

# C. I. F., SOUTHERN SECTION MONTHLY BULLETIN

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ROOM 448—HOTEL OAKLAND

### Members present—

Mr. E. W. Fischer, President

Mr. B. L. Bergstrom

Mr. Normal C. Hayhurst

Mr. Earl Thompson

Mr. Seth F. Van Patten

Mr. W. Roy Hull, President of the Council and Mr. S. Chester McIntosh, Treasurer of the C.I.F., Southern Section and State Representative, were also present.

1. The Bonita Boys' School located in San Diego County, asked admission to the C. I. F., Southern Section. Moved by Mr. Bergstrom, seconded by Mr. Thompson that the school be made a member. Carried.

2. Mr. Van Patten reported that the Los Angeles City Section of the C.I.F., which uses football officials only from the Southern California Football Association, is planning to appoint no men to officiate football games who did not make an average grade of 80% in examinations during the last season of instructions, and no one to referee a game whose average grade was less than 90%.

The Los Angeles City Section is planning also to assign an extra official to games whenever possible from the new and untried officials and pay such officials \$1.00 per game. This will give young men and new men a chance to demonstrate their ability and get acquainted with coaches and experienced officials.

The Los Angeles City Section is planning to ask all schools to reserve parking space for officials thus making it unnecessary for officials to leave their own schools at such an early hour as has been necessary in the past.

Moved by Mr. Hayhurst, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom that these moves by the Los Angeles City Section be recommended to the Council of the C.I.F., Southern Section. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Southern California Football Association expressing our approval of the fine educational work the Association is offering to its members. Carried.

3. Mr. Van Patten reported upon conferences he had had with the officials of the American Golf Association. This Association has offered to assist in various ways in stimulating interest in golf among high school pupils.

They offer to: (a) Collect used and discarded golf clubs and other equipment, have them re-conditioned and made available for the use of high school pupils.

(b) Negotiate with golf club managers to get the most favorable rates for high school players.

(c) Negotiate with golf professionals to get, if possible, free instruction for high school groups.

(d) Assist in staging a fine golf tournament for high school golf players in Southern California.

Moved by Mr. Hayhurst, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom that Mr. Van Patten be instructed to continue the negotiations on the subject of assistance from the American Golf Association and that he be directed to ask the State Council of the C.I.F. to sanction an intersectional golf tournament for the C.I.F., Southern Section and the C.I.F., Los Angeles City Section. Carried.

(The State Council gave its sanction for such a tournament at its meeting later that same day.)

4. Mr. Van Patten recommended that the Executive Committee approve asking the Council on May 17 to reconsider the question of allowing our boys to participate in the Los Angeles Coliseum Relays on May 24, 1941.

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom that since the costly prizes to be given to winners in the relays was one of the main objections to allowing C.I.F., Southern Section, boys to compete, and as this part of the plan has not been altered that the recommendation be not approved. Carried.

5. Mr. Van Patten reported that he had been unable to secure a contract for the use of the Los Angeles Coliseum for the Southern California Track and Field Finals on May 17 except on a 10% rental basis. If any percent is paid as a rental the Federal ticket tax must be paid. These two charges plus the cost of hiring an experienced crew of ticket sellers, takers, guards, etc., would be almost certain to make the meet a losing activity financially.

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hayhurst that Mr. Van Patten be directed to secure the use of the Inglewood track and field for May 17 and in case the Inglewood field is not available to secure either the Woodrow Wilson or the Herbert Hoover (Glendale) field. Carried.

6. A boy had attended the Herbert Hoover (S. D.) High School. Both his father and his mother were in the Naval service at San Diego.



## CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION, SOUTHERN SECTION

**SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL**  
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### Executive Committee

Ernest W. Fischer, Principal Chaffey High School  
President.

B. L. Bergstrom, Principal El Monte High School  
Kinter Hamilton, Principal Harvard School

Normal C. Hayhurst, Principal Hervert Hoover  
High School (Glendale)

Earl Thompson, Principal Claremont High School  
W. Roy Hull, Principal Lompoc High School,  
President of the Council

Seth F. Van Patten, Commissioner of Athletics

The parents were ordered to Hawaii and the boy was sent to Brawley High School. He lives in Brawley with his grandmother.

Moved by Mr. Hull, seconded by Mr. Hayhurst that the boy be ruled eligible for competition so far as his residence is concerned. He had changed schools because his parents had changed residence. Carried.

7. Mr. Van Patten reported that several track coaches had suggested that they had been able to improve upon the starting blocks adopted by the C.I.F., Southern Section, for use at the Divisional and Final Meets. The question had been raised as to the use of these supposedly improved blocks. In the absence of any motion the Chairman ruled that in case of a protest against any block that did not conform to the adopted standard the Executive Committee could do nothing but order the use of the block adopted.

8. Mr. Van Patten called attention to the fact that no Track and Field Selections Committee had been elected by the Council to name the contestants for the Final Meet after the Divisional Meets have been held. Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hull that the Special Track Committee appointed last May to pass on the selection of starting blocks and any other track questions be appointed to act. Carried.

