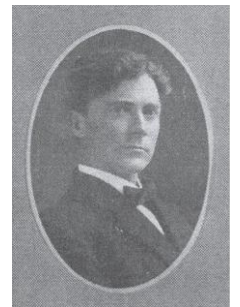


**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC  
FEDERATION**

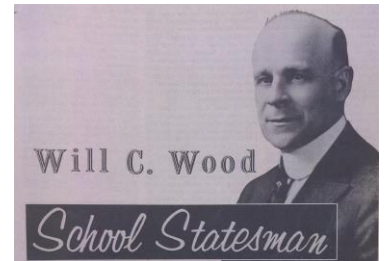
**WHERE DID THE STATE CIF START?  
(Location of the First Meeting)**

**Also the location of the first CIF Southern Section Meeting one  
year prior in 1913**

**Founding Fathers of the State CIF**



E. W. OLIVER,  
VICE PRINCIPAL.



Will C. Wood

*School Statesman*



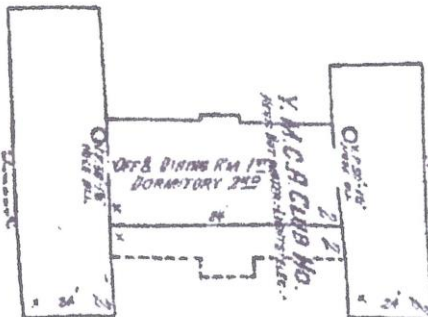
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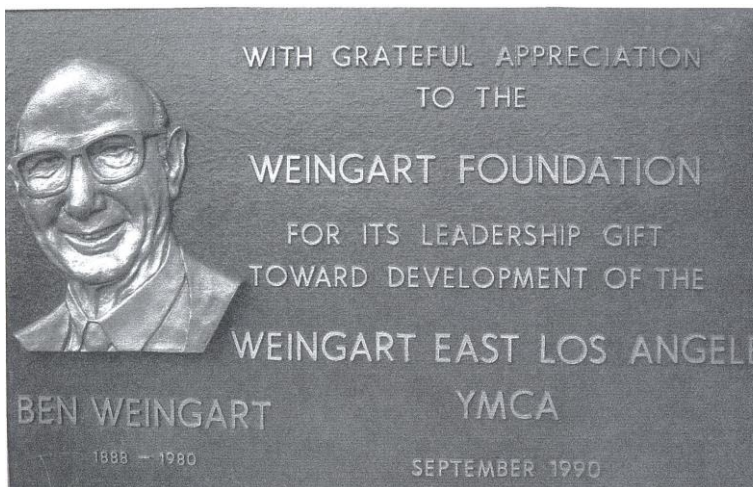
CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION



22<sup>nd</sup> historical "tidbit."  
John S. Dahlem, Ph.D.



The official founding date of the California Interscholastic Federation (C.I.F.) was March 28, 1914, at 10:30 a.m. A meeting was held and referred to as the Los Angeles High School Athletic Convention. The purpose of the meeting was the formation of the C.I.F., and the adoption of a constitution. The resulting “Plan for State-wide Faculty Control” of interschool activities was submitted to the Principals of California High Schools by the Commissioner of Secondary Schools, Will C. Woods. This meeting took place at the Y.M.C.A. Field House in Boyle Heights, Los Angeles (also referred to as Hollenbeck). That building was selected because the adjoining athletic field served as the track and field venue for most of the local high school track meets of importance. The trials and tribulations of running an interscholastic track meet had been the major catharsis for creating a body to regulate and organize high school sports. The field house was located on the north side of the athletic field and consisted of a first floor meeting room/offices and a dormitory on the second floor. It was located on Stephenson Street which is Whittier Boulevard today in the city of Boyle Heights. The south side of the field was on 7<sup>th</sup> street and the east side bounded by Euclid Avenue (along with the small street called Sunrise Street). Today a part of the track remains in the form of an asphalt oval for an elementary school and the field house is long gone. In its place is the Weingart East Los Angeles YMCA which was built in 1990.



