texas commissioner of education, will pay tribute to former League directors; and Dean T. H. Shelby, dean emeritus of the University's Extension Division, will give the invocation.

Music will be provided by Austin's Stephen F. Austin High School orchestra and the art departments of the Austin Public Schools are in charge of decorations. Tickets, said Currin, are priced at \$2.25 per person, and it is hoped all mail reservations will be made early, and at least by May 4, to permit proper preparations to be made for the anticipated crowd.

Good Representation

Steps are being taken, said Currin, to encourage each member school of the League to have at least one representative at the dinner, for this meeting will afford member schools a fine opportunity to pay tribute to an organization that has provided an outstanding service to the public schools of Texas for half a century.

The dinner is not limited to public school administrators and teachers, but is open to anyone who might care to attend—former League participants, coaches, contest directors, college faculty members, etc.; in short, "friends of the League". The special guest list will include members of the League State Executive Committee and Legislative Council, state contest directors, and officials of the various educational associations throughout the state.

Loan Library Has Extemp Aid

Extempore speaking participation promotes training in research, organization of material, command of language and speaking ability.

The best preparation for extempore speaking is in building a reservoir of information in advance. To assist in such preparation, the Extension Loan Library, Division of Extension, The University of Texas, can provide information on current topics. Material will be assembled upon request; however, the librarian or teacher must specify the subject or subjects about which he wishes to have material.

Requests may be addressed to the Extension Loan Library, Division of Extension, The University of Texas, Austin 12.

The Interscholastic League Press Conference, a scholastic journalism organization sponsored by the University Interscholastic League, will conduct its 83rd annual state convention on the campus of The University of Texas on May 5-6-7, 1960. Approximately 700 journalism students and teachers will attend.

1960 Schedules Set for Regional

Many regional meet directors have announced tentative contest schedules for the April 22-23 weekend and all schools qualifying contestants from district to regional meets are urged to contact their regional directors for an official and final schedule of contests.

Each district meet director general is responsible for certifying winners from his district to the general meet, but it is also the duty of each administrator to check his regional meet schedule and see that his students are properly entered.

The deadline for certifying district winners to the regional meet is Monday, April 18, and regional directors are authorized to reject late entries. District directors who have contests the weekend of April 16 should certify winners immediately, either by telephone, telegram or special delivery letter. Regional directors have only one week to contact winners of these late meets concerning contest details, and they cannot possibly do so unless all certifications are in his office by April 18.

Tentative regional meet schedules announced to date are:

Region I, Conferences AAAA and AAA	Region II, Conferences AAAA and AAA	Region III, Conference B	Region IV, Conferences AAAA and AAA
Region VIII, Conference B Site: Odessa College, Odessa; director general: Nathan Ivey. For: conference AAAA—districts 1-3, inclusive; conference AAA—districts 1-3, inclusive; conference B—districts 87-90, inclusive. April 21 8:00 a.m.—Rehearsals, one-act play. 1:00 p.m.—One-act play, conference B. April 22 8:00 a.m.—Golf, all conferences. 9:00 a.m.—Tennis, conference B. 1:00 p.m.—Debate, conference B. 2:00 p.m.—One-act play, conference AAAA. 7:00 p.m.—One-act play, conference AAAA. April 23 7:30 a.m.—Debate, conference AAAA. 8:00 a.m.—Volley ball, poetry reading, declamation, ready writing, all conferences. 9:00 a.m.—Journalism, typewriting, number sense, all conferences; tennis, conferences AAA and AAAA. 10:00 a.m.—Shorthand, slide rule, track and field, all conferences. 12:30 p.m.—Debate, conference AAAA. 1:00 p.m.—Extempore speaking, all conferences; original oration, conferences AAA and AAAA. Region I, Conferences AA, A and B Site: Texas Technological College, Lubbock; director general: Dr. S. M. Kennedy. For: conference AA—districts 1-8, inclusive; conference B—districts 1-15, inclusive. April 22 8:45 a.m.—Tennis, conference B. 9:00 a.m.—Golf, all conferences. 1:00 p.m.—Tennis, conferences AA and A; track and field, all conferences. 3:00 p.m.—One-act play, conferences AA and A. 7:00 p.m.—One-act play, conference B. April 23 8:30 a.m.—Tennis finals, conference B. 9:00 a.m.—Debate, poetry reading, declamation, all conferences. 9:30 a.m.—Journalism, all conferences. 10:00 a.m.—Ready writing, typewriting, number sense, all conferences; tennis finals, conferences A and AA. 11:00 a.m.—Shorthand, slide rule, all conferences. 1:00 p.m.—Debate, extempore speaking, track and field, all conferences. Region II, Conference B Site: Tarleton State College, Stephenville; director general: W. P. Showalter. For: conference B—districts 16-31, inclusive. April 22 10:00 a.m.—Girls' volley ball. 1:00 p.m.—Typewriting. 2:00 p.m.—Shorthand. 7:30 p.m.—One-act plays. April 23 9:00 a.m.—Debate, slide rule, golf, tennis. 9:30 a.m.—Journalism, declamation, extempore speaking, poetry reading, track and field preliminaries. 10:30 a.m.—Number sense. 11:00 a.m.—Ready writing. 2:00 p.m.—Track and field finals.	Site: Southern Methodist University, Dallas; director general: Barry Holton. For: conference AAAA—districts 4-8, inclusive; conference AAA—districts 4-8, inclusive. Contact director general for details. Region II, Conferences AA and A Region III, Conference B Site: North Texas State College, Denton; director general: Dr. J. Harold Farmer. For: conference AA—districts 9-16, inclusive; conference A—districts 9-16, inclusive; conference B—districts 32-46, inclusive. April 21 Tennis preliminaries, conference B. April 22 Tennis preliminaries, conferences A and AA. Literary contests, conference B. April 23 Literary contests, conferences A and AA. Tennis finals, all conferences. Track and field, all conferences. Region IV, Conference B Site: Kilgore College, Kilgore; director general: Dean Randolph C. Watson. For: conference B—districts 47-60, inclusive. April 22 8:30 a.m.—Golf. 9:00 a.m.—Volley ball, tennis. 1:00 p.m.—One-act play; track and field preliminaries. April 23 8:45 a.m.—Debate, declamation, extempore speaking, poetry reading, ready writing, typewriting, journalism, number sense. 9:30 a.m.—Slide rule. 9:45 a.m.—Shorthand. 1:00 p.m.—Track and field finals. Region III, Conferences AAAA and AAA Region V, Conference B Site: University of Houston, Houston; director general: Walter F. Williams. For: conference AAAA—districts 9-12, inclusive; conference AAA—districts 9-12, inclusive; conference B—districts 61-71, inclusive. April 22 Golf; tennis; one-act play; debate preliminaries. April 23 All other events, with time schedule to be announced. Track and field finals in the evening. Region III, Conferences AA and A Site: Blinn College, Brenham; director general: W. C. Schwartz. For: conference AA—districts 17-24, inclusive; conference A—districts 17-24, inclusive. April 20 9:00 a.m.—Tennis and golf. April 21 9:00 a.m.—Tennis and golf.	Site: Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos; director general: Dr. Pat Norwood. For: conference AAAA—districts 13-16, inclusive; conference AAA—districts 13-16, inclusive; conference B—districts 72-78, inclusive. Region VI, Conference B Region IV, Conferences AAAA and AAA Region VI, Conference B Site: Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos; director general: Dr. Pat Norwood. For: conference AAAA—districts 13-16, inclusive; conference AAA—districts 13-16, inclusive; conference B—districts 72-78, inclusive. April 21 2:30 p.m.—One-act play, conference B. April 22 8:00 a.m.—Golf, all conferences. 1:00 p.m.—One-act play, conference AAA; tennis, conference B; track and field drawing. 3:00 p.m.—Track and field preliminaries, conference B; broad jump and shot put, conferences B and AAAA. 7:00 p.m.—One-act play, conference AAAA. April 23 8:30 a.m.—Tennis, conferences AAAA and AAA; typewriting, all conferences; debate, conference B. 9:00 a.m.—Declamation and debate, conferences AAA and AAAA; other speech conferences. 9:30 a.m.—Slide rule, journalism. 10:15 a.m.—Number sense. 10:40 a.m.—Shorthand. —Ready writing, to be decided. 2:15 p.m.—Track and field finals. Region IV, Conferences AA and A Site: Victoria College, Victoria; director general: Dr. J. D. Moore. For: conference AA—districts 25-32, inclusive; conference A—districts 25-32, inclusive. April 20 9:00 a.m.—One-act play rehearsal, conference AA. April 21 9:00 a.m.—One-act play, conference AA. April 22 8:00 a.m.—Golf. 8:50 a.m.—Debate, conference A. 9:00 a.m.—One-act play rehearsal, conference A; tennis, conference A. 9:30 a.m.—Typewriting, extempore speaking. 10:00 a.m.—Ready writing, journalism, declamation. 10:30 a.m.—Tennis, conference AA. 11:00 a.m.—Shorthand. 12:30 p.m.—Poetry reading. 1:00 p.m.—Debate, conference AA; number sense. 2:00 p.m.—Slide rule. April 23 10:00 a.m.—One-act play, conference A; track and field begins. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 6)	April 22 9:00 a.m.—Literary events. 1:00 p.m.—One-act play, conference A; volley ball, all conferences. April 23 9:00 a.m.—Volley ball continues. 10:00 a.m.—Track and field. 1:00 p.m.—One-act play, conference AA. 7:30 p.m.—Track and field finals.

