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COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. M. W. Perry, President of the Council, has directed that the following notice be published.

"The first regular meeting of the Council of the C.I.F., Southern Section, for the year 1937-38 will occur Saturday, February 5, 1938, at 9:30 A. M. in the Academic Bldg. at the South Pasadena High School. This meeting is open to all schoolmen of Southern California interested in the work of the C.I.F.

(Signed) M. W. Perry, Principal
Escondido High School,
President of the Council."

PARTIAL AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING

When the Council meets on February 5 a full forenoon of work awaits the members. Some of the items of business are listed below.

1. Consideration of the proposed constitutional amendments.
2. Consideration of a recommendation from the Foothill League that the classification of boys in swimming be the same as in other sports. At present only two classes in swimming are recognized, Lightweights up to 84 points, and Varsity 85 points and above.
3. Approval of time and places for finals in track, tennis, swimming and golf.
4. Preliminary consideration of relegating for next year.
5. Consideration of possible changes in the arrangements for Divisional Meets.
Would the boys and the schools be interested in making the Divisional Meets a championship among the leagues in each Divisional Meet instead of having the Meets for qualifying purposes only?
6. Report of the Basketball Tournament Committee.
7. Consideration of proposed amendment to our C.I.F. State Rules reducing the maximum age for competition to 19 years.
8. The place of the hop, step and jump in our track program.
9. The vote on the admission of the four Catholic High Schools as a league.
10. Finances of the Ojai Tennis Tournament.
11. Competition of 7th, 8th, and 9th grade boys in the Pomona Valley League.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS DISCUSSED

The San Gabriel League's proposal to leave the matter of Spring Football Practice to each separate league to determine for itself is an attempt to find a solution to a problem that has been before the C.I.F., Southern Section, for the past three years. The interests of the large and the small schools seemingly cannot be served by a single regulation. This proposition has the merit of being democratic. It will tend to decentralize control of details which may be found in this activity to be of advantage.

Mr. McIntosh's proposal to require a boy, to be eligible to compete, to have been in school at least fifty per cent of the elapsed time of a semester is simply a clarification of one of our eligibility rules and should be approved.

Mr. Van Patten's recommendation of a change in the rules governing play-off matches in team tennis is intended to stop juggling players in these championship events and end protests. If someone has a better plan let us have it presented.

The Bay League's proposal regarding a boy who passes the age limit during the season of a sport will be taken care of by the amendment regarding age proposed to the C.I. F. State Constitution.

The proposal to allow a boy to finish a sport in which the season overlaps semesters, even though he becomes a ninth semester pupil, will require an amendment to our State Constitution.

The Coast League's proposal to divide the C.I.F., Southern Section, into two divisions on the basis of the size of schools making up the leagues has potentially, if enacted, far reaching effects.

The six largest leagues of the C.I.F., Southern Section, (see December Bulletin for school enrollment by leagues) have about two-thirds of the school population of the nineteen leagues. They contribute about two-thirds of the sum received from annual dues based on A.D.A. They contribute practically all the funds received by the C.I.F. from football play-off games.

In making rules and regulations for the C.I.F., Southern Section; in determining the general policy of the organization; in electing officials to carry on the C.I.F. work, these six large leagues have less than one-third of the votes.

Were the larger schools in a division by themselves they might decide to have spring football

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practice, have basketball a first semester sport and forbid a boy who has once competed as a Class A going back to Class B or C, even though his exponents permitted. These are changes many of the larger schools would like to see enacted.

If this proposal is adopted will it ultimately lead to the creation of two separate sections of the State Organization from the present C.I.F., Southern Section?

If this proposal is approved, how will the Executive Committee and the Commissioner of Athletics be chosen, and how will the Council operate?

There is no question that the interests and problems of the larger and smaller schools of our organization are somewhat at variance. Will the proposed change work for better interscholastic athletic control for all schools in our organization at present?

A VISIT TO THE DESERT LEAGUE

On December 14 we acted on a suggestion from Mr. M. J. Harkness, Principal at Victorville, and attended a meeting of the Desert League held at Ludlow. Lest you do not know all your California geography, let us explain that Ludlow is a small settlement on the Southern Pacific Railroad sixty miles east of Barstow. It is a fairly central point considering the four schools in the Desert League.

The very cordial reception accorded the C.I.F. representative indicates that the schools in the Desert League believe in the usefulness of our organization.

The Desert League has all the problems common to the rest of our leagues. It has two problems that are outstanding and that will take intelligent planning, and help from the C.I.F. to solve satisfactorily. These problems are trained officials for its games and transportation.

Plans were discussed and methods formulated to begin a solution of the trained officials problem.

Problems of transportation will be better understood by citing a definite case in the present basketball schedule. Early in the schedule Victorville, on a Friday, takes its three basketball teams, Classes A, B, and C, to Needles for three games, starting the C game at 6:00 P. M. From Victorville to Needles is approximately 200 miles. The teams stay over night in Needles. Saturday morning they travel 90 miles to Blythe. Starting at 12:00 o'clock noon they play three more games. When the games are finished about 3:00 P. M. the teams start for home by the shortest route which is 240 miles.