## Purpose of the Organization

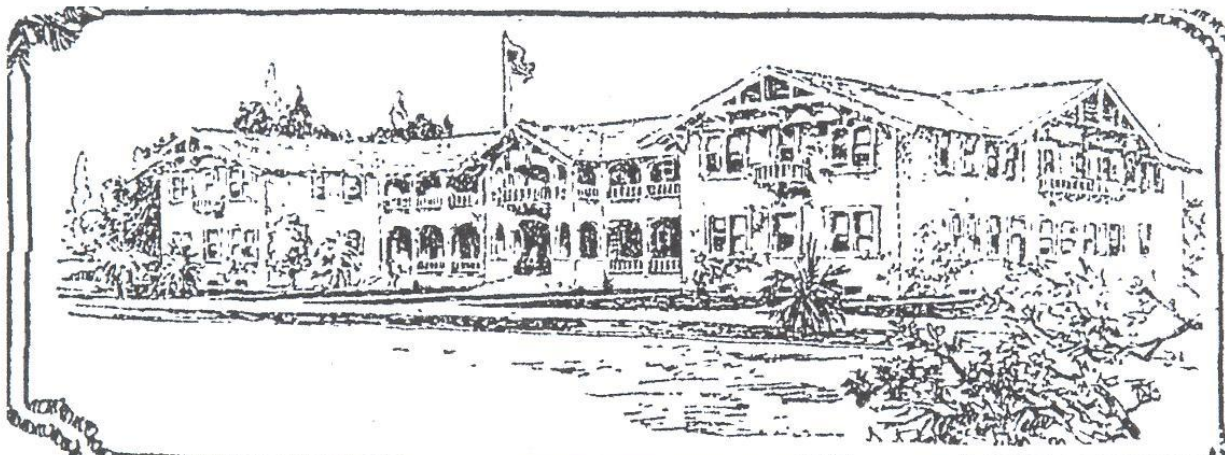
The California Interscholastic Federation was formally organized at a high school athletic convention held at the Y. M. C. A. Field House, Los Angeles, at 10:20 A. M., March 28, 1914, and called for the purpose of organizing high school athletics on a State-wide basis under the control of the principals and physical directors of the schools. This convention was the outcome of a number of conferences that had been held in the previous year in various parts of the State to consider the conditions existing in many of the high schools because of the unsupervised athletic events taking place between high schools. There was a general agreement that these contests would be beneficial if properly controlled, and that they were harmful as carried on at the time. As a result of the various conferences, a constitution and by-laws were adopted under which the Federated Council has conducted the business of the Federation since its first meeting on July 1, 1914, on the Campus of the University of California, Berkeley.

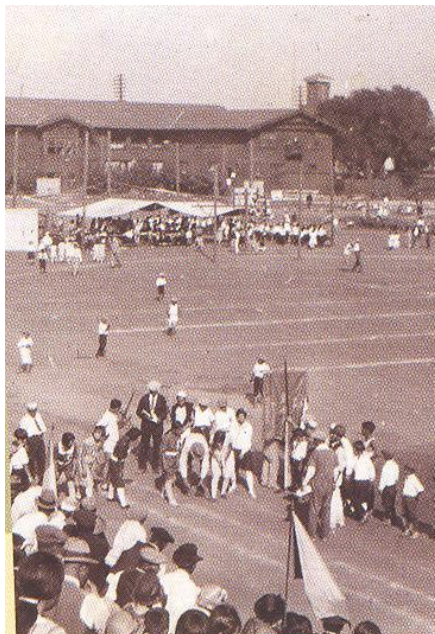
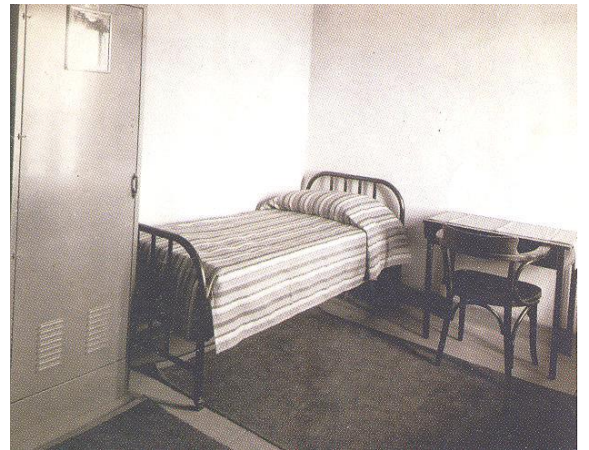
**Y.M.C.A. CLUBHOUSE AND FIELD**  
**Located in Euclid Heights (Boyle Heights)**  
**on Euclid Avenue and Stephenson**  
**2834 Stephenson Ave. (currently Whittier Blvd.)**