Promptness Urged

Public school administrators, coaches and teachers who plan to attend the 50th Annual State Meet in May should begin thinking about reservations now.

It is hoped that this will be the biggest and most successful State Meet in the history of the League, and particularly that each member school of the League will endeavor to have at least one representative at the 50th Anniversary dinner on Thursday night, May 5. This will be the final formal event commemorating the League's Golden Anniversary. (See story on page 1)

Deadline for receiving reservations by mail for this dinner is May 4; send yours in now.

New Plan Sought

The State Office receives many letters stating, in effect, that "we are satisfied with our athletic assignments, but other schools in our district aren't interested in literary and academic contests . . . can we compete in another district and keep our present set-up in sports?"

This complaint is so prevalent that something should be done to solve the problem. For some time we have been convinced that "across the board" district assignments perhaps are not the best for conferences A and B. In some regions, for example, participation is so "thin" in some contests that contestants qualify to the State Meet level by default. This is not a healthy competitive situation.

The Legislative Council has instructed Jerry Powell, League director of speech and drama, to submit some proposals for re-districting conferences A and B for literary and academic competition. Comments or suggestions from the schools involved would be welcome.

Orders Encouraging

The League Office has practically exhausted its supply of practice contest material and contest aids. Almost 112,000 copies of the spelling bulletin have been sold since September, not to mention some 1,200 debate kits, nearly 5,000 handbooks for ready writers, 6,500 copies of the number sense bulletin, 1,200 copies of the picture memory bulletin and 5,000 copies of the music bulletin.

In addition, literally thousands of practice tests have been sold for number sense, slide rule, typing and shorthand.

This demand for material clearly demonstrates that hundreds of Texas schools are providing fine, wholesome competitive opportunities for talented students. We congratulate the administrators and teachers of these schools for doing such a fine job.

The University Interscholastic League Directory

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

State Executive Committee: Dean James R. D. Eddy, chairman; Dr. H. A. Calkins, R. J. Kidd, Dr. Lynn Wade McCraw, Dr. Emmette Redford, T. A. Rousse, Grady Rylander, Jerre S. Williams, Dr. Rhea Williams.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

BASEBALL DEADLINES
 Last date for certifying district champions is May 15; last date for determining district champions is May 23; last date for determining regional champions is May 30; state championship tournament is June 3-4.

FOOTBALL DATES
 The earliest starting date for fall football practice for the 1960 season in conference AAAA is August 26; in conferences AAA, AA, A, B and 6 and 8-man, August 15. The earliest playing date for conference AAAA is September 9; for all other conferences, September 2.

FOOTBALL RULES
 The 1960 NCAA football rules with the 1962 NCAA substitution rule shall govern all League football games for the 1960 season.

NUMBER SENSE RULES
 In order for an answer to be considered correct in the elementary number sense contest series, all answers must indicate "kind" if called for in the problem, such as "square yards," "%," "°," etc.

NUMBERING JERSEYS
 This year's basketball rules provide that no digit greater than 5 may be used in numbering jerseys. The rules also provide that no jersey may be numbered 1 or 2. Of course, 1 and 2 may be used as a digit in another number (such as 12), but they may not be used alone. The rules also provide that violation of this rule is a technical foul. The rules recommend that even numbers be used on light jerseys and odd numbers on dark jerseys.

During the transition period this rule will not be enforced in League play. When schools purchase new jerseys they will be expected to have them numbered in keeping with the rule. However, schools will not be required to purchase new uniforms in order to comply with the rule. When ample time has elapsed to enable all schools to comply with this system of numbering, the rule will be enforced.

SUDAN
 Sudan High School placed on probation in girls' basketball for the 1959-60 and the 1960-61 seasons for violation of Rule 83 (all-star game rule) of the Girls' Basketball Plan.

TULIA
 Tulia High School placed on probation in girls' basketball for the 1959-60 and the 1960-61 seasons for violation of Rule 83 (all-star game rule) of the Girls' Basketball Plan.

LAMAR (ROSENBERG)
 Lamar High School (Rosenberg) suspended in track for the 1959-60 school year and placed on probation for the 1960-61 school year for using an ineligible contestant under an assumed name in a track and field meet.

HEMPSTEAD
 Hempstead High School has been placed on probation and disqualified for district honors in football for the 1959 season and placed on probation for the 1960 season for violation of the Football Code.

TYPING RULE CHANGES
 Effective immediately, Rule 9 of the typing contest rules has been changed to read:
 9. Length of Text.—All district and regional tests must be exactly five minutes in length; all State Meet tests must be exactly ten minutes in length. Typing must cease at the closing signal, even if a word is not completed. No error is counted for the incomplete word. If the contestant continues to type, his paper shall be penalized one error.

a. 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 the first and second tests. The contestant will then select the test he considers the better of the two 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 (after it has been graded by the grading committee) before final test results are announced.

b. 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 he considers the better of the two 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 (after it has been graded by the grading committee) before final test results are announced.

COAHOMA
 Coahoma High School has been placed on probation in football for the 1959-60 season for violation of the Football Code.

JOURNALISM CONTESTS
 District meet journalism contests will be conducted in the 1960 spring meet in these districts: 1-AAAA, 3-AAAA, 13-AAAA, 14-AAAA, 15-AAAA and 16-AAA.

MATH CONTESTS
 Only first and second place winners in the spring meet slide rule and number sense contests qualify to the next higher meet. This change from last year applies to both district and regional level contests.

MULESHOE
 Muleshoe High School placed on probation in girls' basketball for the 1959-60 and the 1960-61 seasons for violation of Rule 83 (all-star game rule) of the Girls' Basketball Plan.

Few Winners in Drama Pursue Stage Careers

In conjunction with the League's Golden Anniversary, an effort has been made to trace the later activities of some of the winners of all-star cast, best actress and best actor awards in the one-act play competitions. Few of the winners, it was found, pursued dramatic careers, for example:

In 1930, J. W. Meredith rated an all-star cast spot for his portrayal of Strickland in THE FINGER OF GOD, produced by Terrell High School. He graduated from Baylor in 1936, spent four years in the Army Air Corps during the war and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is married, has two daughters (14 and 16 years old) and currently lives in Terrell.