These schools are interested in athletics—"no foolin'."

The C.I.F. cannot remake the geography of the Desert. The miles on the Desert are short, but there are an awful lot of them. Here is the problem the C.I.F. has not yet solved and for which it alone is responsible. When Victorville's basketball teams return home from Blythe by the shortest route, they pass the front door of five high schools, namely, Coachella, Banning, Beaumont, Redlands, and San Bernardino.

There is the problem. If you know the answer, have it ready when the Council considers relegating next Spring. If you don't know the answer, and we think you don't, you had better study Southern California's geography with special reference to automobile roads.

CROSSCOUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The crosscountry championships were run over the U.C.L.A. course on Saturday, December 18.

In the 1000 Group only Paso Robles and Redlands entered teams. In this race Paso Robles placed boys in positions 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7, making her score 19.

Redlands boys placed 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10, with a score of 36.

In the 1000-2000 Class, Montebello placed boys 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 in exactly the same places as scored by Paso Robles in the first race. In this class Compton finished second with 53 points, Riverside third with 56 points. Beverly Hills entered only one boy in this race and he did not finish.

The Taft High School entered five boys in this race and they ran for exhibition only, as Taft is not in the C.I.F., Southern Section. Had their team been regularly scored it would have finished second behind Montebello.

In the Unlimited Class, Long Beach Polytechnic finished first with 46 points. San Bernardino was second with 51, Woodrow Wilson third with 71, Hoover (S.D.) fourth with 80, and Muir Tech fifth with 86.

TRACK COACH PROMOTED

Stuart Bates Rough, who for a number of years has taught history and coached track at the Montebello High School, will next year become Principal of a new junior high school in Montebello. Under Mr. Rough's leadership, Montebello High School has made a fine record in track athletics. His cross country teams have been outstanding. He has one State Champion, Bill Bugbee, broad-jumper, on his next season's squad.

NEW SET-UP MAKES GOOD

In the Peabody Stadium at Santa Barbara High School on December 18 the Glendale High School won the final game in the Major Group play-off for the championship of the C.I.F., Southern Section, in football.

Glendale had won in league games from every opponent in the Foothill League and its team had won play-off games from Excelsior High and El Monte High.

The final game against Santa Barbara High School, before a crowd of about 6000, was one of the finest high school championship games ever played in Southern California.

Glendale High School started the school year with a new Principal, Mr. Elon E. Hildreth, a new Vice-Principal, Mr. Edgar (Eddie) Kienholtz, and a new football coach, Mr. Russell Cripe, and almost an entirely new football squad.

Winning a major championship in Southern California High School athletics is a notable achievement. For an entirely new group to have accomplished such an undertaking is outstanding.

The C.I.F., Southern Section, extends congratulations to the team, the coach, and the administration of the Glendale High School for their fine showing.

KIWANIS FOOTBALL BANQUET

The Football Banquet given at the Elks Club in Los Angeles on December 21 was attended by over 500 high school and junior college players and coaches. The Kiwanis Clubs of Southern California and the Helms Athletic Foundation put on a fine recognition entertainment for the outstanding football players in the various leagues.

C.I.F. TRACK RECORDS

The Helms Athletic Foundation is doing a lot of original work which will be of real value to high schools of Southern California. Mr. Bill Schroeder, the Helms Director, has had a careful study made of high school track and field records since the founding of the C.I.F. The results of this study will soon be made available to all our high schools.

Mr. Schroeder is soon to start investigation into the high school and college baseball situation.

Interest in baseball has seemed to be on the wane and Mr. Schroeder is going to try to discover why.

These studies together with the financial assistance given toward the printing of this Bulletin are a very valuable contribution to our high school athletic program, from the Helms Athletic Foundation.

A MOVIE SHORT

The M-G-M Company have recently released a Pete Smith athletic short featuring Glenn Morris, 1936 Olympic Decathlon Champion. Track athletes will find this picture inspiring as well as entertaining.

GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES

Monday morning, January 3, 1938, a rousing rally was held at the Glendale High School to celebrate the winning of the championship in football in the Major Group of the C.I.F., Southern Section. Letters and trophies were awarded the members of the team. The team presented Coach Russell Cripe with a fine wrist watch. Coach Leonard (Stub) Allison, of the Champion California team, addressed the student body. The rally was a very fitting finale to a wonderful season of football at Glendale.

INVITATIONAL TRACK MEETS

Huntington Beach High School is holding its Southern Counties Invitational Meet on Saturday, March 19.

Chaffey High School is holding its Chaffey Invitational Meet on Saturday, April 9. Chaffey has its new fields completed. The Meet will doubtless be bigger and better than ever.

