



## Dimmitt Opposes Spring Training

I THINK you and your committee in regard to abolishing spring football practice have done a wonderful thing for the rest of the sports. This is one thing I have tried to abolish before I left high school and since I have been in college work.

Now I think the next move you should make would be to permit the high-school coaches to start their fall practice August 15 instead of September 1, as a lot of the high-school teams will play on the 15th of September or maybe earlier. My experience with boys tells me that they are not in the right physical condition to play a football game, but by letting them start on August 15 they will be in good shape and you will find out that your injuries will be a great deal less.—L. J. Dimmitt, A. & M. College.

## Sabine Pass Offers Facilities for Meet

Last year our Region V, District 53 meet was poor, the track was bad, and only two schools took part in literary events. If the spring meet could be held at my school I will have a nice track, concrete tennis court, baseball diamonds, volleyball court, and will try to encourage more literary events. I am in favor of more literary events with our track meets than we have had in the past here.—Supt. C. T. Bridgewater, Sabine Pass High School.

## Films on Veterans' Program Available

SCHOOL administrators interested in the veterans' problems will be able to make excellent use of five new films now available from the Visual Instruction Bureau, The University of Texas, D. W. McCavick, director, has announced.

Distributed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Veterans' Administration program, the films, with sound, cover such subjects as the buying of U. S. saving bonds, the desirability of retaining National Service Life Insurance, medical service, benefits of the Veterans' Administration, and hospitalized veterans.

"The Crop That Never Fails" is an eight minute show illustrating the advantages of planning for the future by buying U. S. savings bonds. "Future Assets," which runs for ten minutes, is an informal discussion by typical World War II veterans who present a strong story on the advantages of keeping their government insurance.

"Medical Service Second to None," a twenty-eight minute film, shows the medical facilities offered the doctor by the V. A. program; it is primarily a recruiting film and is interesting for veterans' organizations, civic groups and service clubs.

Two ten minute films, "Veterans Report No. I and II" show the ways the V. A. program is assisting the ex-G.I., with the second report featuring the Choir of Sault St. Marie, Michigan High School, entertaining wounded veterans at Mt. Alto Hospital, Washington, D. C.

## League to Operate Own Drama Service

The Drama and Speech division of the Interscholastic League has moved to new quarters in the League office and is no longer connected with the Extension Loan Library. For many years examination copies of plays, production books, and speech books have been circulated for the League through the Loan Library. The same material is still available and the procedure of ordering has not changed except that requests should now be addressed to the Interscholastic League Drama Service, Box H, University Station, Austin.

## F. W. Savage Appointed State Director of Music Activities

Former Pampa High Principal and Experienced Band Director Will Supervise All League Sponsored Music Contests in Schools

THE League's first State Music Director, F. Winston Savage, Pampa high-school principal and former band director, took over his duties as director of all music activities, bands, orchestra and choirs in high-school League competition on November 1.

Mr. Savage began his career as school administrator in 1932 when he became elementary and high-school principal in Pampa. From 1939 to 1941 he was principal of the Sam Houston Elementary School and then became principal of the Pampa Junior High School, a position he held until 1945. For the past year he has served as principal of the high school.

### Knows League Competition

An experienced music educator, Mr. Savage knows the field of music competition thoroughly as he directed the Pampa band for seven years. He is a member of the Texas State Teachers Association, the Texas Secondary Principals' Association, the Panhandle Administrators' Association, N.E.A., and the National Secondary Principals' Association. He has served as president of the Community Concert Association and is



F. Winston Savage

a former president of Region 1, Texas Music Educators' Association.

### Received M.A. Degree

Born in Lubbock, the new League official attended the West Texas State College Demonstration School, graduating in 1929. He attended The University of Texas, where he played in the Longhorn Band, and later received his B.S. degree at the West Texas State College, and his M.A. degree in the summer of '41.

## State Music Director Outlines Policies for Spring Festivals

F. W. Savage, State Director of Music Activities

AS YOU know, by vote of the music directors and administrators, The University Interscholastic League was requested to sponsor all music competition in the state. The League will attempt to correlate existing League policies with those rules and practices previously established by the Texas Music Educators Association and use all its resources in order to supplement the tremendous progress attained by that organization and its officers.

Of necessity and by choice, the League will confine its activity in 1946-47 to correlation and assistance.

Planning Committee to Meet  
An advisory committee composed of five music directors and five school administrators will meet in Austin on November 16 to approve plans for the 1946-47 Regional Music Competition-Festivals. The

final plan will be sent to member schools as quickly as possible. As soon as arrangements can be completed, representatives of the University Interscholastic League will attend meetings in each region and discuss the final plans with directors and administrators.

Directors, however, need not wait for these final plans in order to begin preparations to attend the Competition-Festivals next spring. The general policies outlined below will, in all probability, be used by the advisory committee as a foundation on which to build the specific plans:

### Gives Policies

1. The state will be divided into nine regions corresponding, essentially, to those now outlined by the Texas Music Educators Association.
2. Competition for 1946-47 will not go beyond the Regional Festival.
3. Complete control at the Competition-Festival including

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## Make the Lunchroom Program Part of School Curriculum Urges State Official

THERE'S more to the lunchroom program than its obvious benefit—providing a balanced meal or a bowl of soup or a glass of milk to a number of hungry school children each noon.

It is hoped by the State Department of Education, now administering the program of 2,351 schools, that the lunch hour can become a vital part of the curriculum.

"There is an ideal opportunity for the teaching of citizenship, fellowship, and good health habits by schools who have agreed to operate lunchroom projects," insists Guy West, director of auditing in the State Department of Education and co-director of the program with M. F. Thurman.

School administrators have reported cases of children who were actually unaccustomed to using knives and forks and of the improvement in their general social behavior by the end of a school year.

### Other Projects Incorporated

Gardening and canning projects of the school can become part of the lunchroom program. Home-making classes can obtain valuable experience in food preparation by assisting with the meals.

In explaining the background of the program, it was pointed out that Texas receives about \$2,800,000 annually for food assistance. The Federal allocation as authorized under the National School Lunch Act passed by Congress in 1946 is \$75,000,000.

If a school charges 18 cents for a meal, the students pay 9 cents and the school is reimbursed from Federal funds for 9 cents. Any profit must go back into the program as it is set up on a strictly non-profit basis.

Anyone of three types of meals are served. A complete hot meal may be furnished, which provides one-third the daily nutritional requirements for a child. The school is reimbursed at the rate of 9 cents per meal for this type of program. A meal may be served with a lower nutritional value such as a whole-some sandwich or a bowl of soup. This may be reimbursed at the rate of 6 cents per meal when milk is added or at the rate of 4 cents without milk. The third type is that which provides children with a half pint of milk per day, with a reimbursement of 2 cents. Already 1857 claims totaling \$322,974.58 have been paid.

### Serving Methods Differ

There are many variations in the program as far as actually serving the food is concerned.

## Dates for Speech Clinics Released

"Demonstrations, Discussions Featured on All Five Programs"

SPEECH and drama clinics featuring sections on Declamation, Debate, Extemp Speech and One-Act Play will be sponsored by The University Interscholastic League, Bruce Roach, State Director of Speech Activities, has announced.

The first clinic will be held December 7 at the College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville with Clark S. Carlisle directing the speech section and Lewis Miller in charge of the drama section.

### Rousse in Charge at U.T.

Scheduled for December 13-14 at The University of Texas, another clinic will be held with Thomas A. Rousse, chairman of the speech department, in charge.

Other demonstrations and discussions for speech contestants and coaches are set for January 11 at Kilgore Senior High School with Superintendent W. L. Dodson in charge; for January 18, at Houston with Assistant Superintendent J. O. Webb directing; and February 15 at T.S.C.W., Denton, where Earl C. Bryan, director of the speech department, will be in charge.

### All Speech Contestants Welcome

All speech coaches and their students are invited to attend these clinics, and are asked to notify the director at the nearest meeting place the number of students each school will send.

"There will be a minimum of talks but a maximum of demonstrations, discussions and question and answer periods," promised Mr. Roach.

"These clinics are designed to help you meet your needs and problems in speech activities and to assist us all in improving the quality of speech and speech activities in Texas," he continued.

### Two Music Conferences Set

The plan also includes, at the present time, music conferences where the new set-up in Music and Bands under League direction will be discussed with speech clinics at Kingsville and Kilgore.

## Laredo Typists Get Early Start

TRAINING for Interscholastic League competition will soon start at Laredo High School where 54 students have enrolled in Stenography 1.

Mrs. Clyde Brennan and Miss Dorothy Lockwood are directors in shorthand and typewriting.

Last May the state championship in shorthand was won by Ava Maria Chavarria of Laredo High School.



Freda Baum  
Paschal High School

## Freda Baum Wins Two State Awards

Paschal High Graduate Continues Work at The University of Texas

WINNER of two places at the State Meet in journalism contests, Freda Baum, graduate of Paschal High School, Ft. Worth, is continuing her journalism study at The University of Texas.

Freda won second place in Reporting and third place in Copy Reading in May, which gave her second place in the journalism division of the Meet.