The 1948 conference B second place winner was Neches High School with LAST FLIGHT OVER. Lowell Schochler, who played Dave, was selected for the all-star cast. He is now an ordained minister, is married, has a two-year-old son and lives in Crim's Chapel, a community just north of Henderson.

Tim Lewis, who won all-star honors in 1957 in Jacksonville's production of MOONCALF MUGFORD, is now a junior at Texas Christian University majoring in English and mathematics. He was an A student as a freshman and was named on the Academic Achievement List.

Another Mooncalf Mugford was Bob Semmler, who was given the best actor award for his performance in 1950. The Schulenburg production won first place and also featured the best actress, Elsie Haas, and all-star cast member Jeanette Winters. Semmler graduated from Southwest Texas State College and is now teaching English, speech and drama at Fredericksburg High School.

Singer Tommy Sands and Joanna Sweet appeared together in Lamar (Houston) High School's production of OUR TOWN, which won the 1955 State Meet. Miss Sweet was best actress but Sands was nosed out in the all-star cast race by cast-mate Bob Crutchfield, who is now in Hollywood for motion picture work. Miss Sweet is a junior at The University of Texas majoring in home economics.

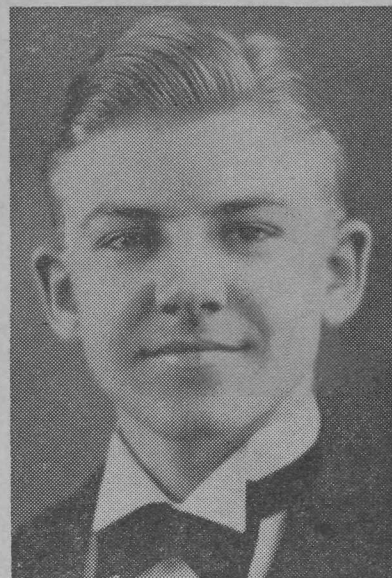
In conference B, the 1952 State Meet was won by Pine Tree High School at Greggton, but best actress honors went to Marfa's Mary Garrett for her portrayal of Cherida Gormley in ON VENGEANCE HEIGHT. She is married to James Jensen, a flight engineer for Trans World Airlines in Kansas City, and they have three children, two boys and a girl.

Robert W. Netting made the 1937 all-star cast for his portrayal of Teddy Harding in HIS FIRST DRESS SUIT, produced by Thomas Jefferson High (San Antonio). He graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1943, went into submarine duty and is now a commander.

Mission High School's production of SPARKIN' won the State Meet in 1935 and Sarah Anne Rees, playing Granny Painsberry, was placed on the all-star cast. She is now Mrs. T. B. Waite, Jr., of 800 North 7th Street, McAllen, and has a 16-year-old daughter.

A. Y. Olds, appearing in Crowell's

production of LAST FLIGHT OVER in 1941, won the best actor award. He turned down an offer from Pasadena Playhouse to enter The University of Texas, where he majored in drama. He served as a navy ensign during the war and is now with Humble Oil Co. and lives in Albuquerque, N. M. Mrs. I. T. Graves directed Crowell's 1941 show and started a string of eight victories.



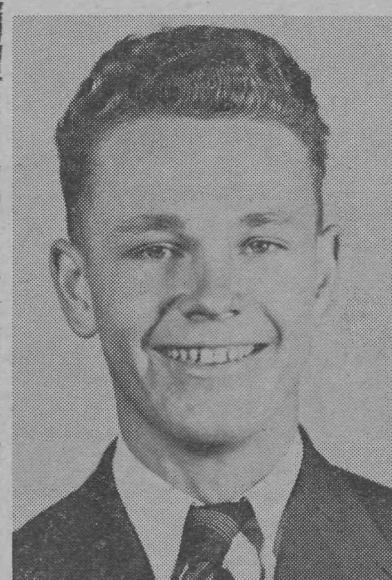
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SARAH ANNE REES



BOB SEMMLER



MARY GARRETT



JOANNA SWEET AND TOMMY SANDS

. . . in 1955 production of Our Town by Lamar High (Houston)



A. Y. OLDS (third from left) IN LAST FLIGHT OVER . . . other players (left to right) June Billington, Virginia Thomas, Bill Bruce and Joe W. Beverly.

SPEECH AND THEATRE

BY JERRY ROLLINS POWELL

I've only just returned to Austin after visiting two very excellent speech tournaments, one at Texas Tech and the other at Waco. At both places I had ample opportunity to speak with speech teachers from all over the state and I took definite advantage of said opportunity. It is one thing to sit here in this office and attempt to divine what speech teachers want and need, and quite another thing to go among them and listen. I heard much and have much to report to you. I suggest that if you are standing, please sit down, for this will take awhile.

Sometime during the summer (at a date and time to be set in a few weeks), there will be held in Austin a Texas high school speech teacher's meeting, the purpose of which will be to take a long, penetrating look at our League speech program. Anyone who directs a speech event in League competition is eligible to attend and is urged to do so.

Speak Up

High school teachers of speech are an odd bunch—they much prefer to complain among themselves about their lot than to complain to someone who can provide some sort of avenue for an answer to their complaints. You may as well know that I am speaking of the paucity of letters responding to the new proposed speech program—yes or nay. It became more and more obvious that if I were to get any idea at all of what the speech teachers wanted I would have to go out and ask them personally. I have done this fairly extensively during the present school year and if I missed you, it was because I couldn't find you. At any rate, my conversations with your colleagues have been reduced to a bundle of notes, the gist of which must needs discussion.

The summer teacher's meeting is in the planning stage at the moment and the complete agenda will not be presented until next month. Meanwhile, there are many items which you should think about and discuss with your colleagues.

At the meeting you will be given a mimeographed report of the participation of each school in Texas in all of the speech and drama events. From this you will be able to visualize the size of our present program and see why the wheels sometime seem to turn slowly. You will see also that our present district set-up is extremely unwieldy for the type of competition we are engaged in. After you familiarize yourself with the report we'll proceed to the various problems at hand:

The Agenda

a) Adoption, rejection, or partial acceptance of the new proposed speech program (this has been discussed in previous Leaguers—please read! Especially the January column). I have said before, it makes little difference to me what is decided—just so long as something is decided upon that each of you want and need.

b) Adoption, rejection, or partial acceptance of the new district organization for speech contests. This tentative district organization plan will be presented to you along with the participation report. Otherwise, the plan would make little sense.

c) The setting up of district speech committees (the machinery for doing this is already contained in the Constitution and Contest Rules—Rule 16, page 53. It needs more muscle—perhaps in the form of selected administrators.) These committees would meet and plan their programs and present such plans to the district executive committee. These committees also may take one major step forward and combine to form a regional speech committee for making plans at the regional speech contest. This would be an excellent way to improve the reception given you at the regional site. The regional contest director, I'm sure, would welcome an organized, intelligent high school committee that could take the planning load off his shoulders.

d) The Student Activities Conferences, so long maligned for not being the answer to everyone's problems, are also to be discussed. The complaint most often received here is that the "demonstration-critique method" is used too much. If you have another idea for acquainting new teachers and students with the intricacies of the League we will want to hear it. Do remember one thing, however; the League does not wish to go into competition with the various speech tournaments—we are not in that business.

Other Items

Lesser items, that is, items which may not take up too much time at the meeting this summer are:

1. The adoption of a uniform signal standard for all contests. Someone suggested cards of uniform size showing minutes left.

2. A code of ethics for the behaviour of schools and directors toward judges and visiting-competing students. It is obvious that many of you have been present during an embarrassing performance of a tactless judge (I certainly have had letters to that effect!). Still, if you invite a judge to render an opinion you do not have the right to be rude. His decision, no matter how much you feel it is rank idiocy, must stand and must be respected as an opinion—it's a rule of this colossal speech game. If you don't like his manner—don't invite him back.