Carpinteria is holding the Twenty-fifth Annual Russell Cup Meet on Saturday, April 23. This is the oldest Invitational Meet being held in Southern California. The Carpinteria High School is going to make every effort to celebrate the 25th anniversary of its meet in a fitting manner.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Class A basketball tournament sponsored by the Bonita High School and played at the La Verne College Gymnasium on December 10 and 11, was won by the Chaffey High School.

The Class A tournament held at Huntington Beach on December 16, 17, and 18 was run off in four divisions. The schools were placed in divisions according to enrollment.

Division I, up to 400 was won by Tustin.

Division II—400-800 was won by Jordan (L.B.)

Division III—800-1500 was won by Orange.

Division IV—Unlimited—was won by Hoover (S.D.).

The Class B tournament played at Anaheim December 10 and 11 was won by the Citrus High School.

The Class B tournament held at Montebello December 16, 17, and 18 was won by Whittier.

At Santa Monica on December 20 and 21 a Class C and Class D tournament was held.

Montebello won the Class C and Lincoln Jr. High School of Santa Monica won the Class D.

This unusually large number of basketball tournaments with a large entry list in every case seems to indicate that there is a real interest in tournament basketball among our schools. The period between Thanksgiving and Christmas appears to be a suitable time for such activity.

TRACK MEETS IN THE COLISEUM

At a meeting held at the University Club in Los Angeles on January 4, 1938, a schedule of dates for track meets in the Los Angeles Coliseum for this season was agreed upon.

The definite meets so far arranged follows:

April 2—U.C.L.A. vs. California.

April 9—U.C.L.A. vs. Stanford.

April 23—U.C.L.A. vs. U.S.C.

May 7—U.S.C. vs. Stanford.

June 3—L.A. City High Schools—Preliminaries.

June 11—L.A. City High Schools—Finals.

Other track meet dates of especial interest announced at the time were:

March 5—Long Beach Relays.

May 14—Fresno Relays.

May 21—Coast Conference Meet at Berkeley.

May 27—Compton Invitational (night meet).

At the meeting on January 4 the A.A.U., the Universities, the Junior Colleges, the L.A. City Schools, and the C.I.F., Southern Section, were all represented. The question of bringing the C.I.F., Southern Section Track Finals back to the Coliseum on May 21 was discussed.

It was the opinion of all those present at the meeting that there are certain advantages to the boys and the schools to be gained by holding our final meet in the Coliseum.

It is centrally located and easily accessible.

The track and all the facilities are the very finest.

The meet if held there would receive a very large amount of publicity in the Metropolitan Press.

Because of the great events associated with the Coliseum it would be an inspiration to the boys in track if they felt they might compete there in the Final Meet.

The chief reason for taking the final C.I.F. Meet away from the Coliseum two years ago was the item of expense.

The Council on February 5 will be called upon to decide where the Final Meet is to be held this year. A discussion of this question by leagues before the Council meeting February 5 will let members of the Council know the general idea regarding the matter.

If any of our high schools wish to hold the Final Meet on their field they should present their request to the Council on February 5.

NEW STYLE TENNIS NET

The Apex Metal Fabrics Company has patented a wire tennis net with a canvas vision top strip. With proper use the net should last a good many years. We have seen them in use, and players seem to like the net. The C.I.F. office will furnish the name of the distributor to any school wishing to investigate the net.

MR. HAMILTON TO START MEET MAY 21

Mr. Kinter Hamilton, Principal of the Harvard School, who has started the Final Southern California Meet since the organization of the C.I.F., Southern Section, has been appointed to start the meet this year on May 21.

In order that coaches and boys may be as familiar as possible with the technique that Mr. Hamilton follows, we are asking him to prepare a brief discussion on the subject of starting. We plan to publish Mr. Hamilton's discussion in the February Bulletin.

ADDITIONAL GOLF ACTIVITIES?

Would an afternoon of putting be of sufficient interest and value to the boys who play golf to warrant arranging such an event?

Last spring the Bay League held a league golf driving contest.

A putting contest and a driving contest can, we think, be arranged without cost to the C.I.F. A ten cent entry fee will provide a suitable trophy. We would be glad to hear from golf coaches prior to the Council meeting February 5.

BASKETBALL QUESTIONNAIRE REPLIES

Thirty-three of the questionnaires relative to a basketball tournament sent out with the December Bulletin have been returned to the C.I.F. Office. Nineteen of the thirty-three schools have indicated that they would be interested in a tournament such as was suggested. Fourteen of those replying expressed themselves as not favoring such an undertaking. The Tournament Committee will be asked to submit recommendations to the Council at the meeting on February 5.

THE HOP-STEP and JUMP

At the State Meet this year the hop-step-and-jump will be included in the program as an exhibition event. Medals will be given the boys who place.

League Representatives should try to get the sentiment of the Principals and Coaches of their leagues prior to February 5.

The hop-step-and-jump is one of the regular Olympic events, and for that reason, we believe, in the C.I.F. Office, that it should be made a regular part of our track and field program.