The Y.M.C.A. Clubhouse (building began on February 23, 1912 and was finished in August, 1912) was made possible by the donations of over 5,000 members from the Los Angeles Y.M.C.A. The motto of the Clubhouse and Y.M.C.A. Field was:

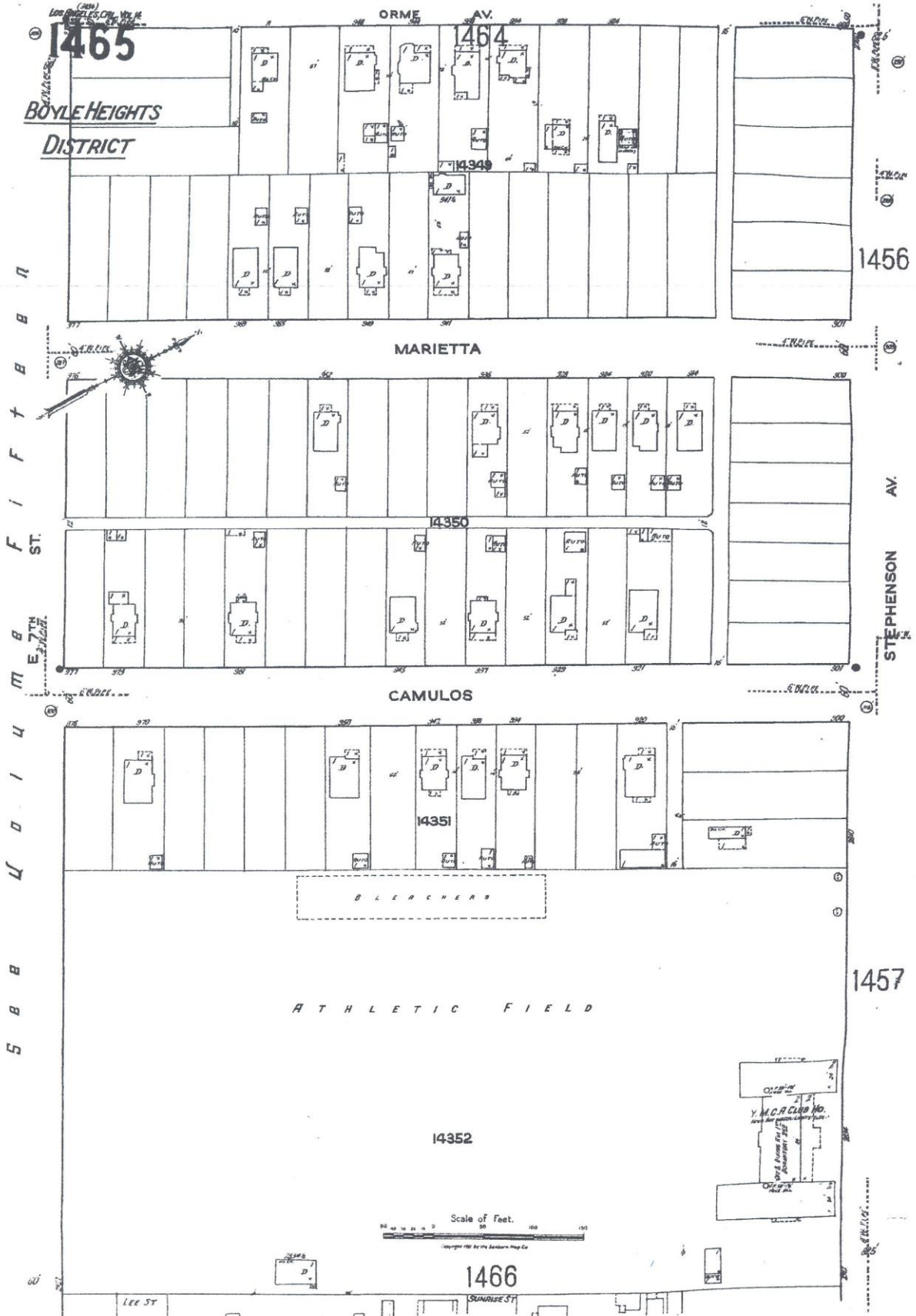
**“CLEAN SPORTS”**

- Y.M.C.A. stressed “clean lives” and “clean activities”
- Cost was \$75,000 (with the field and courts \$90,000)
- 2 wings with lobby and wide porches
- Building was 160’ long with a depth of 100’
- 2 stories with 50 dormitory rooms and sleeping porches
- Designed by A.B. Benton in the Mission Style
- Large dining room that looked like the Glenwood Inn
- Ladies room, green rugs and writing rooms
- Meeting room on the ground floor
- Y.M.C.A. built on 12 acres
- Grandstand which held 2,200 spectators
- 2 baseball diamonds
- 4 cement tennis courts
- Football gridiron
- Handball courts
- Archery area
- Running track...”four laps to a mile” made of cinder with a 220 yard straight away
- “Track was rolled and considered one of the fastest in the West
- Many names...Clubhouse, Y.M.C.A. Field, Euclid Heights, Boyle Heights, Hollenbeck Heights, East Los Angeles-Montebello





Early map of Boyle Heights showing the Y.M.C.A. Clubhouse and Field



**LOCATION OF THE FOUNDING MEETING OF THE C.I.F.**  
**Y.M.C.A. FIELD HOUSE – BOYLE HEIGHTS**  
**Currently the Weingart East Los Angeles YMCA**  
**2900 Whittier Blvd.**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90023-1529**  
**(323) 260-7005**



Looking north towards the old YMCA Field House which is now the Weingart East Los Angeles YMCA...note the remnants of the old YMCA track...home to the early track Championships of Southern California



# 250 PREP ATHLETES TO BE IN TITLE TRACK MEET.

*Entry List Closes — Championships to be Held at the Y.M.C.A. Field Saturday — Heats to be Run in the Morning — Many Contestants are Equally Matched and Exciting Brushes are Expected.*

CITY TRACK MEET COMES SATURDAY AT Y.M.C.A.  
*Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File); Mar 17, 1914; ProQuest Historical Newspapers Los Angeles Times (1881 - 1985) pg. III.*

Classy Event.

## CITY TRACK MEET COMES SATURDAY AT Y.M.C.A.

ATHLETES BY THE HUNDRED.  
*Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File); Mar 15, 1914; ProQuest Historical Newspapers Los Angeles Times (1881 - 1985) pg. VII.*