3. A re-evaluation of our present judging standards. Perhaps, also, some sort of machinery can be put together to have an annual judges' workshop. Who knows? It may be possible to provide for some sort of consistency or unanimity in speech and drama evaluation.

4. Ranking contestants. At the present moment it seems that ranking under our present rules is little more than a matter of choosing up sides. I'm sure that a universally acceptable method of doing this can be worked out. (The December column discusses an idea.) Personally, I'm still holding out for one critic judge in all contests—except debate. 'Twould avoid all this math rating business—which business belongs to math contests.

5. Trophies have often been mentioned to me by people who seem to be somewhat on the defensive. They seem sometimes to indicate to me that they are more concerned with ostentatiousness than value to students. Some want them bigger than athletes' trophies; others are content with medals and certificates; still others feel that plaques are the answer. Restriction of amounts to be spent, providing a minimum amount that must be spent, etc. It goes on and on. The summer's meeting would provide an opportunity for a talking-out on this subject.

6. A better correlation of time limits and similar items between the League events and those participated in by high schools in tournaments. If you feel this is necessary or desirable. . .

More Yet

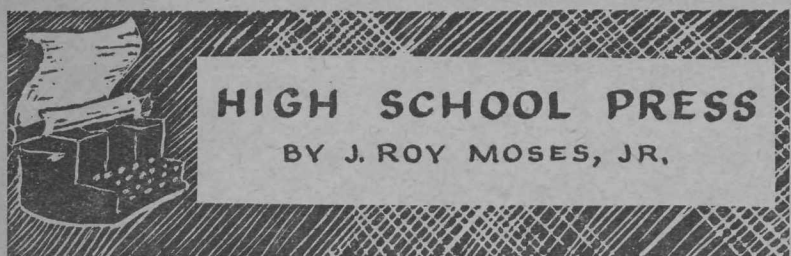
Don't relax yet—there is still much more to be mentioned. For example, I have heard a number of directors of one-act play suggest that the one-act play meet be made separate from the other speech events. This same proposal has also been made by the debate coaches. It at first you find this unacceptable, just wait until you hear their reasons for asking.

As most of you know, the most complicated and time-consuming event in the League is one-act play. Besides the usual preparation of casting, rehearsal, and performance, there is still the contest-site-battle to be fought. There must be heavy props obtained and forever compromised, sets argued over and storage space provided, rehearsal times set up, and good heavens!, etc. This, needless to say, takes all day in most cases. There is neither time nor calm for the drama contestants to visit other events, and the resources of the school or site are taxed to the utmost. A separation of speech and drama, just for the purposes of sanity alone, seems indicated. The objections to the proposal are generally in the form of "too-much-time-away-from-class" speeches. And that most teachers handle all the speech events. Good objections. Good points. But still. . .

The debate people, too, have their problems. They, too, require a lot of space and a lot of time. They run through judges like a monstrous lawnmower. They perform before empty rooms and blank-faced (if not blank-minded) judges. They, the debaters, need a day of their own—or perhaps two.

There is the bare possibility that our meeting this summer could result in a recommendation that speech become seasonal as is the athletic program. Debate during one season (still winding up at State Meet); drama during another; and the "other" speech events, plus the academic events during another season. This may or may not make more complicated an already confusing districting.

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BY J. ROY MOSES, JR.

This month let's take up some questions that have been accumulating for months relative to scholastic journalism, newspapers, writing, and the like. But first (as they say on television), here is an important message: Don't forget the April 1 deadline for submitting entries in the Individual Achievement Awards Contest. Rules and instructions were mailed Feb. 19, so if you haven't received yours, drop a line. Now.

The questions below have been supplied by junior high and high school journalism teachers via letter, card and ILPC enrollment blanks. The comments after each are not intended to be the only answers or complete answers, but perhaps they will serve as guideposts towards better solutions for each individual sponsor and staff.

Q. Why not include a column category in the Individual Achievement Awards Contest?

This has been considered, and may be done soon. However there is some feeling that if the quality of competition is poor, there is little value in the contest, and let's face it, the general quality of columns in school papers isn't too good. Everybody on the staff wants to write a column, but few are inclined to put into it the amount of work it requires.

Q. Does slang belong in a school paper?

Generally, no. There are exceptions, such as in a humorous column or to achieve an effect in a feature, but these must be handled carefully to be good.

Q. What place does school gossip have in the paper?

None.

Q. Should material other than school happenings be included in the school paper?

Yes, but the extent of its use depends on a number of things. Usually the larger the city, the more the paper's coverage is confined to campus happenings. In some very small schools the paper doubles as a community weekly as well as a school publication.

Q. How much of the paper should be illustrated?

No set rule. Remember that "a picture is worth a thousand words," but a technically poor or badly cropped picture probably isn't worth ten. Also remember their utilitarian value in make-up and the variety of illustrations that can be used for clarity—graphs, charts, diagrams, etc.

Q. What are some good topics for polls?

This needs to be determined at the local level. Occasionally polls on national questions are good, but mostly they should deal with problems and situations facing students locally—teenage marriages, going to college, and pros and cons of students owning automobiles, etc.

Q. What are some ideas for more timely news?

The secret is planning. Keep a futures book and work with news sources to secure their cooperation in letting the school paper "break" their bigger news stories. Usually a short advance story has much more actual news value than a lengthy follow-up.

Q. Let's have some movement toward having sensible, realistic stories for the Interscholastic League contests.

Good idea; who'll volunteer to prepare contest material? Seriously, assume as some of the story situations seem, they are all taken from real-life situations reported in school newspapers throughout the state. And on that subject, if anybody has a better idea for contest format, I'd appreciate hearing it.

Q. How can I prepare students for the spring meet journalism contests?

There's no substitute for practice. A student can learn only so much from being told how to write a story, and the real lesson comes from experience. Have them practice doing stories from different angles and working on variations in leads.

Q. How can you become financially stable without cutting down on the size of the paper?

Consider: using a cheaper quality of paper (many schools stretch their funds to print on enamel coated paper when newsprint would get the job done); increasing advertising rates; switching to mimeographed paper; raising money through outside activities (sponsoring dances, sweetheart elections, etc.); changing printers for lower rates, if possible; increasing subscription prices; campaigning (diplomatically) for more school subsidy; being more economical with space—some papers waste hundreds of column inches annually by using headlines that are too big, column heads that are too big, pictures that are unnecessarily wordy.

Q. Suggestions for writing force-

ful heads in a mimeographed paper where one is limited to a 22 space line!

Same rules apply; I assume the 22-space line is a one-column width, and if so, it actually affords more space than the standard one column width (12 pica) in a printed paper; a better choice of lettering guides might help—get some in a form of condensed type.

Q. What are some job opportunities in journalism?

Write for the "Careers Packet" available on a free loan basis from ILPC.

Q. How many issues of a paper should a journalism class be required to publish annually?

Depends on a number of factors—the number in the class, the service given by the printer, size of school, financial stability of the publication, etc. Semi-monthly seems to be the most popular frequency among ILPC members.

Q. How can you add color to club stories?

Don't try. If club news is of so little importance that it needs "jazzing up" to be printed, forget it. However if you dig into the background of a club action or investigate its long range implications, frequently a good story will be discovered.

Q. On what basis is a paper rated by ILPC?

On these general areas: make-up, headlines, news coverage and writing, advertising, editorials, features, columns and literary material and overall impressions. A one to five point bonus is given for special services to the school and five points are subtracted for running gossip. A more detailed explanation can be found in ILPC pamphlet No. 15, available free to ILPC members.