This Special Committee consists of Mr. Badenock, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Hayhurst.

9. Mr. Van Patten reported that a group of swimming coaches had requested that the number of entries from each league in the final swimming meet be increased from three to five. The Chairman ruled that the change would constitute a modification of one of our printed rules and that the Executive Committee does not have that authority.

10. Mr. Van Patten stated that the joint football rules committee from the C.I.F., Southern Section, and the C.I.F., Los Angeles City Section, will be ready in a few days with its report

and recommended that the report be submitted to the Council for a vote by mail. If a vote by mail approves the report then the modifications of the collegiate rules agreed upon can be printed and distributed for use during the spring football practice where such practice is held. Mr. Hull, as President of the Council, approved of the vote by mail. The Chairman ruled that the report of the the rules committee when ready be submitted to the Council members together with the results of the questionnaire sent to the coaches, and that the Council members be asked to vote by mail on the question of approving the report.

11. Mr. Hayhurst called attention to the badly confused condition existing in all spring semester sports due to bad weather. He pointed out that it may be necessary to have some dual track meets on Tuesday, May 6, the week of the Divisional Meets, in order to finish dual meet schedules. He pointed out also that many schools do not send boys into the Divisional Meets in the same Class as they are used in the dual meets.

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hayhurst that in case it becomes necessary because of rains for any school to have a dual track meet the week of May 10 in order to finish its dual meet schedule that rule (2), page (23) of the 1940 Blue Book, be not enforced from May 4 to May 10, 1941. It was further moved by Mr. Hull, President of the Council, that a vote by mail be taken on this question. Carried.

At 6:00 P. M., the meeting adjourned that those present might go to the meeting of the State Council and the Board of Directors of the C.I.F.A.P.F.

## ATHLETIC PROTECTION FUND ENCLOSURE

A five page report from the Office of Mr. A. B. Ingham on the working of our Athletic Protection Fund is enclosed with this copy of our Bulletin.

We repeat what we have said more than once in the past. "The Athletic Protection Fund work is, we think, the most important project ever undertaken by the C.I.F." We therefore urge every Principal and every Physical Education Department Head to give the report very careful study.

## GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP

The gymnastics championship for this season will be held at the Beverly Hills High School on Thursday, May 22, at 7:30 P. M. The nine events that have been run in past gym meets will be staged again this year.

Entry blanks and instructions are enclosed with this copy of the Bulletin.

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## DIVISIONAL AND FINAL TRACK MEETS

The Divisional and Final Track Meets will be held under the same regulations as those for the 1940 season.

The Divisional Meets will be held on May 10 at Oxnard, Inglewood, Riverside, Huntington Beach and San Diego. No change is being made in the assignment of those to compete at the five Divisional Meets except at Inglewood, to which meet, entries from the Pasadena J. C. "Bull Pups" are being sent.

A special bulletin of instructions regarding these final meets will be sent out May 6 to all schools having entries in the Divisional Meets.

The Final Meet will be held at the Herbert Hoover High School in Glendale on May 17.

The Executive Committee directed that the Final Meet be not held at the Los Angeles Coliseum because of complications in getting a lease on the Coliseum which would exempt the C.I.F. from paying Federal tax on all tickets sold.

A special bulletin of instructions will be sent on May 12 to all schools having boys qualified for the Final Meet.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on the morning of May 17 at the Herbert Hoover High School in Glendale. Election of officers for 1941-42, completion of plans for the next school year, and closing this year's activities will be the main business of the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting will be sent to the Council members a few days prior to the meeting. Any league or school having questions to submit to the Council should notify the C.I.F. Office so such questions may be included in the agenda for the meeting.

Principals, coaches, and other high school men interested in the work of the C.I.F., are always made welcome at all meetings of our Council.

## INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Executive Committee, at its meeting on April 7, approved the holding of an invitational golf tournament to include the Los Angeles City High Schools if the State Council gave its approval for such an intersectional activity.

The State Council sanctioned the event and plans have been matured for the tournament.

The event will be held at the Rancho Golf Club at 10100 West Pico Blvd., in Los Angeles, on June 16 and 17. The Rancho Golf Club will close its course to the public for the two days. Plans will be made to handle a maximum of 250 players.

The tournament will be for 36 holes. 18 holes will be played each day. Medal play will be followed. Each school will be allowed to enter

as many boys as it may wish. The entry fee will be \$1.00 per boy for the 36 holes. This entry charge will cover the green fees and provide for medals and trophies.

A championship and a novice flight will be played. A novice will be any boy who has never represented his school in an interscholastic golf match and who has never scored below 90 in a regularly organized tournament.

A team championship will be determined. A team will consist of four boys from the same school and the aggregate medal score for the 36 holes for the four boys will determine the champion team. Boys on any team will be contesting for the individual championship while competing with their team.

Suitable medals and plaques will be provided for the winners from the entry fees. The American Golf Association will provide a perpetual championship trophy.

The American Golf Association and the Southern California Public Links Managers Association are both cooperating in handling the details of this first tournament. This gives assurance that all features of the event will be carried out in accordance with the best present day tournament practice.

