

**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA  
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION  
CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION**



George Green Library

91<sup>th</sup> historical “tidbit.”  
Dr. John S. Dahlem

**GEORGE M. GREEN – INGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**  
**The CIF-SS “Secretary Emeritus”**



MR. GEORGE M. GREEN  
Superintendent and Principal  
INGLEWOOD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



Prior to the time that Seth Van Patten became the first Commissioner of the CIF-SS in 1928, the day-to-day work of the CIF-SS was handled by the Secretary-Treasurer who was generally a Principal and represented one of the Leagues. The individual sports were handed by the “Meet Managers” who were mostly volunteers (i.e., Seth Van Patten was the Track Meet Manager until he became the Secretary at first and then Commissioner on a half-time basis). L.L. Beeman, Principal of San Bernardino High School, was one of the first secretaries during the crucial first years of the organization. In September, 1919, George M. Green, Principal of Inglewood High School replaced Harry J. Moore as the Bay League Representative. Moore became the CIF-SS Representative to the State CIF. On October 9, 1920, George Green was “elected permanent Secretary.” The first crisis that was presented to Green as Secretary was the removal of Long Beach Poly

from the CIF-SS for failure to participate in the football play-offs. This was a very difficult time for the CIF-SS as Harry Moore, who was a Long Beach Poly Assistant Principal, was so influential in the CIF-SS. Green served as the Secretary until Seth Van Patten took over as the first paid "Secretary." The last meeting that Green reported on was May 19, 1928. He was the Principal at Inglewood from 1913 to 1939. Green became the "Secretary Emeritus" of the CIF-SS. A book of minutes that he kept was entrusted to the golf coach at Inglewood High School when Green died in 1959.

The Library at Inglewood High School is named after him.

Correspondence written by Green:

<small>TRUSTEES</small>	<b>INGLEWOOD UNION HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<small>Bills must be rendered itemized and in duplicate. Business meetings the second Friday of each month, 8 p. m.</small>
<small>A. LEUZINGER, President, Wiseburn FRANK D. PARENT, Clerk, Inglewood J. F. NELSON, Hyde Park H. D. POSTER, El Segundo H. D. MOSELEY, Lawndale</small>	<b>G. M. GREEN, PRINCIPAL</b>	<small>G. M. GREEN, Acting Secretary to Trustees NETTIE LEIST, Bookkeeper</small>

Inglewood, California,  
Dec. 5th, 1920

David Burcham,  
Principal of Long Beach High School,  
Long Beach, Cal.,

Dear Friend- At an informal meeting of six members of the C.I.F at the Poly- San Diego Game this afternoon it was agreed that several facts must be telegraphed to Everett High School and to Inglewood High School.

1. That your school is not State Champion of California.
2. That you are not to play these schools under the auspices of the California Interscholastic Federation.
3. That the C.I.F. will not vouch for the eligibility of your players.

We feel that these telegrams should be sent by your school.

If for any reason you do not see fit to send them the C.I.F. will feel compelled to do so.

Please let us know your decision as soon as possible.

Would it be asking too much, if we were to ask for a copy of the telegrams?

I am,

Yours truly,

*George M. Green,*  
George M. Green,  
Secretary of the C.I.F. S.S.

Please tell Mr. Moore that there will be a meeting next Tuesday at 3.30 at the Y.M.C.A.

*1935 WPA Mural of Green located in the library:*



Green had strong opinions on private schools:

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G. M. GREEN,  
Acting Secretary to Trustees  
NETTIE LEIST,  
Bookkeeper

Inglewood, California,

January 10, 1922

The Representatives of the C. I. F.

Dear Friends:

We should each call a meeting of our league to discuss the questions which were referred to the several leagues by the C. I. F. at our last meeting. The questions were: First, What is a basketball game? If a game is called for a cause, such as rain, how much must have been played in order to be called a game? For example, School A and School B were playing a game of basketball on an outside court, A leading, when it became too dark to play. Should the game be called or should they go indoors to finish the game? These schools went indoors for the last five minutes and B won. Second question: On page 16 you will find, "All championship basketball games (are to be played on outdoor courts) except---." The question is, shall we omit the words in parentheses? Is not each league game at the beginning of the schedule a championship game?