Q. How can you best cover news sources?

All methods are patterned after the "beat" system. First make a list of all possible news sources, then assign them to reporters to be covered regularly (each reporter can have one or a dozen sources on his beat). Try to avoid having club reporters unless they are regular staff members; instead, have each club listed as a news source and include them on beats. It is important to have each reporter cover his beat frequently—even though the paper is published infrequently; it is easier to pick up an item a day rather than rely on a source's memory to furnish a dozen items once every two weeks. Beats can be rotated for variety, but it adds a certain continuity to have the same reporter cover the same sources regularly.

Q. Where do you get good fillers?

Write 'em. Why run fillers about the number of cars and average annual income per capita in Lower Slobbovia when, with a little research, you can obtain interesting facts about your own school, community and students.

Q. When is a school paper a success?

Strictly speaking, when it achieves technical excellence, has 100% circulation among the student body, is edited with integrity and is thoroughly read by each subscriber. There are cases, however, when a paper must be considered successful because it is read and appreciated by the student body, although it may be lacking in the technical department.

Q. How about some help for liquid duplicated papers—most articles seem to be written for printed newspapers?

Articles on headline writing and counting, features, editorials, columns, make-up, news writing and coverage, etc., can almost always be applied to any publication, whether printed, mimeographed or liquid duplicated; the basic principles are the same. The big difference is in the mechanical phase of production and for duplicated papers much can be learned from experimentation; or, get your office supply representative to give some special hints.

Q. When is it proper to use by-

lines? No set rule, so again we must generalize. Usually bylines are given for items requiring original thought or containing personal opinion, such as book reviews and columns, for long features (but they, too, must be original—no "favorite food, favorite drink, favorite hobby" malarky) and for an outstanding job

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Scholarship Winners Have Many Activities

Winners of scholarships in League literary and academic competitions are not only talented in the fields in which they participate, but invariably are quite active in most other phases of school activities. Look, for example, at last year's winners of the J. O. Webb Ready Writing Scholarship, the Henry Beckman Number Sense Scholarship and the Henry Beckman Scholarship and Slide Rule Proficiency Award:

Ready Writing

Judith Willenborg, Clifton High School, was the 1959 second place winner in the conference A State Meet ready writing contest and recipient of the Webb ready writing award. In addition to ready writing, she was also a League participant in number sense and spelling. Some of her other activities included

Slide Rule

Morris Ruggles, Spring Hill High School, Longview, was the 1959 recipient of the Beckman slide rule scholarship. During his senior year he won first in district, first in regional and second in the Conference B State Meet slide rule contest. As a junior, he also placed second in district and third in regional in typewriting.

Morris maintained an "A" average throughout his high school career and was valedictorian of his graduating class. Some of his other activities included: baseball four years, basketball four years, track four years, football two years and band two years. He made the all-district selections three years in baseball, once in basketball and once in football and was high point winner at the regional track and field meet during his senior year.

In addition, he held various class offices and was voted a number of school honors, such as most dependable, most likely to succeed, most athletic, etc. Morris is enrolled at The University of Texas and plans an engineering career.

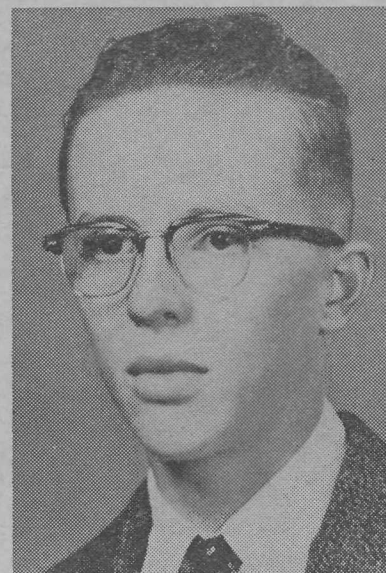
Number Sense

Winner of the Beckman number sense scholarship for 1959 was Stanley Fuhrmann, Hereford, who placed second in the conference AAA number sense contest at State Meet after winning firsts at both district and regional.

Stanley's primary interests in high school were mathematics, choir and chemistry, and as a sophomore he placed first in the district meet number sense contest and repeated that effort the following year as a junior.



MORRIS RUGGLES



STANLEY FUHRMANN



A COURSE IN THE SLIDE RULE AND LOGARITHMS, Revised, by E. Justine Hill; Ginn and Company; 1959; \$2.50.

This is a paper backed book of approximately 90 pages with an appendix of 15 pages of useful tables. It is divided into 22 chapters, and could be adapted for complete coverage in from 20 to 25 class periods. A study of chapters 1 through 7 and chapters 9 and 10 would be adequate to cover the questions used at this time in the Interscholastic League Slide Rule Contests. The remainder of the chapters would be most useful to a student interested in mathematics, chemistry, and physics.

The book is written in a clear, simple, informative style, which should be very easy for the average high school student to understand. The style should prove interesting to the student and create an interest to see what one can really do with this useful and curious tool—the slide rule. The author's philosophy is probably best expressed by the following quotation, with reference to the solution of problems: "Each method is distinct and calls for a certain initial set of facts. Do not attempt to memorize the rules. The ability to reason out the facts and methods is the basic requirement." This book is highly recommended.

J.L.B.

SCHEDULES . . .

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2:00 p.m.—One-act play, conference A; track and field continues.

Region VII, Conference B

Site: Texas College of Arts & Industries, Kingsville; director general: Dr. Eldon Brinley. For conference B—districts 79-86, inclusive.

April 22

8:00 a.m.—Golf.
8:30 a.m.—Debate, journalism.
9:00 a.m.—Declamation, poetry reading, typewriting.
9:30 a.m.—Extemporaneous speaking.
10:00 a.m.—Shorthand.
1:00 p.m.—Tennis preliminaries; one-act play.
1:30 p.m.—Journalism.

April 23

8:00 a.m.—Ready writing.
9:00 a.m.—Slide rule; tennis semifinals.
10:00 a.m.—Number sense.
11:00 a.m.—Track and field begins.
2:00 p.m.—Tennis finals.

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of news writing. Originality, both in research and writing, are the basic consideration. Bylines are, in a way, rewards for outstanding work, so be rather stingy with them; avoid giving them for short items or to someone who merely rewrites a news release.

And that's—30— for March.



BY F. W. SAVAGE

Here we go again! With the entry season barely under way, it has been our misfortune to be forced to reject numerous entries which have not complied with the rules and regulations. Fortunately most of these have been solo and small ensemble entries. I can imagine the problems facing the director who has to inform kids and parents that due to his oversight, their entries have been rejected.

For some strange reason, directors and administrators have assumed that the State Office has the power to hear excuses and make exceptions to the regulations. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The only way for the entry rules to be bypassed is for one of the League's governing bodies to suspend the rules.

As we have previously stated, one of our schools tried this procedure last spring. In what is now known as the "Brownsville Case," the State Executive Committee ruled that Rule 16, page 95 of the *Constitution and Contest Rules* was valid and that either or both the state director and the regional contest chairman not only had the right but was obligated to reject entries which were not postmarked ahead of the deadline. The fact that either of these offices receives an entry postmarked correctly, does not excuse the school from filing the duplicate entry as directed in the rules. All directors should refer to the special instruction sheet which was distributed from the State Office at the time requisitions for entry forms were sent out.

Amateur Rule

This is the time of year that the State Office receives many inquiries concerning the application of the amateur rule to music contestants. This rule is listed in the *Constitution* as Section 8 of Article VIII and appears on page 18. To begin with, the rules state specifically that "no one shall take part in any athletic contest . . ." and then proceeds to list the contests in a later paragraph of the same section.

In other words, the amateur rule does not apply to music contestants and any student may receive pay or valuable consideration for performing or teaching music or twirling and not be made ineligible for League competition.