While at Paschal High School, she was a member of Penta Club, a mathematics club requiring an "A" average for membership, and received a letter the first year, a silver pin the second and a gold pin the third year for making a straight "A" record. She won the P.T.A. medal for outstanding work in journalism, was a member of the National Honor Society and was a Magna Cum Laude graduate.

Since enrolling at the University she has been elected to Forensics and is writing for The Daily Texan and The Cactus.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baum, 1922 Windsor Place, Ft. Worth.

## Texas College Offers New Education Course

THE first institution in Texas to establish a professorship in special education is Southwest Texas State Teachers College, Dr. James Knight, director of the extension teaching bureau at The University of Texas, has reported.

Dr. Leland S. Burgum, who has been school counselor at Grand Forks, North Dakota, will offer a Saturday class for teachers in the field of special education at the college in San Marcos. He is also conducting an extension teaching center for the faculty of the Austin State School.

The probability of two new chapters of the International Council for Exceptional Children, in San Antonio and in San Marcos, has been announced by Dr. Burgum.

PROGRAM  
of the  
Twenty-fourth Annual  
Interscholastic League Breakfast  
And Section Meeting  
The Y.M.C.A. Building, 1600 Louisiana St.  
Houston, Texas  
November 30, 1946, 7:30 a.m.

T. H. SHELBY, Dean, Division of Extension,  
The University of Texas, Presiding  
J. O. WEBB, Houston, Secretary

League Section Motto:  
Better Citizenship Through Speech Contests

Invocation  
Introduction of Speaker—Bruce Roach, State Director of Speech Activities  
Address—"Effective Citizenship Through Discussion and Debate," Dr. Orville A. Hitchcock, Associate Professor of Speech, University of Iowa  
Discussion

Reservations, 75 cents per plate. Make sure of a place by forwarding 75 cents to Miss Willie Thompson, Secretary of the League, Box H, University Station, Austin, Texas, at once. Tickets will be forwarded on receipt of price.

MENU  
½ Grapefruit  
Egg Omelet  
Ham  
Jam  
Hot Rolls and Coffee

## League Legislative Advisory Council Approves Baseball and Golf Contests

## League Organizer Dies in New York

Public Speaking Contributions Great in Texas, Writes Bedichek

By Roy Bedichek\*

EDWIN DUBOIS SHURTER, Professor of Public Speaking in The University of Texas from 1899 to 1923, and organizer of The University Interscholastic League, died recently at his home, Sweetacre, Brooktondale, New York, where he had been living for the past twenty-three years.

Professor Shurter was born in Samsonville, N.Y., October 24, 1863. He received his collegiate training at Cornell University, from which institution he was graduated with a degree of Ph.B. in 1892. He married Alice Burt August 16, 1893, and that year accepted a position as instructor in English and elocution in Stanford University. After one year in California, he returned to Cornell as instructor in oratory, remaining in that position from 1894 to 1899. During a part of this period he also practiced law in Ithaca, N.Y.

### Began Debating League

After he had been ten years in The University of Texas, he organized the Texas High School Debating League at a meeting of the Texas State Teachers Association in Abilene, December, 1910. The following year the name of the organization was changed to the Texas High School Debating and Declamation League. In 1912 Professor Shurter as head of the Debating and Declamation League, and Professor Charles W. Ramsdell, representing Interscholastic Athletics League, joined forces; and these competitive activities in the public schools of Texas have been conducted ever since under one ad-

\*Mr. Bedichek, director of the League, is on leave of absence until February 1, 1947.

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## Post-Season Games Stopped; Spring Training Rule Opposed



Nancy Ann Jennings  
El Paso High School

## Wins All-Star Honors at Meet

Nancy Ann Jennings, El Paso Actress, Enrolls at College of Mines

AN exceptional young actress is Nancy Ann Jennings, graduate of El Paso High School, who was chosen a member of the All-Star Cast at the 1946 State Meet for her acting in "A Window to the South."

Nancy won second best actress honors at the city-district One-Act play contest and best actress in the district. When she came to Austin in May she placed in the State All-Star Cast.

While at El Paso High School, Nancy Ann was a member of the Pan American Club, Quill and Scroll, the Dramatic Club, Courtesy Club and of the school pep squad. She was also society editor of the school paper.

Nancy is now attending the Texas College of Mines.

## Writers, Speakers, Students Call on Loan Library for Aid

THE first thought which flashes through the mind of a student preparing a theme or a teacher writing an article or a businessman making a talk is this: "Where can I find material in a hurry?"

As there are only seventy-four tax supported municipal libraries and thirty-two county libraries in

Texas for the use of some six and a half million Texans, this need for current information would be an acute one were it not for the service of the Package Loan Library Bureau at The University of Texas.

### Over 50,000 Requests

During the past two years, reports Miss Lenoir Dimmitt, director, 550,906 packages were mailed to every section of the State, especially rural areas.

Not only the schools but professional men and women and club women make use of the package loan service for information that is authentic and current. The Bureau is supplied with many organizations publishing worthwhile books, pamphlets, all current magazines, and newspapers which the experienced librarians clip to make complete "information kits." The last catalog lists 800 new subjects on every topic from aeronautics to the United Nations.

### Needs Vary

Some sample requests which Miss Dimmitt recalls are: "International Co-operation in Controlling Opium Traffic" from a doctor; "Hotels" and "How to Meet People" from a hotel employee; "Quack Medicine" from a pharmacist; "Suggestions as to Wallpaper and Furniture" from a couple building a home; "Reviews of Black Rose by Costain" from a clubwoman; and even "Evergreens Suitable for Cemeteries" from the secretary of a cemetery association.

### Schools Head List

During the past two years 24,263 schools have received material, 19,732 women's clubs, 4,484 libraries, 1,941 individuals, 231 P.T.A.'s, 105 army camps, 89 county demonstration clubs and 81 civic clubs.

## Conf. A Schools to Vote On Championship Football Play-Off

EXPANSION of the League athletic program to include baseball, golf and Conference B basketball for girls was recommended by members of the advisory council at the annual session in Austin November 2. New contests must be approved by the State Executive Committee before becoming a part of University Interscholastic activities.

Pacing a heavy agenda, the legislative group started discussions on the various reports submitted by members of the council immediately after the breakfast given in the Maximilian room of the Driskill Hotel with T. H. Shelby, chairman of the State Executive Committee, presiding.

### Reclassification Report

The first report to be submitted was that of the reclassification committee which had been prepared by R. L. Speer of Sherman. The following recommendations had been made by Chairman Speer and his committee, J. E. Rhodes, B. B. Reed, V. Z. Rogers and Tom Spencer:

1. That a ballot be sent out to determine if the schools want a state championship football play-off in Conference A, and if the ballot were favorable, the League should arrange such a play-off.
2. That the present classification system for assigning schools to football conferences be retained.
3. That the enrollment in the last four grades in high school shall be counted to determine the assignment of a school to conference competition under provisions of Article VII, Sections 5, 6, and 7. Three-year high schools located in an area receiving pupils from several junior high schools shall add to the total enrollment in last three grades in the high school, the number of pupils received in the three-year high school, and the number enrolled in the tenth grade for the preceding year.
4. That another committee be appointed to insure a continuous study of reclassification of schools for football competition.

After hearing the entire report, the council accepted all of the recommendations with the exception of the first which was referred to a special committee to be appointed by the chairman for further study.

W. T. Hanes, superintendent of schools, Cameron, chairman of baseball committee, reported on recommendations of this special committee. The committee recommended that the League include baseball and prepare a plan of competition.

Rhea Williams, assistant to the director, explained the proposed baseball plan which would be set up along the same lines as basketball and football. The first game would be scheduled for April 20, district championship games for July 4, bi-district play-offs for July 12 and regional championship games set for July 17-18. Districts consisting of five to eight schools would be assigned by the League.

The council voted to recommend this contest for final action by the State Executive Committee.

### Separate Divisions for AA

The report on restoration of boys' and girls' division in Debate for AA schools was accepted with the addition of an amendment providing that separate divisions be set up in Conference AA only.

### Oppose Spring Training

The members recommended that the present spring training rule be abolished and that the following rule be adopted: That fall practice begin on August 15 instead of September 1. It was further moved and carried that the question be submitted to the schools by conference.

Four representatives of the Texas High School Coaches' Association

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THE screws are being put on a little more firmly on "all-star and bowl" contests by state high-school associations in the area served by the Western Conference universities. Last year the state high-school associations and universities agreed to exercise control over promotional athletic contests in which players, the high school "machinery" or prestige was concerned. More policies were developed at a recent meeting in Chicago on October 22 by the high-school athletic heads themselves and the "all-star" problem will be dissected once more at a joint meeting in December.

It is always interesting to note the background concerning the selection of any man for an important job—such as the position as State Director of Music Activities of the League. While the announcement was made in September that the school administrators had voted to have League supervision of music contests, the name of the director was not made public until November.

"Why the delay?" you may have wondered. Here's the answer. The qualifications of the director, it was agreed by all, should include these points: He must have a knowledge of music; he should be an experienced administrator; and he must have had experience in organizing competition and music festivals.

