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ERNEST W. FISCHER
President of Our Executive Committee

Mr. Ernest W. Fischer, Principal Chaffey High School, who is this year President of our Executive Committee, is one of our number who has known intimately the work of the C. I. F. since its organization in 1914.

Mr. Fischer came to California for his health in 1904. From 1904 to 1912 when he became a teacher at Chaffey High School he was a student at Pomona, and at Berkeley, teacher in the elementary schools in Washington State, teacher and Vice-Principal in Upland elementary schools, and coach of athletics at Chaffey High School.

While at Pomona College he represented his Alma Mater in basketball and track. In 1910 in a meet against the University of California at Berkeley he set a mark of 9:45 in the two mile and 4:29.8 in the mile.

Mr. Fischer is a great booster for athletics as an aid to the morale and the administration of the high schools of Southern California. He is also very strongly opposed to athletics assuming a position of dominance in running of school administration and public relations.



W. ROY HULL
President of Our Council

REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Reorganization Committee met at the Harvard School Wednesday, October 23 at 4:00 P.M.

Present at the meeting were Committee Members—

Mr. Burnight, chairman

Mr. Hamilton

Mr. Hayhurst

Mr. Taylor

Mr. Van Patten

Mr. T. M. Gerhart, Dean of Boys at the Inglewood High School, was also present throughout the meeting and took part in the deliberations of the Committee.

Schools in the leagues that seem likely to be most affected are being consulted by the Committee in order to get the opinions of as many interested parties as possible.

A definite report on the decisions of the Committee is being planned for the December Bulletin.

The next meeting is to be held November 6 at the Harvard School at 6:00 P.M.

A fine steak dinner was enjoyed by the Committee at the Harvard School dining hall as a courtesy of the Host, Mr. Hamilton.

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION, SOUTHERN SECTION

SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL
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Ernest W. Fischer, Principal Chaffey High School
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Earl Thompson, Principal Claremont High School
W. Roy Hull, Principal Lompoc High School,
President of the Council
Seth F. Van Patten, Commissioner of Athletics

WATER POLO AND SWIMMING MEETING

The water polo and swimming coaches were asked to meet at the Compton Jr. College plunge on Tuesday, October 22 at 3:30 P. M. The following men came to the meeting:

Ivan Carey—Inglewood
Elmer Crumly—Los Angeles High
Richard Geer—Huntington Beach
Heber Holloway—Whittier
Ed Holston—Compton
Arthur Nunn—Fullerton
R. E. Squire—Huntington Park
Seth F. Van Patten—C.I.F. Office

Mr. Holston acted as chairman of the meeting and Mr. Van Patten as secretary.

A water polo schedule of one round among the seven schools was adopted. Bakersfield had asked for water polo games with all of the seven schools except Compton. It was agreed to make these games with Bakersfield a part of the official schedule.

The following recommendations were agreed upon, all decisions being unanimous:

(1) The games of water polo to be played in two halves instead of four quarters as provided in the rules and halves to be, for Classes A and B—7 minutes, and for Class C—5 minutes.

(2) In all other regards the N.C.A.A. Rules for high schools to be followed to the letter.

(3) Two officials to be used for each game and to be appointed by the C.I.F. Office. The fee to be \$5.00 for a Class A game and \$6.00 when more than one game is played.

(4) The L. A. High swimming relays to be held February 28, 1941.

(5) The L. A. High Individual Swimming Meet to be held March 14 and 15, 1941.

(6) The C.I.F., Southern Section Swimming Championships to be held May 16 and 17 at the Whittier High School Pool.

TENNIS COACHES MEETING

A general meeting of high school tennis coaches was called Saturday, October 26, at 10:00 A. M. at the Municipal Club House in Montebello. The following men were in attendance:

Robert Smith—Covina
W. Howard Church—Fullerton
Kenneth C. Mitchell—Beverly Hills
David C. Harmon—Oxnard
Ray M. Warren—Orange
Clyde O. Patton—Santa Ana
Robert Wormser—Santa Barbara
Joe M. Burcham—Monrovia
Paul E. Hadley—El Monte
H. L. Butterfield—Hoover (Glen.)
Paul L. Wilson—Ventura High
J. Leland Mills—Alhambra
Lester Gates—Montebello
Seth F. Van Patten—C.I.F. Office.

Mr. Patton acted as Chairman of the meeting and Mr. Van Patten as Secretary.

(1) Moved by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Church that we recommend to all schools and all leagues that for this year they play either 9, 11, or 13, boys in their team tennis matches, and that each match count one point and that the playing order of the contestants for each school be exchanged before the start of the match. Carried unanimously.

It was agreed to try for a year the plan of having coaches shift players if they so desired prior to any match.

(2) It was moved by Mr. Wormser, and seconded by all present that a suitable letter be sent to the parents of Robert Carrothers expressing our sorrow at his untimely death. Carried unanimously.

(3) Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wormser that we recommend to the Council that the semi-finals and finals in team tennis be held at Santa Ana on May 16 and 17 and that a committee of three be appointed to work with the Commissioner of Athletics in arranging any play-off matches still unfinished by Tuesday, April 29. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hadley that the players in singles and doubles be seeded for the final matches at the end of the season on May 31. Carried.