Awards Rule

The "awards rule," Article XVI, page 26 of the *Constitution* does apply to music contests, however. No student may receive and no school may issue an award in excess of \$15 per year for "participation in interschool competition." The word "interschool" is the key word in this regulation. If contests are "open" and not limited to students enrolled in schools, the award rule is not applicable.

Many commercial firms and organizations of one kind or another are offering fabulous awards to musicians who win various contests and "auditions." If these contests are limited to students "enrolled in high school" or enrolled in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth or any other level of scholastic achievement in the public schools, any contestant who accepts an award in excess of \$15 shall forfeit eligibility for one year. Note, however, that "acceptance of scholarship awards given upon enrollment in a college or university is not considered as a violation of this rule."

Although it might be advisable considering the high stakes involved to permit a student to compete in one of these contests, directors should be very careful to inform the student that there is a possibility that he may forfeit his eligibility to participate in League contests if he should win an award.

New Rule for 1960-61

Beginning with the 1960-61 school year, another award rule will affect music groups. The Legislative Council passed a regulation last November which will render a group ineligible which accepts any award (other than those listed in Section 17 of the music section of the *Constitution and Contest Rules*) for participation in regional competition-festivals. This rule was inaugurated as a result of information which was given to the Council that there is a growing tendency for some outside firm or organization to select an "outstanding" band, orchestra or choir and present this group an award for their achievement.

Not Applicable

Some administrators and music directors are misinterpreting Rule 2 of the Football Plan which deals with the employment of coaches. This regulation is not applicable to music contests and the band, choir or orchestra director does not have to be a full-time employee of the school system in order to enter a group in the regional competition-festival.

Also, there are no rules or regulations stating that band, orchestra or choir must be taught a given number of minutes a week before that organization may enter the contests. In fact, there is no connection between the accreditation of music in the curriculum and the eligibility of a group to participate in music competition.

Advance Notice

Rule making machinery is beginning to get into action for the coming school year. The Music Advisory Committee which is composed of elected representatives from each region meets once a year to consider changes in the "playing rules" of music competition. This group is slated to meet at The University of Texas in June. If you have any suggestions concerning changes which should be made, communicate with Fred Junkin, chairman of the committee, at Victoria High School or send your suggestions to the State Office.

The committees which have the responsibility for making the prescribed music lists will also function during the summer months. If you have suggestions for these groups, correspond directly with the chairmen. Bryce Taylor of Three Rivers is chairman of the band music committee and Dale Brubaker of Wichita Falls will continue as chairman of the orchestra group. Carl Best of Sherman was elected as vocal chairman to replace Herbert Teat—who was "demoted" to the position of president of the Texas Music Educators.

Equal Time

Although it doesn't seem quite right for one of the "involved" judges to have to do battle, equal time in the *Leaguer* was promised to anyone who had further comment on the subject of judging standards in marching contests so here is an answer from Bill Eubank of Gladewater.

"After reading the February issue of the *Leaguer*, I find one Mr. Breaux a very unhappy gentleman concerning Class B marching contest ratings. As you promised any comment would receive equal space, it is my sincere hope that this letter will be published in its entirety.

"I was one of three judges in the Region V marching contest this past season and I found their contest very interesting. There were some fine bands in that region. We were instructed before the contest to 'rate the bands as you see them but do not give any band a Division V rating.' I was also impressed by the procedure of judging we were instructed to use. As each band performed, we were to write our comments and circle the rating we thought suitable. After rating the band, the contest chairman immediately took the sheet for compiling. In addition, the three judges were placed ten yards apart in the press box so they would not be tempted to discuss any band's performance. I was placed on the 40 yard line and my ratings did not always agree with the gentleman who was on the 50 yard line, but did correspond with the other judge who was placed on the opposite 40 yard line.

"I sincerely felt that every band received an honest and fair rating, and most assuredly, without comparison other than personal standards of the judges themselves. I further believe that a student in Class B schools should be expected to march as well as a student in Class AAAA schools; also, that selection of music would compensate for the lack of age and maturity in a band. I have no axe to grind with anyone, but I do believe that a Division I band should march and play first division.

"For the first time in ten years, I am a victim of my own philosophy. My band marched first division but played a poor second. We had those HARD judges, of which I am justly proud, and by George . . . I got my rating—a II. At previous contests in our region I think I would have made a Division I. I trust that we can maintain this standard.

"I directed a Class B band for five years. We started with thirty-eight members in the senior band, nine beginners and no budget; but we managed to maintain a sweepstakes band. It was not easy. That band, with a high school enrollment of 120 now, compared to 95 seven years ago, has a high school band of

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Interscholastic League Calendar 1960-61

- Aug. 15 First day for fall football practice, conferences AAA, AA, A, B, six- and eight-man.
- Aug. 26 First day for fall football practice, conference AAAA.
- Sept. 1 Fees for 1960-61 accepted. *Constitution and Contest Rules* available.
- Sept. 1 Last day for accepting Football Plan.
- Sept. 2 First day for playing football games, conferences AAA, AA, A, B, six- and eight-man.
- Sept. 9 First day for playing football games, conference AAAA.
- Sept. 19 Last day for meeting of district football executive committee.
- Oct. 3 Last day for organizing basketball district.
- Oct. 15 Last day for accepting Boys' and Girls' Basketball Plans.
- Oct. 15 First day for interschool basketball games, conference B.
- Nov. 1 First day for interschool basketball games, conferences A, AA, AAA and AAAA.
- Nov. 1 Spring Meet district organization by chairmen, all conferences.
- Nov. 1-2 Legislative Council meeting in Austin.
- Nov. 14 Last day to certify district football champions, conferences AA, A, B, six- and eight-man.
- Nov. 21 Last day to certify district football champions, conferences AAAA and AAA.
- Dec. 1 Last day for filing Music Acceptance Cards.
- Dec. 1 Last day for filing Speech-Drama Check Cards.
- Dec. 1 Last day for postmarking Journalism Acceptance Cards.
- Jan. 15 Last day for enrolling in Interscholastic League Press Conference.
- Jan. 15 Last day for paying Interscholastic League membership fees, all conferences.
- Feb. 1 Deadline for submitting issues of school newspapers for ILPC criticism.
- Feb. 2 Last day for organizing spring meet districts.
- Feb. 15 Last day for accepting Baseball Plan.
- Feb. 18 Last day to certify boys' district basketball champions, all conferences.
- Feb. 20 First day for boys' regional basketball playoffs, all conferences.
- Feb. 25 Last day for boys' regional basketball playoffs, all conferences.
- Feb. 25 Last day to certify girls' district basketball champions, all conferences.
- Feb. 27 First day for girls' regional basketball playoffs, all conferences.
- Mar. 1 Closing date for newspapers to be rated by ILPC.
- Mar. 1 Last day to organize baseball districts, all conferences.
- Mar. 2-3-4 Boys' State Basketball Tournament.
- Mar. 3 Last day for filing one-act play title with State Office.
- Mar. 4 Last day for girls' regional basketball playoffs, all conferences.
- Mar. 9-10-11 Girls' State Basketball Tournament.
- Mar. 12 Last day for interschool basketball games, all conferences.
- Mar. 18 First weekend for holding district spring meets.
- Mar. 25 Last weekend for district one-act play contests, conference B.
- Apr. 1 Last day for receipt of ILPC individual contest entries.
- Apr. 15 Last weekend for holding district spring meets.
- Apr. 18 Last day for filing entries in the regional meets.
- Apr. 21-22 Regional Meets.
- May 4-5-6 State ILPC convention.
- May 4-5-6 State Meet.
- May 16 Last day to certify district baseball champions, all conferences.
- May 23 Last day to determine bi-district baseball champions, conferences AAAA and AAA.
- May 30 Last day to determine regional baseball champions, conferences AAAA and AAA.
- June 3 Last day to determine regional baseball champions, conferences AA and A.
- June 3 Last day to determine bi-district baseball champions, conference B.
- June 5-6 State Baseball Tournament, conferences AAAA and AAA.
- June 14 Annual meeting, Music Rules Advisory Committee, Austin.