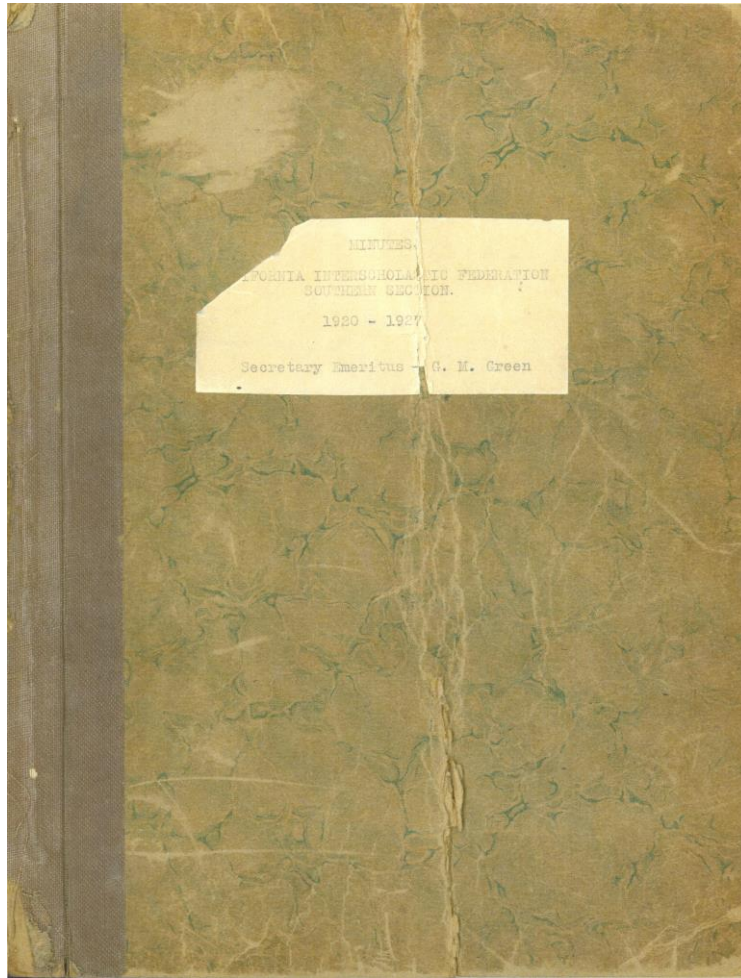
These questions should be discussed by the several leagues and then a meeting of the C. I. F. called to settle the question.

I have just received a letter from Harvard Military Academy, wishing to arrange a schedule in basketball as a "free lance". I would recommend that at our next meeting we discuss and definitely settle the status of the private school. Personally I believe that the C. I. F. should not recognize private schools in any shape, manner, or form unless they have been invited by some league to enter the regular schedule of that league. If Harvard has a right to be a "free lance", then the University of Southern California High School, The Army and Navy School, Page Military Academy, Los Angeles Academy, Le Vern Academy and the Thatcher School and many others have the right to be called a "free lance". It seems to me that we might discuss this question in our leagues and come to our next meeting prepared to vote on this question.

Yours truly,

George M. Green  
Secretary

**Booklet left by George Green of the time he spent as Secretary:**



**Inscribed on the inner cover:**

Oct 9, 1920 elected  
1<sup>st</sup> permanent Secretary (C.I.F.)  
to  
May 21, 1927 last office

Entrusted to:  
W. J. Worthington, Golf Coach  
Inglewood High School on  
death of George Matthew Green  
in 1959.

Sent to:  
Executive Committee and  
J. Kenneth Fagan, Commissioner  
C.I.F., Southern Section  
December 13, 1967

**MINUTES OF 1927-1928  
CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION  
Southern Section**

**SIXTH MEETING**

**April 28, 1928**

The Council of the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, met in adjourned meeting on the morning of April 28, 1928, at 9:30 A. M., at Manual Arts High School, Los Angeles.

smallest school up to fifty dollars for the largest school—the scale to be submitted at the May meeting, based on enrollment of Regular Day pupils on A. D. A. for year 1927-1928. Final action at May meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Ray League—C. H. Woodruff—Woodrow Wilson  
City League—R. C. Noble—L. A. High  
City Minor—  
Citrus League—F. L. McEwen—Riverside.  
Coast League—J. P. O'Mara—Pasadena.  
Imperial League—C. B. Collins—Holtville.  
Grange League—M. G. Jones—Huntington Beach.  
San Fernando—G. Walter Monroe—Owensmouth.  
San Luis Obispo—Mr. Fosdick—Atascadero.  
Santa Barbara—J. A. Westcott—Santa Ynez.  
San Gabriel Valley—R. H. Blee—Puente.  
Ventura—J. B. Ely—Fillmore.  
State President—H. J. Moore—Long Beach.  
Secretary—George M. Green—Inglewood.