From the beginning it has been the League's desire to cooperate with all interested groups to put over the finest music program possible. A music advisory committee, representing the Texas Music Educators Association and the Texas Association of School Administrators, was appointed to nominate candidates for the position, with the understanding that final responsibility would rest with League officials.

Names of outstanding music educators of the state were submitted by both of these organizations, a composite list was formed of those who were interested in joining the League's staff, and all nominees were rated by the music advisory committee. The opinion of the committee plus that of League officials resulted in the selection of a fine man for a difficult job—Winston Savage, State Director of Music Activities.

Boxing has no place in interschool athletics. Any interscholastic contest whose prime objective is to cut down the other man, bruise and batter him, mark his face and body and then be declared the winner by knocking him unconscious is in direct opposition to every principle of good sportsmanship and the philosophy of interscholastic sports.

Paragraphs such as the ones quoted below are common in news stories of boxing matches:

"John 'Killer' Doe, won a TKO over Joe Bloke. Bloke suffered a slight concussion in this round and was hospitalized Friday night, but was well enough to go home Saturday morning."

"The 'Texas Kid' decided 'Punchy' Pete in a bout which surprised fans when it went three rounds. 'Punchy' was knocked cold at the end of the second round."

With the professional fighter (and it must be remembered that boys accepting such prizes as expensive watches in high-school tournaments become professionals and lose their amateur standing) the League has no quarrel. But for the high-school athlete—who plays by rules safeguarding him as much as possible—boxing is no sport for interschool competition.

### The University Interscholastic League Directory

- Organizing Agency: Extension Division, The University of Texas Bureau of Public School Service.
- State Executive Committee: T. H. Shelby, Chairman; R. J. Kidd, Thomas A. Rousse, Emmette Redford, B. C. Tharp, C. A. Wiley, DeWitt Reddick, H. A. Calkins.
- Legislative Advisory Council: R. E. Norman, Amarillo; H. D. Burton, Clarendon; A. L. Faubion, New Deal (Lubbock); W. C. Blankenship, Big Spring; E. M. Connell, Anson; W. T. Graves, Coleman; Jack Ryan, McKinney; W. B. Alexander, Bowie; H. Lee Clifton, Falfurrias; E. N. Dennard, Marshall; D. T. Lloyd, East Mt. (Gilmer); W. C. Cummings, Bonham; R. B. Sparks, Goose Creek; Floyd H. Burton, Humble; E. K. Bayden, Sugar Land; H. A. Moore, Kerrville; E. T. Robbins, Taylor; J. Milton Edda, Academy (Temple); S. V. Neely, San Benito; Edwin Bowen, Boyd; Walter Coers, Orange Grove; Murray Fly, Odessa; R. D. Lee, Monahans; B. A. Copass, Iraan.
- Director: Roy Bedichek\*
- Director of Athletics and Acting Director: R. J. Kidd
- Tennis: Dr. D. A. Penick
- Director of Public Speaking: Bruce Roach
- Debate: Edd N. Miller
- Declamation: Howard Townsend
- Extemporaneous Speech: Graydon L. Ausamus
- Commercial Contests: Miss Florence Stullken
- Ready Writers: Dr. E. A. Law
- Regional Directors: Region I: Dr. Ernest Wallace, Texas Technological College, Lubbock. Region II: Superintendent L. E. Dudley, Abilene. Region III: Dr. C. L. Wiseman, Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Region IV: Dr. B. E. Masters, Kilgore Junior College, Kilgore. Region V: Mr. J. O. Webb, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Houston. Region VI: Mr. Pat H. Norwood, Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos. Region VII: Dr. S. W. Bass, College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville. Region VIII: Mr. Wm. F. Webb, College of Mines, El Paso.

\*Absent on Leave until February 1, 1947.

## PERSONALITIES IN THE LEAGUE

EVERY now and then in our correspondence with winners of State Meets, we receive a tribute to the League that is too good to bury in a file. Such was the case in our efforts to learn what had become of Fred V. Meredith, winner of the State Championship in Declamation in 1926, representing Terrell High School.

After graduating from high school in 1927, the League disclaimer enrolled in The University of Texas where he became a member of Delta Theta Phi, legal and social fraternity, served as house manager of the Sam Houston Senate, and was president and acting director of the Curtain Club. Receiving his B.A. degree in 1935 and his attorney's license, he began practicing law and is now County and District Attorney of Kaufman County. He and his wife, the former Nancy Sawyer of Terrell, have two children. Active in civic organizations, he is a past director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Terrell Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In his remarks about the benefit he personally received from his League activities, District Attorney Meredith wrote,

"The opportunity afforded through the League for competitive effort encourages initiative on the part of young people. I got my first taste of what other students of the State were doing in my particular line—declamation—and it gave me the opportunity of matching wits against others of my age and training. . . . The more a boy learns about competition before he leaves high school, the better off he is. . . . I certainly want my son and daughter to participate in such activities when they reach that age."

Roy Bucek, winner of the 120-yard high hurdles in 1938 while a student of Schulenburg High School is now in the office of the Dean of Men at Texas A. & M. with the title of Assistant Director of Student Affairs.

While attending Texas A. & M., he lettered three years in football, played in three bowl games, lettered three years in track and was captain during his senior year. In 1941 he won both the high and low hurdles in the Southwest Conference, and also the high hurdles at the Texas Relays in that same year. In both 1941 and 1942 he was high point man of the Conference Meet, and in the Spring of '42, was named on the All-American track team with the best time in the low hurdles in the nation.

The war took him to England and then to combat in France where he was an officer in the Infantry. He received shrapnel wounds in the hand, leg and face, which sent him back to the States for treatment. The Army "retired" him in 1945 and since that time he has been at College Station.

Tommy Davis, 1943 winner of the Broad Jump, came to the State Meet to win the Championship title for Haskell High School. While in school he played halfback for Haskell, lettering three years. In 1942 Tommy joined the Air Corps and served as tail gunner on a B17. In describing his war experiences, he wrote:

"On our second mission we were shot down over Berlin. We tried to get back to base in England but could not make it, and were forced to ditch in the North Sea. Our plane sank but we stayed afloat in our rubber boats for 24 hours. The English tried to rescue us but the Germans got to us first and took us in. We were kept prisoners for seven months and were liberated from Moosburg."

He is now enrolled at North Texas State College at Denton where he is taking a law course. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, Haskell, Texas.

Mrs. David Merrell Bentley, nee Jean Pendergrass, now a resident of New York where her husband is a consulting engineer, is a League winner who took the State Championship in Declamation in 1921.

After graduating from Leonard High School, she received her B.A. degree from the Texas State College for Women and her M.A. degree from S.M.U. Then, she says, her two daughters occupied her time until the shortage of teachers during the war demanded her return to the teaching profession.

For the League, Mrs. Bentley says, "My Interscholastic League training in public speaking has facilitated my participation in various civic organizations such as Red Cross, Girl Scouting, P.T.A. and others."

Her present address is Mrs. David M. Bentley, Stevenson, Jordan and Harrison, Inc., Consulting Engineers, New York, N. Y.

## '46 Meet Winner Attends A.C.C.

Jeannine Mathis, Mesquite Senior, Prepares for Missionary Career



Jeannine Mathis Mesquite High School

A TALENTED writer of both essays and poetry, Jeannine Mathis of Mesquite High School took first place honors in the Ready Writers' Contest, Conference A, at the State Meet in May.

During her senior year she was assistant editor of the school paper. She won national recognition of her writing ability when her poem, "Traveler" was included in the National High School Anthology. She won second place in the District Meet in the Ready Writers' Contest, first place at the Regional and first place in Austin. She was a member of the National Honor Society.

Now attending Abilene Christian College, Jeannine is majoring in Bible and Spanish to prepare herself for work with the Spanish-speaking missions.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Mathis, Route 1, Mesquite, Texas.

## Harlingen Paper Rated High by Quill and Scroll

THE Cardinal, published by the journalism class of Harlingen High School, received a rating of International First Place from Quill and Scroll, honorary society for high-school journalists.

The maximum score is 1,000 points, and THE Cardinal, described as "a paper of substantial achievement," was given a score of 889.

Co-editors of this series of papers submitted to Quill and Scroll for criticism were Richard Ferguson and Dorothy Garrett.

## Savage Announces General Music Plan

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planning, selection of contest chairman, selection of site and dates, financing, selection of judges, final selection of music, awards, etc., will be vested in a Regional Executive Committee composed of administrators and music directors.

Regional Chairmen Receive Fees  
4. All fees (except the regular membership in the Interscholastic League which is probably already paid), entry blanks and copies of the eligibility lists will be mailed direct to the regional chairman.

5. Adjudication blanks, entry blanks and eligibility blanks will be furnished to each region by the Interscholastic League.

6. Eligibility will be certified by the superintendents or principals in accordance with the established Interscholastic League requirements. Eligibility protests will be addressed to the Regional Executive Committee.



Do you have a well-developed "lead story" for each issue of your newspaper?