McAdoo, Huntington, Linden, Lamesa South Park Nab 1960 Cage Crowns

Conference B McAdoo, conference A Huntington, conference AA Linden-Kildare (Linden), conference AAA Lamesa and conference AAAA South Park (Beaumont) emerged

Six Tourney Records Fall

Four individual and two team records were broken and one team record was tied during the League's 40th annual boys' basketball tournament held March 3-5.

Most new marks are divisional, but two—one individual and one team—are new overall tourney records as well. The complete rundown (with old records in brackets):

Overall Tourney Records

Individual high score one series of three games: 88, George Scott, McAdoo (86, Marcus Frieberger, Greenville, 1947).

Most times in state tourney: 18, Stephen F. Austin High of Austin, 1922-24-25-26-27-28-30-31-36-43-44-45-49-51-53-57-58-60 (Austin High of Austin, 17).

Conference AAAA Records

Most times in state tourney: see above.

Conference AA Records

Individual free throws one game: 16, Bennie Lenox, Clear Creek of League City (14, Jimmy Cobb, Buna, 1959).

Conference A Records

Most state championships (tied): 2, Buna in 1955 & 56, White Oak in 1953 & 57, Huntington in 1959 & 60.

Conference B Records

Individual high score one game: 43, George Scott, McAdoo (39, Kelly Jim Duncan, Cayuga, 1950).

Individual high score one series of three games: 88, George Scott, McAdoo (79, Kermit Decker, Hutto, 1953).

from the League's 40th annual schoolboy basketball tournament as state champions for 1960.

Complete tournament results were:

Conference B—first round: McAdoo 75, Wink 38; East Mountain (Gilmer) 71, Kyle 45; Danbury 58, Jim Ned (Tuscola) 57; Midway (Henrietta) 54, Natalia 27; semi-finals: McAdoo 63, East Mountain 62; Midway 54, Danbury 43; consolation: East Mountain 56, Danbury 46; finals: McAdoo 58, Midway 42.

Conference A—semi-finals: Huntington 56, Ingleside 42; Sunray 45, Llano 39; consolation: Llano 63, Ingleside 36; finals: Huntington 61, Sunray 46.

Conference AA—semi-finals: Dimmitt 65, Belton 62; Linden-Kildare (Linden) 61, Clear Creek (League City) 51; consolation: Clear Creek 61, Belton 59; finals: Linden-Kildare 52, Dimmitt 44.

Conference AAA—semi-finals: South San Antonio 49, Castleberry (Fort Worth) 48; Lamesa 51, Aldine (Houston) 48; consolation: Aldine 51, Castleberry 37; finals: Lamesa 56, South San Antonio 54.

Conference AAAA—semi-finals: South Park (Beaumont) 43, South Oak Cliff (Dallas) 42; Austin (Austin) 52, Borger 51; consolation: Borger 63, South Oak Cliff 53; finals: South Park 41, Austin 36.

The complete summary of district and regional winners for the 1960 season includes:

Conference AAAA

District winners: Austin (El Paso), Midland, Borger, Birdville (Fort Worth), Polytechnic (Fort Worth), South Oak Cliff (Dallas), Denton, Texarkana, Sam Houston (Houston), Jesse Jones (Houston), South Park (Beaumont), Robert E. Lee (Baytown), Stephen F. Austin (Austin), Miller (Corpus Christi), Alamo Heights (San Antonio), Brackenridge (San Antonio).
Regional winners: Austin (Aus-

tin), South Park (Beaumont), Borger, South Oak Cliff (Dallas).

Conference AAA

District winners: Dumas, Monahans, Lamesa, Castleberry (Fort Worth), Paris, Kilgore, Palestine, Brownwood, Killeen, Aldine (Houston), French (Beaumont), Lamar (Rosenberg), San Marcos, South San Antonio (San Antonio), Robstown, Pharr - San Juan - Alamo (Pharr).

Regional winners: Castleberry (Fort Worth), Aldine (Houston), Lamesa, South San Antonio (San Antonio).

Conference AA

District winners: Dimmitt, Abert, Post, Seminole, Childress, Hamlin, Cisco, Granbury, Bowie, Lake Worth (Fort Worth), Duncanville, Richardson, Atlanta, Linden, London (New London), Brady, Belton, Rockdale, Columbus, Humble, Dayton, Buna, Jasper, Clear Creek (League City), Needville, Lockhart, Northside (San Antonio), Devine, Freer, Sinton, Donna.

Regional winners: Belton, Dimmitt, Clear Creek (League City), Linden-Kildare (Linden).

Conference A

District winners: Sunray, Lefors, Sudan, Idalou, Plains, Stanton, Marfa, Junction, Llano, Clyde, Crowell, Midlothian, Cooper, James Bowie (Simms), Judson Grove (Judson), Brownsboro, Troup, Cushing, Huntington, Fairfield, Midway (Waco), Thrall, Bridge City, Waller, Dulles (Missouri City), Moulton, Boerne, Cotulla, Kenedy, Ingleside, Tuloso-Midway (Corpus Christi), La Joya.

Regional winners: Huntington, Ingleside, Llano, Sunray.

Conference B

District winners: Morse, Hartley, Lazbuddie, Whitharral, Pep, Roosevelt (Lubbock), Meadow, Borden County Rural (Gail), Estelline, McAdoo, Miami, Hedley, Knox City, Weirter, Highland (Roscoe), Hermleigh, Hawley, Scanton, Bronte, Mertz, Rochelle, Jim Ned (Tuscola), Santo, Lipan, Carlton, Jonesboro, Hico, Valley Mills, Lorena, Abbott, Blanket, Rising Star, Valley View (Kamay), Midway (Henrietta), Bryson, Ponder, Alvord, Howe, Everman, Godley, Prosper, Frisco, Wolfe City, Gober, Scurry-Rosser (Scurry), Forrester, Cunningham, Frost, Annona, Maud, Alba-Golden (Alba).

Also, Cumby, Frankston, Mabank, Lanesville, Union Grove (Gladewater), East Mountain (Gilmer), Waskom, Woden, Mt. Enter-



CONFERENCE AAAA CHAMPS—Members of the championship team from South Park High School (Beaumont) are, left to right: FRONT ROW—Coach Jimmy Anders, Gardner Stirling, Ronald Bearden, William Cansler, Thurman Crawford, Luther Cooper, Mac Wheat, Manager Robert Touchet; BACK ROW—Assistant Coach Fred Herring, Wilbert Bragg, Charles Dennis, Joe Fisher, Ill, Reagan Berfrand, Carroll Aulbaugh, Orval Hanson, Manager Tommy Southern.



CONFERENCE AAA CHAMPS—Members of the state championship Lamesa team are, left to right: FRONT ROW—Wallace Franklin, Kenneth Crouch, Leslie Williams, Guy Edmondson, Harvey Everheart, Gene Westmoreland; BACK ROW—Randolph Norris, Tommy Doyle, Clarkie Miers, Wayne McDonnell, Bruce Ashton, David Dean, Nat Self, Coach O. W. Follis.



CONFERENCE AA CHAMPS—Members of the Linden-Kildare High School (Linden) championship team are, left to right: FRONT ROW—James Henderson, Mike Knight, Sam Warren, Albino Hinojosa, James Harris, George Hargett; BACK ROW—Coach Tom H. Collins, Jr., Larry Hill, Bill Jones, John Beasley, Royce Fitts.