The Biggest Even.  
**ATHLETES BY  
THE HUNDRED.**

Will Contest Championships  
Intercollegiate.

Twenty-three High Schools  
at Y.M.C.A. Field.

A Peck Ahead at Probable  
Winners.

Some 250 athletes, collected from twenty-three High Schools, will gather at the Y.M.C.A. Field today for the annual Southern California intercollegiate track and field championship.

Out of the 250 entries probably only twenty will even place for points. The great majority will be mowed down in bunches before the flying spikes of better men.

After looking the meet over from every angle it appears that twenty points will win the high honors, with room to spare. There are five High Schools known capable of getting the much-needed and precious twenty points, but only one of the five can win, and that one will be hard to hand with old man Luck.

Peoria, Manual Arts and Santa Fe's took the best, with Pasadena and Grange as possible contenders.

THE track and field championship of Los Angeles will be at stake Saturday when the city high schools meet at the Y.M.C.A. field. Five teams will fight it out for supremacy, but the real battle should be between the strong Hollywood and Manual Arts teams.

Hollywood is exceptionally strong in the field events. Manual's success depends a good deal on the return of Werner. Werner is their great field man who has been protested on account of passing the age limit of 21. He has sworn statements from his home which give him until next January to reach the age limit. It is up to the faculty at Manual. If he is allowed to compete the Artisans can feel sure of victory.

**MANY OTHERS.**

He is not the only good man on their team, for Capt. Smead, Redpath, Hughes, Maurer, Creighton, Cronkite, Gilman, Webster and Yerkes form a splendid, well-balanced team, capable of bringing home a victory, but Werner will be the man to swing the balance in favor of the Artisans. He is a great man in the weights and a rattling good broad jumper.

Under the watchful eye of Coach Webster the Hollywood squad has been developing into a fighting bunch that will run their heads off to win the meet. Webster's teams have a

way of doing the unexpected and they may come through with a powerful kick and win.