Lack of such a "lead story," properly developed, has resulted in some front-page weaknesses. For example, on our desk is a school paper carrying a banner headline over a story about an all-school dance; the story itself is only three inches of prosaic facts. If the event is worth a banner headline, then it is also worthy of a longer story. By contrast, in the same mail came a paper whose front page is drab and colorless with a collection of unimportant stories under small headlines. One of those short items concerned a school election for yell leaders, to be held within a few days. By skillful treatment, this election could have been developed into a lead story: interview last year's yell leader on the duties of a yell leader; interview the coach on the importance of a yell leader's position in creating school spirit; get statements from each candidate on what he intends to do in regard to new yells or a school song; dig into history and tell how many yell leaders the school has had, who was first and what he is doing now, etc. All of this material can make interesting reading; and the front page would have been strengthened by having a focal point of interest.

## Plan Your Big Story

As soon as one issue has gone to press, staff members should begin to ask: "What will be our leading story for the next issue?" Most of the news which appears in a school paper is about events that have been planned; the unexpected happens seldom makes big high-school news—exceptions occur, of course. From the stream of events calendared for your school during the coming two weeks, or week, select the one with the most potential reader interest. Then use your imagination to see interesting ways in which to enlarge on that story without "padding" it with uninteresting facts.

To illustrate how a lead story may be developed, let's take two examples. (1) Suppose that the most important story to break for your next issue is the announcement of the honor roll; the principal has agreed that the paper can be the first to present the roll to the public. One step will be to write a good news story about the roll itself, how many students on the roll, comparison of boys and girls, repeaters for highest honors, etc. But, if other important news is scarce, you can supplement this honor roll news story by other assignments which will be clustered adjacent to the news story: five most important principles of how to study, given by the student who tops the honor roll; what those students are now doing who topped the honor rolls for the last five years; "Why are grades important?" a symposium interview with five teachers; etc.

## Exams Have Possibilities

(2) The biggest event on the school calendar for the coming issue of your paper, let us suppose, is that bare of student existence: final exams. Not much news in that event, it seems; also, because students should be busy studying, not many school activities have been scheduled that would supply news to the paper. You can build up some interesting sidelights on those exams, though, and make final exams the focal point of reader interest on your front page. Supplementary stories may be developed along these lines: interview with several teachers on humorous and crazy answers to test questions remembered through their years of teaching; "What makes a good final examination"—an interview with the principal or a teacher on the purposes that should be accomplished through an examination; "What happens to cheaters"—if the principal is willing, get him to describe three typical cases of previous years (without names) to serve as a warning.

Creative planning and editing produces the best papers. Be sure to plan a lead story for each issue.

## Enroll Now

Membership applications have come into the I.L.P.C. office from 67 high-school papers. We should have 125 to 150 papers enrolled before closing date of January 15. If you have not already sent us your application for membership, we suggest that you do so at once. Our second mimeographed pamphlet, for this school year will be mailed to members early in November.

"I shall steadily endeavor to keep my mind free so that I may give up any hypothesis, however much beloved, once facts are shown to be opposed to it."—Charles Darwin.

## Typing Champion Dreams Of Concert Stage Career

STATE winner in the Typing Contest was Kathryn Fleming, junior student from Mt. Pleasant, who is interested in a musical career.



Kathryn Fleming Mt. Pleasant H. S.

Kathryn is a member of the National Honor Society and a former member of the Homemaking Club and the Phi-Bi-Chem Club at Mt. Pleasant High School. Her talent as a pianist has resulted in her playing for all school activities when music was on the program. She has studied since she was five years old, and now plays everything from Bach to "boogie-woogie."

Her plans for the future include attending a university in the South where she will major in music and minor in business and science. Next spring her nimble fingers will be competing for more typing honors at the International Contest at Chicago, she hopes.

## Advisory Council Meeting Reported

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sociation were given an opportunity to express their views on the subject of spring training and the Semester Rule. Harold Dement of Galena Park, president, Bill Carmichael of Bryan, secretary, P. E. Shotwell of Abilene and Herbert Hopper of Freeport, Directors of the High School Coaches Association, expressed their opposition to the abolition of these rules.

## Girls' Basketball

Supt. R. E. Moore of Kerrville introduced his report on girls' participation in interscholastic competition, which included results of a survey he had made. Out of 501 responses, 288 schools favored basketball for girls and 213 opposed the move. Results on track activity ran the opposite way with 112 for track and 372 opposed.

The council voted to include girls' basketball competition in Conference B schools under League supervision and recommended the appointment of a committee from this conference to prepare a basketball plan for girls.

After hearing the report on the Transfer Rule, the Council agreed to leave the rule as it now stands. A recommendation to amend the Awards Rule was also tabled.

Discussion of the Semester Rule, designed to prevent the holding over of outstanding athletes, resulted in agreement that a committee be appointed to study the rule and have the power to "follow through" with a proposal that would be submitted to State Executive Committee for immediate action, would eliminate postponement of action until the next council meeting.

## Trips Allowed

A recommendation of the State Meeting of Delegates submitted to the Council, requested permission for schools to transport their high-school teams to colleges and high-school games in the state without violation of the Awards or Amateur Rule. It was moved and carried that these trips to high school and bowl games should not be considered as a violation of the Awards and Amateur Rules provided the trips are supervised and financed by the schools.

It was recommended that a rule be incorporated into the League regulations disqualifying any contestant from any further eligibility in League activities who participates in post-season football and basketball games.

Final action of the legislative body included the recommendation of a golf contest which should go to a State Championship and that a rule be incorporated prohibiting schools from making contracts with high-school coaches allowing the coach a percentage of the gate receipts.

New members of the Council attending their first meeting were County Supt. D. E. Loveless of Coleman, Supt. Edwin Bowen of Boyd, Supt. Floyd H. Burton of Humble, and Supt. H. Lee Clifton of Falfurrias.

The rest of the Council present were: R. B. Norman, principal Amarillo High School; Supt. H. T. Burton, Clarendon; Supt. A. L. Faubion, New Deal School, Lubbock; Supt. W. C. Blankenship, Big Spring; Supt. E. M. Connell, Anson; Supt. Jack Ryan, McKinney; Supt. W. B. Alexander, Bowie; Supt. D. T. Loyd, East Mountain, Gilmer.

County Supt. W. C. Cummings, Bonham; R. B. Sparks, principal high school, Goose Creek; Supt. E. K. Barden, Sugar Land; Supt. H. A. Moore, Kerrville; Supt. E. T. Robbins, Taylor; Supt. J. Milton Edda, Academy School, Temple.

Supt. S. V. Neely, San Benito; Supt. Walter Coers, Orange Grove; Supt. Murry Fly, Odessa; Supt. R. D. Lee, Monahans; and B. A. Copass, Iraan.

## Music Council Meeting Dated

Band Directors and School Administrators to Plan Music Competition

SPECIFIC rules for governing competition in all school music contests will be worked out by members of the Music Advisory Council in Austin, November 16, F. W. Savage, state music director, announced.

Representatives from the Texas Association of School Administrators and from the Texas Music Educators Association will confer with Director Savage in Dean T. H. Shelby's office at 9 a.m. on setting up clinics, festivals, and all contests of the public school music activities under League supervision.

School administrators who will attend are Supt. W. B. Wilkerson of Bryan, Supt. H. L. Foster of Longview, Supt. C. S. Chilton of Port Lavaca, Supt. J. H. Wilson of Weslaco, and Supt. Ed Williams of Colorado City.

Representing T.M.E.A. will be Alto Tatum, band director at Gladewater, Weldon Covington, music director at Austin High School, Lyle Skinner, band director at Waco High School, Gerald McGuire, band director at McCombs, and J. C. Burkett, band director at Goose Creek.

## Rural Schools Organize Meets

THE first counties to show their interest in organizing rural school meets are Garza, Guadalupe, and Wheeler counties.

At one time a large percentage of League members were among the rural schools. When wartime transportation problems curtailed most League activity, the rural schools were forced to drop out.

It is hoped by League officials that many counties will become interested in League competition so that students in rural schools can have the advantages of competition in all contests open to them.

## Trades Texas for Vienna

One of twenty-five teachers in the United States chosen to teach the children of the occupation forces in Europe, Miss Estella Wood, sailed for Europe this fall. A biology teacher in the Wichita Falls Senior High School, Miss Wood will teach home economics and science at a school in Vienna, Austria. She has been granted a year's leave of absence and expects to return to her former position next year.

## COURTESY

Politeness is artificial good humor; it covers the natural want of it, and ends by rendering habitual a substitute nearly equivalent to the real virtue.—Thomas Jefferson.

Now as to politeness. . . I would venture to call it benevolence in trifles.—William Pitt, Earl of Chatham.

Politeness is the art of choosing among one's real thoughts.—Abel Stevens.

Politeness is the flower of humanity. He who is not polite enough is not human enough.—Joubert.

TEACHERS' GUIDE TO GOOD PLAYS



By Bruce Roach

FOR this month's review we have chosen both one- and three-act plays that have reached our desk within the past few months. Although space will not permit us to review all plays received, the titles listed below are representative of the material received from the play publishers. If you do not find listed here the play that will suit your cast, let us help you select another title from our large collection. Information as to type of play you wish to produce, royalty you can afford to pay, if any, number of characters, etc., will enable us to select plays for your examination. Plays for reading purposes are sent for seven days and the only cost to the borrower is postage both ways.