CONFERENCE A CHAMPS—Members of the state championship Huntington squad are, left to right: FRONT ROW—Manager Mike Yeates, Harold Jones, Calvin Carrell, Bobby Crawford, Doyle Burnett, Robert Jones; BACK ROW—Manager Osro Boyett, Mike Walker, Frank Williams, Johnny Bonner, Byron Smith, Jerry Treadway, Coach Jack Whitton.

All-Tournament Selections

Three unanimous selections and two repeaters from last year headed the all-tournament teams selected by sportswriters and broadcasters covering the League's 40th annual boys' basketball tournament. Two members of the 1960 mythical teams were also members of those picked after the 1958 tourney.

Unanimous selections this year were Joe Fisher of AAAA champion South Park (Beaumont), Bennie Lenox of third place Clear Creek (League City) in AA, and George Scott of the conference B championship McAdoo team.

Both repeaters from last year were in the B division. They are Frank Williams of the champion Huntington squad and Leon Campbell of runner-up Midway (Henrietta). In conference AA, Clear Creek's Lenox and Belton's Richard Inman are both repeaters from the 1958 all-tourney team.

Complete selections, by conferences, are:

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AAAA—Joe Fisher, South Park (Beaumont); Dick McCarroll, Austin (Austin); Carroll Aulbaugh, South Park; Frank Schaffer, Borger; Sidney Wall, South Oak Cliff (Dallas).

Honorable mention—Tommy Thomson and Pat Higgins, Austin; Tracy Cox, Don Seamster and John Kent, Borger; Wilbert Bragg, South Park; and Mike Tanco, South Oak Cliff.

AAA—Spencer Carlson, Aldine (Houston); Robert Zamora, South San Antonio; Harvey Harris, Castleberry (Fort Worth); David Dean and Ken Crouch, Lamesa.

Honorable mention—Emitt Lopez and Joey Burrows, South San Antonio; Jay Baker, Aldine; Bruce Ashton, Nat Self and Leslie Williams, Lamesa.

AA—Bennie Lenox, Clear Creek (League City); Hal Ratcliff, Dimmitt; Richard Inman, Belton; George Hargett and John Beasley, Linden-Kildare (Linden).

Honorable mention—Dale West, Belton; Junior Coffey, Dimmitt.

Conferences A and B

A—James Slaughter, Llano; Ray DeBord, Sunray; Jerry Treadway, Byron Smith and Frank Williams, Huntington.

Honorable mention—Gary Garrison and James Hahn, Ingleside; Joy Lea Brazell and Wayne Riddle, Sunray; Joe Bill Watkins, Llano.

B—George Scott and Cherry Eldredge, McAdoo; Michael Grimes, East Mountain (Gilmer); William Zgarba, Danbury; and Leon Campbell, Midway (Henrietta).

Honorable mention—Carl Henry and Jimmy McMillion, Midway; J. D. McCormick, Norman Hardy and Don Harris, McAdoo; Dwight Dow, Wink; Ed Sledge, Kyle; Vic Swedlund and George Jennings, Danbury; Guinn Corley and Ken Loyd, East Mountain; and Ronny Aldridge and Larry Aldridge, Jim Ned (Tuscola).



CONFERENCE B CHAMPS—Members of the McAdoo High School state championship basketball team are, left to right: FRONT ROW—Howard McWilliams, Ronald Hardin, Roy Stout, Johnny McCormick, Junior Gregory, Hicks McCormick; BACK ROW—Coach Fabian Lemley, Cherry Eldredge, Norman Hardy, Richard Williams, George Scott, J. D. McCormick, Donald Harris and Bill Merrell.

prise, Burkeville, Latexo, Snook, Lott, Centerville, Round Top-Carmine (Carmine), Big Sandy (Daldarville), Mauriceville, China, Spring, Magnolia, Danbury, Flaton, Kyle, Copperas Cove, Pflugerville, Johnson City, Harper, Nueces Canyon (Barksdale), Brackettville, Natalia, Stockdale, La Coste, Austwell-Tivoli (Tivoli), Agua Dulce, Bruni, Zapata, Presidio, Wink, Balmorea, Clint.

Regional winners: Danbury, East Mountain (Gilmer), Midway (Henrietta), Kyle, McAdoo, Natalia, Jim Ned (Tuscola), Wink.

POSTSCRIPTS ON ATHLETICS BY DR. RHEA H. WILLIAMS

The various district executive committees of the University Interscholastic League are the most democratic administrative organizations that have been devised by any of the 50 states of the nation. This is local "grass-roots" control at its best. We often hear criticism of the centralized state control in various departments and bureaus, and the League is often accused of concentrated autocratic administration. Nothing could be further from the truth, as in the University Interscholastic League practically all of the administrative problems of the schools within the district are administered by the district executive committee.

The district executive committee is composed of either the superintendent or principal from each of the schools assigned to a district. As an illustration, in a five-team district the committee is composed of five administrators, one from each school. It should be noted that only administrators can serve on this committee and coaches are not allowed to serve unless they also are designated by the board of trustees as an administrator. An alternate may be appointed to serve on the committee in case of absence by the "bona fide" representative, provided the alternate is a superintendent or a principal.

This is in keeping with the League's philosophy that all phases of the school curriculum, including the extracurricular activities, are a part of the educational experience offered to the students and must be under the control of the school administration. As the superintendent is the titular head of the school, he must have control over all phases of the curriculum. In addition, the school administrator has a much wider perspective and viewpoint and therefore is better qualified to keep the proper balance between the various activities of the school.

Proper Procedure
The district chairman and the voting members of the committee must always be school administrators. The coaches certainly should attend the meetings of the district executive committee; however, they do not have any vote and should not be allowed to sit in on the executive session when eligibility problems are discussed. The proper order is for the members of the district executive committee to go into the executive session to handle all problems of eligibility and to allow the coaches to have another meeting in which they select officials, discuss matters pertaining to athletic activities and draw up a recommended schedule for the approval of the executive committee. There is a proper place in a district executive committee meeting for both the administrator and the coach; however, all ultimate decisions and votes are the responsibility exclusively of the administrators on the committee.

Controls
It appears to the uninformed that the district executive committee with all of its control in the district could run rampant and create conditions which could result in chaos. This is not the case, however, as under the Constitution and Contest Rules there are two very important restraints which keep the district executive committee within the proper bounds.

First, the State Executive Committee has the authority to reject any district champion when its district committee has set aside any rules of the League. This is most effective because when a team has won the district championship and is not allowed to progress further, there is great resentment from the student body and from the community.

Secondly, the State Executive Committee has the authority which it has never yet exercised of suspending all of the schools in a district if they have deliberately and intentionally set aside the rules and regulations of the League. It is a tribute to the integrity, honesty and administrative ability of our school administrators in Texas that during the 50 years the League has been in existence only in a few instances has it been necessary for the State Executive Committee to apply any penalty.

Thanks a Million
As anyone can see who has read through this column, the entire structure of the League is based upon the efficiency of the district executive committee. There are hundreds of school administrators and coaches who give of their time, and usually beyond school hours, to attend district executive committee meetings to see that the League activities function in an educational fashion. The students and people in the state of Texas owe to the school administrators and our coaches a great debt of gratitude for these many services above and beyond the call of duty.

We in the State Office are most appreciative of the fine work which is being done by our school administrators and coaches and as long as we have a dedicated corps such as this, the League will continue to rate as one of the best in the nation. Our sincere thanks go to the many school people who work for the youth of our state through the League program.

Senatorial Courtesy
From the above explanation of how the district executive committee functions, it is obvious that each district is as good or as bad as its administrative leadership. If the administrators in a district do not take an active part in the operation of the district, then inevitably situations arise which will eventually embarrass the member schools of that district.

In districts where "senatorial courtesy" is practiced, and unfortunately this is true in some districts, this lack of integrity, sooner or later, creates serious problems. By far and large, however, the great majority of our district executive committees have fine adminis-