Mr. Wm. L. Lopez, Director of Athletics for the Los Angeles City Schools, has assured the C.I.F., Southern Section, of his full cooperation. At present it is the plan for the Los Angeles City Section of the C.I.F. to handle the tournament if it is held in 1942.

Entry blanks will be sent to all schools about June 1.

The individual championship tournament which has been announced for Montebello Park Golf Club starting June 2 will be held as planned. Entry blanks for this event will be sent out about May 23.

## TENNIS FINALS

The semi-finals in team tennis is set for Friday, May 16, at the Santa Ana High School courts, starting at 2:00 P. M. The finals will be played on the same courts on Saturday, May 17, starting at 9:00 A. M.

The singles and doubles championship will be played on the Santa Ana High School courts on May 24. Each League may enter two singles players and two doubles teams in this tournament.

## FROM THE N.F.S.H.S.A.A. BULLETIN

"DELUGE OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS: During the past basketball season many bills relating to high school athletics have been introduced in the various state legislatures. Among the states which have been affected are Indiana, Illi-



nois, Iowa, Oklahoma and New York. Latest reports indicate that all of these, with one possible exception, have died in committee or have been voted down in either the Senate or the House. In practically every case the bills were introduced by a minority faction which had some grievance against the enforcement of some of the state high school association rules. The various discussions clearly brought out the fact that there is considerable lack of understanding of the functions, duties and aims of the state associations. When these were made clear, there was little basis for legislative action. The interscholastic activities are best regulated by the high school administrators who have specialized in the work and who have been appointed by boards of education for this specific work. If there is any lesson in the deluge of bills, it is that it behooves the schoolmen to make a greater effort to disseminate information about the work which is being done. Most people think of athletic work in terms of promotion. They must be made to see that the school athletic work is retained in the school curriculum because of its value to the participants and to school morale rather than for its value as a means of entertaining the general public."

A bill has recently been introduced in Congress which, if passed, will appropriate \$200,000,000 for the promotion of amateur athletics.

These are political measures which we believe should be closely studied and opposed by schoolmen unless it can be definitely proved that they are to serve our cause.

#### FROM THE N.F.S.H.S.A.A. BULLETIN

"ALABAMA RULES OUT ALL - STAR TEAMS: At the recent annual meeting of the Alabama High School Athletic Association the state again proved itself a leader in the southern section. Despite the fact that there is considerable pressure in this section of the country for post-season and all-star football games, the association adopted the following addition to their by-laws: 'Participation, directly or indirectly, in the officiating, management, supervision, player selection, coaching or promotion of all-star high school teams, high school championship team or similar teams in contests in any sport, unless under the supervision and auspices of the Alabama High School Athletic Association, by member schools, by their school officials or by their teachers, shall be considered a violation of the spirit and purpose, if not the actual wording of these rules and regulations; and schools violating the spirit, purpose or wording of these rules and regulations as herein indicated shall cause their school to be suspended from the Alabama High School Athletic Association for such length of time as the Board deems advisable. Registered officials shall be suspended for promoting or officiating such contests'."

#### SANTA MONICA BOY DOES

The story quoted below appeared in the May 1941 issue of the Readers Digest:

"One of the best prayers I ever heard was that of a little Negro boy who was competing in a race. He kept dropping behind and his chances seemed slim; then suddenly his lips began to move with great regularity, his legs picked up speed, and he won the race. Asked later what he was whispering to himself, he said he was talking to the Lord, saying over and over: 'Lawd, You pick 'em up, and I'll put 'em down. You pick 'em up, and I'll put 'em down'."

On April 22, the day the May, Readers Digest appeared, Thelmo Knowles, a Negro boy of the Santa Monica High School, ran a half mile in the preliminaries of the Bay League Track Meet in 1 minute, 56.4 seconds.

We do not know whether Thelmo had read the above story. We do not know whether he said a prayer as he ran his heat. We do know, however, that he "picked 'em up and put 'em down" in a more effective way than was ever done before by any high school boy in Southern California.

The best previous record we know of was made by Cartwright of Santa Ana on the Los Angeles High School field in 1932.

P. S. After the above story was put in type Thelmo ran the half mile at the Carpinteria Meet in 1 minute, 56.1 seconds.

#### FOOTBALL GAMES WANTED

Grossmont is looking for football games on September 26 and November 7. Redondo wants a game on November 28. Contact Jack Mashin at Grossmont and Hobart Uhls at Redondo.

#### BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

The Badminton Championship will be held at the Anaheim High School on Saturday, May 24, 1941. An entry blank is enclosed with this Bulletin.

#### FLIP A COIN

The 1941 rainy season has raised other questions besides flooded basements, washed out pavements, mountain slides, etc. This one came to the C.I.F. Office recently:

A dual track meet which was half finished was halted because of a downpour. League standing in track depends on the outcome of the dual meet.

"What do we do when we get together again, go on from where we left off, or start all over? The two schools concerned are not in accord."

Our reply was "flip a coin".