The Inner Willy, by Bettye Knapp. Row-Peterson, Roy. \$1-\$25, 4m7w, comedy, 75c, 3 act.

The "inner-man" comes out and follows Willy around in Denton sleepers. Willy is really a good boy, but that inner-spirit is his undoing. When the three aunts with whom Willy lives try to mold his character, the inner-man asserts himself. . . . oh, woe to those in the way at that time. The play vaguely reminds one of Danny Kaye's "Wonder Man" (the alter-ego does it). All the cast are teenagers with the exception of the three aunts who are sixtyish. This play should be easily produced since there is only one set and the props are not too hard to get. Although the choice of title seems pretty bad, the play itself is better than the usual run of youth comedies.

Uses: Class play, play to raise funds. Reviewer's opinion: Good.

The Mystery of Goodacre Farm, by Millis Caverly. Row-Peterson, Roy. \$10, 3m5w, mystery-comedy, 50c, 3 act.

This play is especially good for junior high schools. Punch and Judy, a couple of lively twins, keep things popping. There are secret closets, gypsies, a "strangely white" gypsy child, gold at the bottom of a well, and all sorts of things that make the show move along. Of course, our heroes, the twins, pretend to be ghosts and scare the truth about some stolen property out of the gypsies. After this happens, all ends happily. Various people besides the twins are Grandfather and Grandmother Goodacre, the hired girl, the gypsy, his wife and their child.

Uses: Junior High School, Children's Theatre. Reviewer's opinion: Good.

The More the Merrier, by Anne Ferring Weatherly. Row-Peterson, Roy. \$1-\$25, 6m9w, youth comedy, 75c, 3 act.

This comedy of adolescents will probably be popular in the high schools where senior class plays are given. There is not much to the play, but the lines are occasionally funny and some of the situations should hold the audience's attention. Typical of these plays about 'teen-agers, this one has the clinging-vine, the tomboy, the awkward, all-hands-and-feet boy, the older sister and her boy friend, and the much too energetic fifteen year old boy who keeps everything in an uproar. Mix all these ingredients and serve in lavish doses. Thus you have "The More the Merrier." I think I like Ellie, the tomboy, aged eleven, best of all. She knows all the answers, and most of the questions.

Uses: Class play. Reviewer's opinion: Fair.

Honor, by Lida Lisle Molloy. Eldridge, Non-roy., 2m3w, drama, 50c, 1 act.

The son plays the stock market with company funds and loses. The mother who has the chance to hide him, turns him over to the police for "honor's sake." There is quite a build-up in the plot before the mother's decision is reached, and, although some of the writing is not too good, this one-act play should hold an audience very well. Characters include a maid who hangs around, a policeman (small-town variety), a little girl from next door, and, of course, the mother and grown son.

Uses: Assemblies, contest. Reviewer's opinion: Good.

The White Lawn, by Roger M. Busfield, Jr. Eldridge, Roy. \$5, 2m2w, drama-fantasy, 50c, 1 act.

This is the best play from the Eldridge Entertainment House that I have read. The play was

written by an Austin, Texas, boy who went into the Army. Another interesting note about the author is that he won first place in Extemp Speaking in the 1942 State Meet.

Kathy Clark and her husband resolve to keep in touch with one another when Lt. Clark goes off with the Marines. For a long time they miss all contact. But then they meet by a strange twist of fate. Their method of contact is beyond the means of communication invented by man.

This is a very sensitive play with some of the scenes well written. Since the two main characters come back from death, or thereabouts, the fantasy quality is enhanced by good lighting, although the play can be produced on any stage.

Uses: Contest, workshop. Reviewer's opinion: Excellent.

Slice It Thin, by Al Moritz and Ed. Heghinian. French, Roy. \$25, 5m5w, comedy, 75c, 3 act.

This is a mix-up that involves a "You Can't Take It With You" family. The family is visited by a slipping matinee idol, a Hollywood columnist, and a Russian actress, plus an assortment of photographers, secretaries, sailors, Southern gals, and whatnot. This seems the sort of show that the actors will enjoy doing and the audience should share that enjoyment. Although the thing is light and frothy, it should play very fast. The production should be simple since only one set, a living room, is used.

Uses: Class play, dramatic club production. Reviewer's opinion: Good.

Miss Chatterbox, by Fred Caldwell. French, Non-roy., 3m8w, comedy, 60c, 3 act.

"Miss Chatterbox" arrives on the doorstep of the Conway household in the person of Judy Conway. This young lady is the niece of Warner Conway, papa to the household. The whole thing seems to revolve around a radio station, the jam Papa Conway gets in when he finds he needs a commentator, and the utter failure of the girl "who talks all the time" (Judy) to come through when the chips are down. In other words, she shuts up at the wrong time. The humor that should be funny is forced and a little on the painful side. Example: A full page goes to the daughter picking up the telephone and saying, "It sure is." This she does four or five times. Mother finally asks who it is. Daughter answers that central is ringing and saying, "It's a long distance to Chicago"; and daughter renders the classic line previously quoted: "It sure is." Spike Jones seems to get away with it; maybe you can in this production.

Uses: Entertainment for low budget. Reviewer's opinion: Poor.

When Shakespeare's Gentlemen Get Together, by Charles George Baker. Roy. \$5, 6m, comedy, 35c, one-act.

Romeo, Othello, Antony and Hamlet all have spendthrift wives and come to Shylock to borrow money. But before a deal can be made, Petruchio, who has tamed a shrew, skips in and tells them the secret of handling women. The play ends on a happy and optimistic note (for the men) as each of the four poor husbands sets out to follow Petruchio's advice.

Uses: Assembly, literature programs, novelty entertainment. Reviewer's opinion: Good.

Good Source for Extemp Contestants Discovered

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A variety of topics—world government, atomic energy, Russia, Europe, the Orient, colonial policy and empire, world economics, and trade, and many others—are discussed in the literature supplied by this organization at reasonable rates.

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Sports Announcing Is Winner's Choice

Kenneth Jones, Abilene One-Act Play Contestant, Gives Brilliant Performance

THREE individual acting awards were presented to Kenneth Jones of Abilene in 1946 for his capable handling of the Stage Manager role in Act II of "Our Town," although this was the first play in which he had appeared. His performance helped Abilene High School win first place in the State Play Contest.

Judges at the District and Regional Meets gave him first place in the boys' individual acting, and the judge of the State Contest placed him on the all-star cast. In making the State award, the judge stated that she had rarely seen such a mature and polished performance by a high-school student.

Kenneth graduated in May at the age of 16 with an excellent scholastic average. He was a two-year member of the Rifle Club and a member of the Tennis Club. He entered Hardin-Simmons University this fall to major in Public and Radio Speaking, with Dramatics as a minor, in preparation for a career as a radio sports broadcaster.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jones, 1302 Vine St., Abilene.

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13-Year Old David Gavenda Is Number Sense Champion

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD David Gavenda of Rio Hondo High School won the State championship in the Number Sense Contest last May.

A freshman at Rio Hondo last year, David has always been an honor student, showing great aptitude in all of his subjects as well as in mathematics. He ranks highest in his class in each of his courses.

David is very much interested in athletics, playing baseball and volleyball, and is a member of the local Boy Scout troop. He is a favorite among his classmates, who, according to one of his teachers, predict a "great future" for the Number Sense Champion.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gavenda, Rio Hondo, Texas.



David Gavenda Rio Hondo High School

Extemp Speech Topics and References

By Bruce Roach, Director of Speech Activities

THOSE of you who work with Extemp know that this is one of the most valuable events we sponsor; yet in the majority of schools it reaches very few students. This is an activity that should be carried throughout the year, and should be made available to as many students as possible. There are many devices for getting students interested: Discussions, current event clubs, and classroom work, such as Extemp Day each week in Speech classes.

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We favor the plan of having about ten general topics which are to be studied all year and then having different specific topics used in each of the meets. At any rate, that is the plan that will be followed this year. So that you may have an idea concerning the general topics, here are nine that have been chosen so far:

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3. Political Trends.
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9. Inflation.

We have examined many of the news magazines and papers, and in addition to your daily newspaper, these seem to be the best sources for Extemp material:

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Other good magazines include United States News, World Report, Current History, and Life.

Be sure that your students have access to good magazines so that their approach to the news will have an intelligent understanding and interpretation.
Texas leads the Southern States in both daily and weekly newspapers with a total of 106 and 576, respectively, followed by Missouri with 53 and 426 each. Maryland has the smallest number of daily newspapers, with 12, and South Carolina has the smallest number of weekly newspapers, with 63.

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DEBATE FORUM

By Edd Miller

Question-box: Mr. Miller, debate coach of the University Debate squad, is willing to answer as best he can, questions arising in connection with this debate. It will be well if you write him a letter requesting information to enclose a stamped and addressed envelope for reply. Address: Edd Miller, University Station, Austin, Texas.

BY now you should be making a great deal of progress in your work on the medical care question. At this stage of the season, you should have done a good amount of research, and even engaged in a few practice debates. Let me emphasize one point, however—don't stop gathering material at any time during the debate season. It is impossible, of course, for you to know everything there is to know about the question, but you can continue to learn and you can continue to gather all the information you can find and utilize it in your debating. Read the newspapers and magazines closely and with an eye to picking out whatever material might be of value to you. And on a question like the one you are debating this year, there will inevitably be a great many useful items in current magazines and newspapers.