Richardson and Earle in the weights, Grieve in the high jump and pole vault and Postell in the broad jump all look good. Gates is a dandy high jumper. Foster is a first-class distance man, but he has little chance to beat Yerkes to the tape. The Forbes brothers may surprise in the hurdles, while Bailey and Martz are good men on the dashes. Taken all together the Hollywood team is a fast one with an outside chance to beat out the Manual squad.

**OTHER TEAMS.**

Lincoln, Polytechnic, Los Angeles and possibly Gardena and San Pedro high schools will enter teams. Poly and L. A. figure strong in certain events, but in the long run lack the class of Manual and Hollywood. The Elitoppers have Dell and Jameson in the sprints, Selberg for the distance runs, Thomson in the hurdles and field events. One man has a chance for a first place and that is Pierce, who is doing great work with the pole, clearing 11 feet and 6 inches. Siebert may place in the high jump.

Poly has only one good man and that is little Fitzsimmons. He is one of the fastest high school sprinters on the cinders this season and he may bring grief to the hearts of the Dell, Redpath, Hughes, Bailey and Martz combination.

LONG BEACH WINS A CHAMPIONSHIP.  
*Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File); Mar 29, 1914; ProQuest Historical Newspapers Los Angeles Times (1881 - 1985) pg. VIII.*

High School Meet.

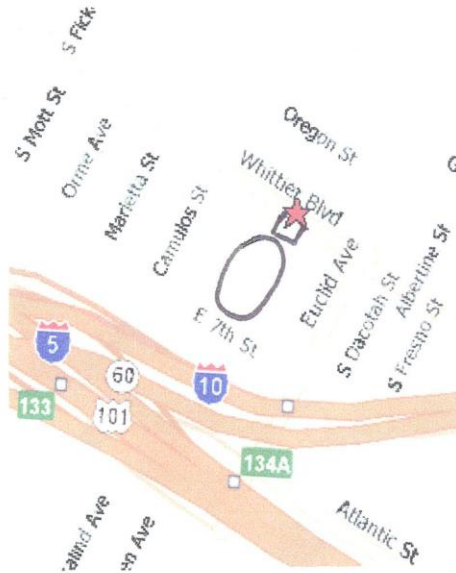
## LONG BEACH WINS A CHAMPIONSHIP.

MANUAL ARTS AND ANAHEIM TIE  
FOR SECOND.

Big Track Meet at Y.M.C.A. Field, Participated in by Twenty-three High Schools, Proved to Be a Continued Succession of Surprises. Boebe, Bagnard and House Stars.

On the far side of the Y.M.C.A. track, two runners danced around in nervous excitement as they eyed the third lap men tearing around the turn. It was the last event of the day and upon it rested the honors

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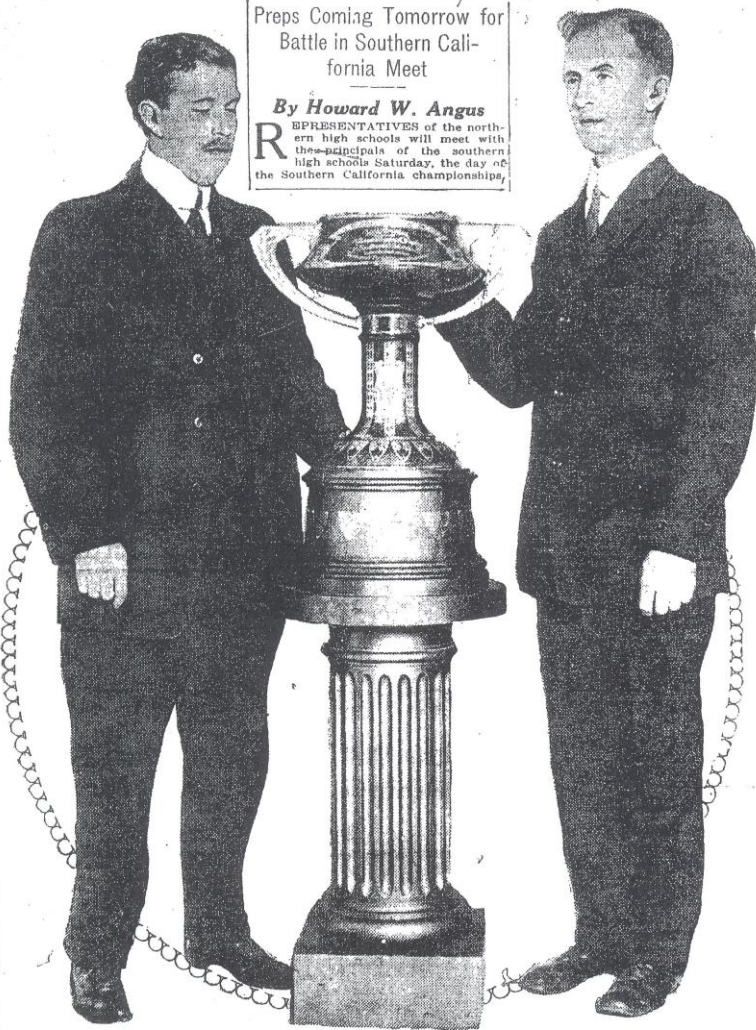
LOS ANGELES TRIBUNE