**Green's last minutes:**

The Secretary stated that he owed an apology to Mr. O'Mara and Pasadena. He stated that after the meet Saturday he had gone home and with his office force he had hunted everywhere for the four point records of protested schools and could find none except Pasadena's which had been received so early that the girls had filed it with the first semester four point records.

1. It was moved by Monroe and seconded by Jones that the leagues arrange for an exchange of officials to check on the measurements of height and weight of the boys during the first two weeks of each semester; that is, each school must have a faculty member from another school of the league to check and certify to the weight and height when the records are taken during the first two weeks and that these certified records be sent to the Secretary by Registered Letter, asking for a return receipt. Carried.

2. It was moved by O'Mara and seconded by Woodruff that Rule 15 on page 20—"Only the men who compete in the preliminary relay are eligible to compete in the finals"—be enforced. Carried unanimously.

3. It was moved by Green, seconded by Collins, that the President inform the Managers of all sports to record the names of all contestants in each preliminary event and heat, including the names of the men in the relay team. Carried unanimously.

4. Moved by Moore, seconded by Westcott, that the C. I. F. cooperate with the C. T. A. in the employment of a Secretary and clerk, one half of the expense of salary and rent to be paid by the C. I. F. Final action to be taken at May meeting.

5. It was moved by Moore and seconded by Blee that "net" in the semi-finals and finals for all Southern California championships be divided 1-3—1-3—1-3 between the C. I. F., and the two contesting schools. Carried.

6. It was moved by Moore and seconded by Collins that a flat membership be charged ranging from five dollars for the

7. It was moved by Blee and seconded by Moore that the present Committee on Part-time Secretary be instructed to meet with the C. T. A. and submit names that will be acceptable to the C. I. F. for Part-time Secretary. Carried.

8. The Council then adjourned.

**9. MORE PROTESTS.**

After the Finals April 28, 1928, the Secretary compared the Printed Program with the Pink Sheets and Four Point Records and he finds:

LELMONT had neither Pink Sheet or Four Point. These were sent in 5-3-28 after a letter from the Secretary.

CARPENTERIA had been protested the week before for not having Four Point Record.

CORONA—Peeler entered in low hurdles. On Class A pink sheet. No Class C sheet. No Four Point Record.

The Secretary will protest these men at May meeting and demand that the medals be returned.

GEORGE M. GREEN,  
Secretary

**NOTICE TO PRINCIPALS**

**I. BASEBALL SEMI-FINALS:**

Each school entering the Baseball semi-finals MUST send "Pink" sheet to the Secretary.

**II. TENNIS SEMI-FINALS:**

Each school entering boys' singles or doubles and girls' singles or doubles MUST send "Pink" sheet to the Secretary.

**III. SWIMMING:**

Class "C"—"Four Point" record should NOW be in the hands of the Secretary. Give birthday, not age; April 17, 1912, not 112 years, 3 months.

"Pink" "C" sheet MUST be filed with Secretary THREE days before the meet.

**IV. CLASS "A" SWIMMING:**

Each school entering a team MUST send "Pink" sheet to the Secretary.

V. If this is not done the Secretary will protest even though the neglect of Principal and Coach works a hardship on your boy.

**Accolade paid to Green in the May 19, 1928 CIF-SS Council Minutes:**

25 Moved by Oliver, seconded by Moore, that the members of the C. I. F., Southern Section, express their keen appreciation of the work performed by our retiring secretary, Mr. George M. Green, who for many years has unselfishly labored for the cause of organized athletics in the high schools of Southern California. It has been his untiring effort to develop sportsmanship, high ideals, fair competition and absolute justice in inter-scholastic athletics. While he has been fearless in the performance of his duties yet he has shown a courteous attitude in the discussion of all problems. He has brought to the office of the secretary a constructive mind that always was urging the rightness of a cause. His efficiency and carefulness will long be remembered by all who had the opportunity of working with him. Carried unanimously.