On the subject of finding material: As I mentioned in a previous column, don't overlook the material issued by special groups interested in this question. On the medical care question, many organizations of doctors have issued bulletins, pamphlets, and other material that offer good negative information. One group here in Texas is eager to supply high-school debaters with information on this subject. If you are interested, write to Dr. R. B. Anderson, 1404 West El Paso, Fort Worth, Texas. He will be able to tell you about the kind of information they have and will be able to supply you with some good negative material.

Debate Institute Once again, the Department of Speech and the Oratorical Association here at the University are making plans for the Annual Debate Institute. We had good attendance last year, and expect even larger attendance this year. So schedule on your calendar the dates of December 12, 13, 14, and plan to attend the Institute. Our tentative program runs like this:

Thursday, December 12 Evening: An exhibition debate on the high-school question between The University of Texas and the University of Kansas.

Friday, December 13 Morning: A symposium on the Medical Care Question, with leading authorities speaking on both sides.

Afternoon: Two rounds of college debates.
Night: One round of college debates.

Saturday, December 14 Morning: 1. One round of college debates. 2. Symposium on debating, with authorities on debating technique and methods.

Afternoon: Two rounds of high-school debates.

The completed, final program will be sent out to you shortly, together with a letter of invitation. Our aim, of course, is to provide you with as complete and useful a program of events as we possibly can. The Southwest Invitation Tournament for Colleges will be held in connection with the Institute, as it has been in the past. So you will be given the opportunity to hear college debates on the public medical care question. In addition, you will hear speakers on the question, speakers on debating, and you will be given the chance to engage in two rounds of practice debating. So, make your plans now to attend this meet. I'll be looking forward to seeing you all in Austin the second weekend in December.

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Family Problems Projects Started

Hogg Foundation Supervises Activity in Betterment of Family Life

A STATEWIDE project in community problems affecting family life has begun in Texas, supervised by the Hogg Foundation at The University of Texas. It is under the sponsorship of the Woman's Foundation of New York. With a grant from the Woman's Foundation of almost \$10,000 for a year's work, activities officially got under way Nov. 1. Dr. Robert L. Sutherland, director of the Hogg Foundation, is in charge of the project.

Communities already expressing a desire to participate are Corpus Christi, Beaumont, Waco and Slocum. The work is determined by the request of the community, and operates on the local community level.

Communities Request Program Four steps are followed in setting up each project. Each community, such as those mentioned, makes a request through all its organizations which are interested in family welfare. These local organizations pool their resources, since the project chosen is to be of general benefit to the community, and not merely for one agency.

The demonstration community then devotes the first month to studying problems affecting family life in this reconversion period. The community next chooses the problem it considers most important for work during the present year.

Consultants Advise Towns After the problem is chosen, the community then asks the Hogg Foundation for a consultant to come and help advise how best to attack the problem.

"The best consultants to be had will deal with these community problems affecting the family," says Dr. Sutherland.

One community has found its greatest need to be a series of short courses for parents on the latest principles of child development.

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LET US SPEAK

Thomas A. Rouse, President, Texas Speech Ass'n., Professor of Speech, Chairman, Department of Speech, The University of Texas

AN ambitious speech program will be offered to the speech teachers who attend the first post-war state meeting of the Texas Speech Association in Houston, Friday and Saturday, November 29-30, 1946. Dr. Orville Hitchcock will be the featured speaker at three meetings Saturday. His subject for the League Breakfast, 7:30 A.M., will be, "Effective Citizenship Through Discussion and Debate." Since admission to the breakfast will be by ticket, the speech teachers should secure their ducats at the Speech Registration desk, Mezzanine Floor, Texas State Hotel, Friday.

At 10 A.M., and again at the 12:15 P.M. Luncheon of the Texas Speech Association, Dr. Hitchcock will speak on, "Radio Discussion as a Teaching Tool," and "America's Town Meeting," respectively. Program for Friday, November 29

In addition to Dr. Hitchcock's contributions, Miss Wilhelmina Hedde, Vice-President of T.S.A., has secured a full, pertinent, and valuable program for Friday, November 29. The Executive Council will meet at 9 A.M. in Room 309, Texas State Hotel, and, at 10-12 A.M., the Elementary, Secondary and College groups will hold their sessions. At 2 P.M., the first General Session of the T.S.A. will be held at Parlor C & D. The several fields of speech will be covered by an excellent group of Texas Speech Teachers. Topics for the talks and discussion include: Interpretation, Debate, Drama, Speech Correction, Contests, Speech Fundamentals and Radio Panels.

Who Will Be There? Although it is difficult to predict the number who will attend the speech meeting in Houston, we are confidently expecting a large number for the "Revival" gathering. Need we warn you to secure your hotel reservations at the earliest date? Remember, the Texas State Hotel and we will be looking for you!

The best consultants to be had will deal with these community problems affecting the family," says Dr. Sutherland.

One community has found its greatest need to be a series of short courses for parents on the latest principles of child development.

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## League Amateur Rule Explained

By R. J. Kidd, Acting Director

TEST questions that may be applied to situations involving the Amateur Rule are: Did the athlete play on a team with a paid player? If a player has done either of these things he has violated the rule.

The interpretation of the rule and passing on the evidence of violation is the responsibility of the district executive committee if the violation occurs within a football or basketball district. Defines "Amateur Associations"

What has been confusing to a number of patrons, school administrators and coaches is the fact that certain athletic organizations in which high-school athletes have been competing state that they are amateur associations. They are amateur as far as their rule is concerned, but may not be amateur under the League rule.

Each athletic association has its own amateur rule and own interpretation. Some are more lenient in allowing the acceptance of awards than are others.

Boxing and baseball tournaments sponsored by certain amateur associations allow players to accept watches, wearing apparel, and other useful items without jeopardizing the amateur status of the competitor in their own association.

### Symbolic Awards O.K.

The University Interscholastic League has its amateur rule. Awards of a symbolic nature may be given the contestants and are not considered as a violation of the rule.

The following awards are considered symbolic under League rules: miniature footballs, basketballs, track shoes, jackets and sweaters with school emblems, medals, cups and trophies.

Awards that may be exchanged for money, or have intrinsic value, are not considered as acceptable under the League's amateur rule.

## Tennis Talk

By Dr. D. A. Penick

MANY things enter into the making of a successful tennis player. In these lines I shall say nothing about stroke producing, watching the ball, correct footwork, all of which are essentials, nor about the drive, the volley, the lob, the serve, though all are necessary to successful tennis. Nor do I write on personal appearance and sportsmanship, two very important requirements.

### Need for Patience

I'd rather talk about what Wilmer Allison has described as "the most important thing in tennis," and this is patience. What Wilmer Allison meant, of course, was to emphasize to young and inexperienced players the importance of waiting for the proper opportunity to play the winning shot, the importance of working up to the climax of a series of plays, the very great importance of learning that it is practically impossible to win consistently on the first or second stroke or, even more often, on several. One must wait!

### Importance of Control

There is much more to this element of patience. The reason it is mentioned here is to call to mind another word which means about the same thing, but involves more and has deeper ramifications. That word is CONTROL. Everyone will agree that there cannot be a great tennis player except in his ability to control the tennis ball. To control the ball the player must control the racket. To control the racket and racket in perfect co-ordination, he must necessarily control his eyes and his hands and his feet. A clear brain is essential.

### Irritability Is a Give-Away

One of the first signs of lack of control is irritability. The player allows himself to be affected by his opponent or the umpire or the linesman, or by the wind, the court, the balls, the racket, or anything. He has no control over himself; hence, no control over the ball which he is anxious to put in the right spot. This inability to exercise patience or self-control has caused the downfall of more tennis players with good prospects than any other one thing.

The shamrock, Saint Patrick's flower, symbolizes the Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.



**GIRLS' DOUBLES CHAMPIONS**—Agnes Amelung (left) and June Knox (right), Brackenridge High School tennis team, won the State Championship at the 1946 Meet. Agnes, a senior, is a lieutenant of the Purple Jackets and an ex-president of the Girls' Sport Club. Last spring she and her partner took the doubles match at the Hearts' Delight Tournament at Falfurrias. June is a senior at Brackenridge where she is president of the Purple Jackets. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Karl Amelung, 934 East Guenther Street, and Mrs. Nona Hart Knox, 941 Kayton Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

## Questions and Answers

The answers in this column are in no sense "official interpretations." Only the State Executive Committee is authorized under the rules to make official interpretations. The following answers were made to inquiries received in the course of routine correspondence with the State Office.

Q. One of our football players received a watch, a robe, some sporting equipment and his railroad fare was paid to the Texas Amateur Athletic Boxing Meet. He did not receive any money for boxing. Because of his participation in amateur boxing contests and receiving these prizes, is his eligibility to be questioned?