# State Prep Union Is to Be Formed Principals to Meet Saturday Night

Preps Coming Tomorrow for  
Battle in Southern Cali-  
fornia Meet

By Howard W. Angus

REPRESENTATIVES of the north-  
ern high schools will meet with  
the principals of the southern  
high schools Saturday, the day of  
the Southern California championships.



The Tribune Trophy and the two men behind the Southern California championship meet. Vice Principal Oliver of Los Angeles high school (who is on the left) has been instrumental in making the meet possible. Van Patton has personal charge of it. This picture gives an idea of the size of the Tribune Trophy.

# PRINCIPALS MEET TO FORM UNION IN EVENING

## Northerners Come South to Meet Southern Council and Organize Union

### State Union Meeting

While the prep athletes of the south are battling for supremacy, the principals of northern and southern high schools will be busy forming a state-wide interscholastic union. The representatives of the state high schools will meet at the Y. M. C. A. at 10 o'clock and appoint an organization committee of seven to plan things out. These will report at the banquet at the Hollenbeck at 8 o'clock. Then the discussion and real action will take place.

The north is represented by ten men. One of these is the sole representative of the central schools. He is Principal Simmons of Visalia. Among the other northerners are Williams of Sacramento, Keyes of Oakland, Bieldenbach of Berkeley, Templeton of Palo Alto, Nash, president of the A. A. L.; Moody of Berkeley, and Wood, president of the High School Teachers' association.

The south will be represented by the members of the Southern California council and a member from the six southern leagues. They are all agreed even now on the bigger points of eligibility. A few minor details must be thrashed out. But the eligibility rules are the big thing. Half of the battle has been fought and won.

Because of this meeting to form the State union today is a red-letter day on all the high school calendars. Because of the Southern California championships, it is a big day in the south. The day of The Tribune trophy will not soon be forgotten.

**FOUNDING FATHERS**  
**CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION (CIF)**  
**1914**

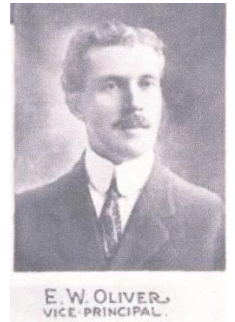
**C.L. BIEDENBACH**  
**Principal of Berkeley High School**

Secretary-Treasurer of the CIF Federated Council from 1914 to 1937.



**E.W. OLIVER**  
**Assistant Principal Los Angeles High School**

Chairman of the Los Angeles High School Athletic Convention which created the CIF on March 28, 1914



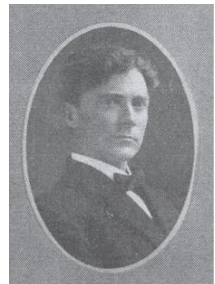
**A.S. SIMONS**  
**City Superintendent and Principal of Visalia High School**

First President of the CIF Federated Council from 1914-1918 and Central Section Representative



**J.C. TEMPLETON**  
**City Superintendent and Principal of Palo Alto High School**

Secretary of the Los Angeles Athletic Convention. Organized first meeting in the North to formulate CIF Constitution. Bay Section (North Coast) Representative



**WILL C. WOOD**  
**Commissioner of California Secondary Schools**

Strong advocate of California High School athletics and called for the formation of the CIF