A. The State Executive Committee ruled recently that the awards rule applied only to awards given for interschool competition. The case mentioned above would not come under the Awards Rule, but under the Amateur Rule. The District Executive Committee has complete jurisdiction over the interpretation of this particular rule. The fact that the boy received prizes or valuable consideration which may be exchanged for money should be interpreted by a committee as a violation of the Amateur Rule.

Q. Is a boy ineligible who took part during the past summer in rodeo contests and received cash prizes?

A. The boy has violated the Amateur Rule, and he is ineligible.

Q. If a boy plays two games within five days, one of which was with the B squad and one was with the Varsity, he is ineligible for what number of games? Does playing two games within five days make a player ineligible for the rest of the season?

A. There is no prescribed penalty for this obvious violation. However, this kind of practice should be stopped by the District Executive Committee.

Q. If a boy participates in graduation exercises by wearing cap and gown, yet does not receive a diploma, is he eligible under Appendix III, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Rules?

A. The boy is ineligible for League participation under Article VIII, Section 2. See Official Interpretation, Article VIII, Section 2.

Q. Does a student, who was born June 8, 1928, and who is eligible for football, remain eligible

for basketball and track this school year?

A. According to Article VIII, Section 1, any person who was 18 after May 1 is eligible for the entire school year following.

Q. I have a boy who attended this school last year, who did not play any football or basketball, but did not finish the last semester because he joined the Merchant Marines. Is he eligible?

A. No, not until mid-term of this year under Article VIII, Section 16.

Q. I have two boys that represented another accredited high school in football who moved to this district December 24, 1945. They enrolled after the holidays, took midterm examinations which were passed. They took their final examinations and passed them, receiving full year's credit at this school. Will these boys be eligible when basketball season opens?

A. No. These boys are ineligible under Article VIII, Section 14, until December 24, 1946. They must complete two semesters of residence in order to be eligible under Section 14.

Q. A boy lives in District A and his parents move to District B in the same county to a town that has a high school with an AA rating. Can this boy choose to remain in District A with friends or relatives and still play football while his parents live elsewhere?

A. Yes, providing he is otherwise eligible and providing he has been in attendance in that district for a period of one year or more prior to his parents' leaving District A.

Q. Is it true that a school may be suspended or disqualified for failure to file eligibility blanks and season reports with their district chairman and the office of the League before playing a scheduled game?

A. Yes. The District Executive Committee has the power to disqualify any school which violates this section of the Football Plan. See Rule 19y Football Plan, page 76, of the Constitution and Rules.

## 'Eliminate Boxing as School Sport,' Urge P. E. Directors

THE Society of Directors of Health and Physical Education went on record at the last meeting as confirming its past resolution regarding interscholastic boxing. The resolution which was officially adopted follows:

"Whereas, there seems to be an increasing tendency to promote interscholastic boxing in some communities and on the part of some individuals, and

"Whereas, activity on such a highly competitive basis is known to be potentially dangerous to the welfare of boys participating, and

"Whereas, the Society of State Directors of Health and Physical Education desires to strengthen its resolution regarding interscholastic boxing adopted on April 19, 1938;

"Therefore be it resolved, that the Society of State Directors of Health and Physical Education again disavow all intention to support this development and again recommend that school officials in

positions to control boxing matches between school teams eliminate this activity from their athletic programs;

Be it further resolved that this society again encourage the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations to establish an official policy disapproving boxing as an interscholastic sport."

Absenteeism during the 1944-1945 session cost the Dallas Public Schools \$451,405, according to the census director of city schools.

## Thirty-Six Stations Schedule Championship Football Tilts

IF all the telephone lines used to broadcast the 1946 Interscholastic League high-school championship football games were laid end to end, they would extend from New York City to Salt Lake City.

This year's network sponsored by the Magnolia Petroleum Company, is the most complete ever scheduled for the broadcasting of high-school football games in the state, with 36 stations carrying the seven games—the four quarter-finals, two semi-finals and the championship game of the series. Station KRIG at Odessa joins the list of stations carrying the U.I.L. play-offs. Station KROD, El Paso, will broadcast the entire series.

The following stations will broadcast the finals during the season:

Abilene	KRBC	1450
Amarillo	KGNC	1440
Austin	KNOW	1490
Austin	KTBC	590
Beaumont	KRIC	1450
Big Spring	KBST	1490
Brownwood	KBWD	1380
College Station	WTAW	1150
Corpus Christi	KWBU	1030
Corsicana	KAND	1340
Dallas	KRLD	1080
Dallas	WRR	1310
El Paso	KROD	600
Fort Worth	KFJZ	1270
Greenville	KGVL	1400
Houston	KTHH	1230
Houston	KTRH	740
Jacksonville	KEBE	1400
Longview	KFRD	1370
Lubbock	KFYD	1340
Lufkin	KRBA	1340
Midland	KCRS	1230
Odessa	KRIG	1410
Pampa	KPDN	1340
Paris	KPLT	1490
Port Arthur	KPAC	1250
San Angelo	KGKL	1400
San Antonio	KABC	680
Sherman	KRRY	910
Sweetwater	KXOX	1240
Temple	KTEM	1400
Texarkana	KCMC	1230
Tyler	KGKB	1490
Waco	WACO	1450
Weslaco	KRGV	1290
Wichita Falls	GWFT	620

### Six-Man Football Growing Up

The popularity of six-man football is on the up-grade throughout the nation, and is due to its use in military camps. Coaches of small schools like it because it's easier to give specialized training to a six-man group rather than a squad of eleven; players like it because every man is a potential ball carrier!

Last year there were 150 six-man clubs in Texas while this season 166 teams have registered with the League.

### Texas to Benefit From Marine Lab

THE Institute of Marine Science, which will serve as a permanent branch of The University of Texas for the study of marine life of the Texas coast, will be of practical value to the people of Texas.

Dr. E. J. Lund, professor of physiology at The University of Texas, who was named director of the Institute, has pointed out, "It is hoped that the causes of the decrease of marine life along the coast can be determined, and, if possible, counteracted."

Dr. Lund's own theory is that there are less fish, shrimp and oysters along the coast now than before because of the tremendous load of silt poured into the gulf by Texas rivers. An increased flow of silt is due to greater erosion of lands converted from forests and grasslands to agricultural uses.

The Institute will be located at the northeast end of Mustang Island, on the ship channel leading into Corpus Christi Bay. The General Education Board of New York contributed \$25,000 toward the project and the Board of Regents appropriated \$37,879 to meet the cost of construction.

### First District Meet Scheduled by Atlanta

THE first district meet to be set up for 1947 will be in Atlanta March 14-15 with Superintendent B. H. Hudspeth of Atlanta as director general.

Schools that will participate in this meet are Atlanta, Daingerfield, DeKalb, Hooks, Hughes Springs, James Bowie (Simms), Jefferson, Linden, Naples and New Boston.

The last day for organizing district competition is January 15. Contests include journalism, number sense, one-act play, playground ball, ready writing, declamation, extemporaneous speech, shorthand, typing, slide rule, spelling and plain writing, tennis, track and field, volleyball and choral singing.

### Franklin's "Simple" Plan

Benjamin Franklin reports how a "noble Lord" asked him if he had no plan for the reconciliation of the colonies with England. Franklin's reply was:

"'Tis easy to propose a Plan. Mine may be express'd in a few Words: *Repeal the Laws, Renounce the Right, Recall the Troops, Refund the Money and Return to the old Method of Requisition.*"

## Maroon Basketball Coach Lists Pre-Season Conditioning Rules

ALONG with their training rules, players on Tony Burger's Austin High School basketball team get a good stiff dose of ethics which is administered early in the season. "Getting ready for the season involves as much mental training as it does physical," insists the black haired Maroon coach, who has produced four 15AA championship teams in the past five years.

"A player suffering discipline pains, whether they are caused by trouble at home or at school, will not have a good season. That's been proved too many times. So we give the boys some talks on what we call their 'loyalties.'"

"These loyalties are to himself, and his own moral code, his parents, his teachers, and his coach, and must be kept in just that order. We keep pounding upon the idea of keeping things straight at home. A boy who is constantly worried about jams he has been involved in cannot relax on the practice court or in tournament play.

**Advise Boys to Study**

"We tell the boys they must keep up with their studies—not only to stay within the League scholastic requirements—but to keep a good mental balance.

"Naturally, we expect the boys to keep faith with the coach, even when keeping this faith means making some personal sacrifices in the way of foregoing social events during the season," commented the coach.

**Coach Burger's training rules for athletes are based on plain common sense ideas advocated for all growing youngsters, except that the athlete needs more sleep.**

**Gives Health Program**

Here are the physical training rules which Tony Burger has al-



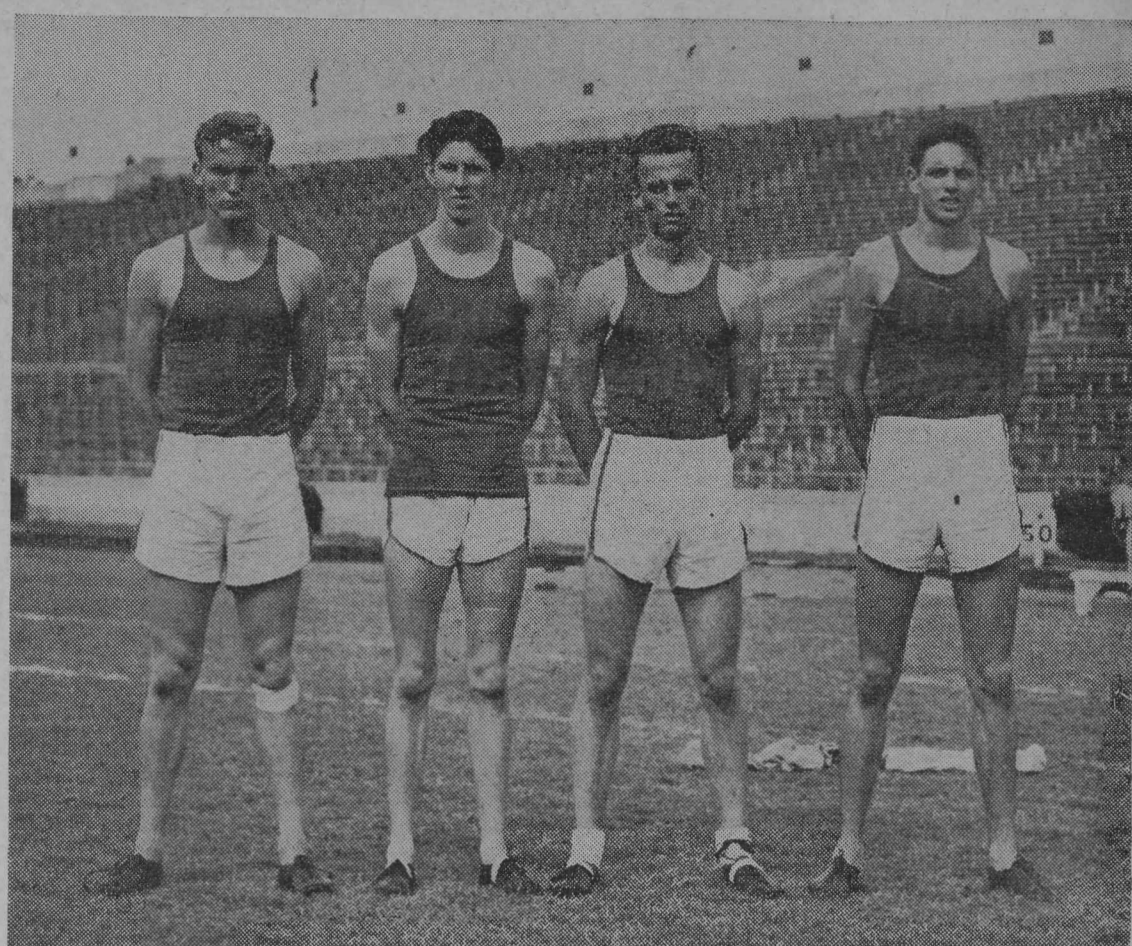
Tony Burger, Austin High School basketball mentor, says, "You can quote me on this—15AA is the strongest district in the conference!"

ready put into operation for the 1947 basketball season.

1. A player must eat a balanced diet which should include one raw, uncooked vegetable or fruit each meal. Meals should be eaten at regular times and only three each day. The growing athlete getting into the peak of condition should eat plenty, but he should bear in mind that over-eating is more harmful than under-eating.

2. Every athlete should have from nine to ten hours of sleep at a regular set time.

3. Exercise, especially in this stage of preparation, should be carefully regulated. Two to three hours a day, while fundamentals are being taught, is the limit, and exercise should be divided in this way: Strenuous workouts should be started at a five-minute level and increased until twenty minutes is reached about the Christmas holidays; three-fourths of an hour



PASCHAL'S WINNING RELAY TEAM—Threateners of the U.I.L. One-Mile Relay record of 3:25.2 were the speedy runners of Paschal High, Ft. Worth, at the 1946 State Track and Field Meet who won the State Championship in this event. Competing against twenty-three track teams (left to right) Gerald Willingham, Paul Novey, Greg Sherry and Horace Maddux crossed the finish line in 3:26.5. Paschal was third place winner at the Meet with 24 1/3 points.

## Penick Re-elected Tennis Assn. Head

League Tennis Director Works to Revive Tennis Enthusiasm

DR. D. A. PENICK, who has directed tennis contests for the League during the past 30 years, was re-elected president of the Texas Tennis Association in Austin November 2.

The *Daily Texan* carried the following comment: "Dr. Penick, recognized as the oldest mentor of tennis performers in America" will serve his tenure over a body interested in the rejuvenation of interest among junior players."

Plans to stimulate enthusiasm among young hopefuls were presented by Marshall McCleary of Corpus Christi, chairman of the Junior Development Program in Texas.

Besides Dr. Penick, other officers re-elected for the following year were vice-president, Sterling Williams of Dallas; secretary-treasurer, Woodrow Sledge of Austin.

Other members of the executive committee were Paschal Walthall of San Antonio (State Champion in 1933); Fritz Ball of Galveston; Wilmer Allison of Austin, and Tom Frydell of Houston.

### Crippled Children's Programs Scheduled

TEACHERS in the field of special education are invited to attend meetings throughout the state for the purpose of interpreting the crippled children's program, Dr. James Knight, director of the extension teaching bureau at The University of Texas, has announced.

Meetings will be held in Corsicana, November 21, in Tyler, January 30, and in Houston, February 28. Dates for meetings at Victoria, Laredo and San Antonio will be announced later.

### Keeping Your Catch

There are utterly tons of fish wasted yearly because of spoilage. One of the most common problems of all fishermen is keeping fish after they catch them. Here's an invaluable tip:

Clean fish as soon as possible. Be sure blood is removed from along backbone. Wash and then dry fish with cloth. Be sure it is thoroughly dried. And do not allow water to come in contact with fish again. Carry a roll of parchment paper and tie the ends securely with string. Roll all small packages of fish into one large bundle, using blanket or several thicknesses of newspapers. Keep in dry, cool place and do not open bundle until fish are to be used. By using this method, fish can be kept upwards of a week in warm weather and will remain fresh and sweet. It is one of the most valuable tips I ever ran across.—"Outdoor Notes" by Joe Austeel Small, *Austin Shopper*.

St. Peter: "How did you get up here?"  
Latest arrival: "Blew."

### Founder of League Praised by Bedichek

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ministration as "The University Interscholastic League." Professor Shurter was State Chairman of the League until 1922 when he was granted a leave of absence from which he never returned to active duty. For a time he served also as Acting Director of Extension, and continuously, from the time the League was organized, as Chief of the Bureau of the Extension Division in which the League was administered.

### On S.M.U. Staff

For a short while, after leaving The University of Texas and before returning to his old home in New York, he was connected with Southern Methodist University.

His outstanding contribution to the teaching of public speaking in Texas was the influence he exerted both as a professor in the classroom and as Director of the League, in turning formal instruction away from the perverted type of oratory prevalent in the 90's (especially in Texas and the Old South), and also from the outmoded elocutionary style of delivery. He introduced into his classrooms and into the Interscholastic League contests a simple, direct and sincere form of public speaking, and he did more than anyone else in the profession in Texas in that period to elevate public speaking standards. In the opinion of the present writer, he established public speaking as distinguished from oratory and elocution, in the public schools of Texas, a very notable achievement.

### Influence Still Felt

Professor Shurter's talent for organization is still manifest in the stable structure and systematic functioning of The University Interscholastic League.

## New 16 mm. Basketball Films Show Key Points

WITH basketball season just an easy free throw distance away, coaches will find excellent tips in three new 16 mm. films produced in collaboration with Wilbur Johns, basketball mentor at the University of California.

Now available at the Visual Instruction Bureau of The University of Texas are three new instructional films produced by Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc., which teach the fundamental points of the game—shooting, footwork and ball handling.

The film tagged "Ball Handling in Basketball" illustrates the principles of fingertip control, catching the ball, meeting passes, stance, grip, "feel" of the ball. Slow motion and stop motion techniques plus superimposed animation point up the action and show details. Both coaches and players will enjoy watching the action of outstanding men in the sport.

Boys playing basketball for the first time will profit by watching the film on "Defensive Footwork in Basketball," a one reel movie demonstrating the art of maneuvering the opponent out of position, correlating arm movement with footwork, turning, pivoting, and getting into position for taking the ball on the rebound. Special attention is given to the

fine co-ordination of all parts of the body required for accurate shooting in the film "Shooting in Basketball." Coach Johns saw that considerable footage was given to showing the inward rotation of hands and arms in making the throw.

While these films were designed especially for high-school use, they may be used by colleges, junior high schools, in physical education courses, recreation programs, and by any group anxious to learn the basic skills by themselves.

To obtain information on bookings for these films, write D. W. McCavick, director of the Visual Instruction Bureau, The University of Texas.

### First Come—First Served

"Demand for the football films has been tremendous," reports D. W. McCavick, director of the Visual Instruction Bureau, "and we believe these excellent movies on basketball will prove just as popular with coaches and players."

"As there are only a limited number of these one-reel 16 mm. films available, schools will have to be patient. Bookings are made in the order in which they are received in our office, naturally."