It was agreed that another meeting of tennis coaches should be called at the C.I.F. Office prior to the meeting of the Council the first Saturday in February.

FOOTBALL DELIBERATION AND EXPERIMENTATION

(From the National High School
Federation Bulletin)

It would be a "defeatist" philosophy if we were to assume that the game of football is now static and is incapable of improvement. The

improvements in interscholastic football of the last several years has shown the fallacy of such a philosophy. A dozen illustrations might be cited. A few are probably sufficient. Consider a few questions relative to the opposition which has been voiced at various times when improvements have been made. Where are those who ridiculed the rule which makes the wearing of headgear compulsory? Where are those who strenuously opposed the fifteen-yard side zone? Where are those who claimed that the game would be ruined by permitting a forward pass from anywhere behind the line? Where are those who claimed that the only proper defense for forward passing was to put the "fear of God" into the passer by knocking him down every time the ball was passed, even after the ball had left his hand? Where are those who claimed that the rugged nature of the game would be destroyed if the rules insisted that there is no necessity for wrestling the runner to the ground after the signal has indicated that forward progress has stopped? Where are those who thought the game would be ruined when it was prescribed that no penalty may be more than half the distance to the goal line? Where are those who thought chaos would result when enforcement for a foul committed during a loose ball was placed at the previous spot? Where are those who expressed great fear that the whole football philosophy would be upset when a backfield man was given the liberty to hand the ball forward so that a teammate might cut in front to take the ball? Where are those who insisted that the fundamentals of the game required that the touching of a pass by an ineligible be considered an infraction entirely apart from other forms of interference.

The answers to all these questions are obvious. The fears have proved to be groundless. The opposition has dissolved into thin air. Interscholastic football is still a rugged sport. It has become constantly more interesting to both players and spectators and it is generally conceded that the training programs which have been adopted in the various states have greatly increased in efficiency because of the attention which has been centered on improvements through the activities of the interscholastic groups which have assisted in making up the interscholastic code of rules. The studies which have been made during each successive season definitely prove that the modifications in the interests of creating a more attractive game have met with the approval of high school football men in all sections of the country. The interscholastic committee has batted almost one thousand percent in the modifications which they have authorized. The reason is to be found in the fact that no modifications are made until the matter has been studied from every angle and until experimental work sponsored by the state

and national high school organizations has proved that there are advantages in the proposed modifications.

1940-41 BASKETBALL RULE COMMENTS

(From the National High School Federation Bulletin)

Students of the rules will find a considerable number of differences between the current code and that of last year. The changes are of two kinds: (1) Those designed to improve game conditions, and (2) Those designed to make a more logical and consistent code of rules. The first group of changes are the result of considerable study and experimentation during the past season. They should result in a more satisfactory type of play and may be regarded as major changes. The second group is part of the movement to gradually recodify the basketball rules. This recodification has been necessary because basketball has grown far beyond the original plans for the game. The first code was made up of a dozen statements. Since that time the game has developed, the tastes of players and spectators has changed and conditions in related industries and professions have changed. In order to keep the game up to date, the code of rules has been enlarged from time to time. This has resulted in growth by merely adding new provisions. Many of these provisions were not provided for in the original plans and did not fit the original arrangement. The best that could be done was to add the new provisions at the end of the code or to insert them in sections which gave them some semblance of logic. This was fairly satisfactory until game administration became something of a specialist's job and until Officials and Coaches began to take pride in consistency and logic in connection with game administration. This movement has grown with the development of a more efficient type of organization by the various state associations and by local groups of Coaches and Officials. Several years ago this influence resulted in the beginning of a gradual recodification of the rules. During the last few years nearly half of the rules have been entirely rewritten and some of the remaining ones need it. A considerable number of the slight changes of this year represent another step in the same direction. In the available space, comments can be made on only the major changes. The minor ones will receive attention at the state sponsored interpretation meetings.

Major Modifications

Smaller Backboards Legal. This change is probably as important as any that has been made in the last ten years. It appears to have as many advantages as were found in the four-foot end space and in the legalizing of the molded type basketball. The dimensions of the new backboard are given on page 47 of the rules book.

All sharp corners and edges have been eliminated and the goal is attached to the bottom of the board. Only boards with a plane surface are legal. If boards with a convex surface are desired, they may be used only by mutual consent of the two teams. If modified boards are used, they must be of the size and shape indicated in the rules. If such boards are provided by any home team, the visiting team has no legal right to object to their use. Conversely, if a school chooses to use the rectangular type of board, it can not legally be protested. Baskets have been designed to fit the new type board. The best of these are an improvement over the old type. Some baskets are attached to the front of the board with a flange which is not flush with the face. This is permissible, provided the size of the flange is such that the ball cannot touch it. Some baskets may have the attaching flange convex instead of flat. There is nothing in the rules to prohibit such a flange.

OUR MAIL ADDRESS

The C.I.F. Office is at the South Pasadena High School, SOUTH Pasadena, California. A large number of pieces of our mail are addressed to Pasadena.

South Pasadena is connected with Pasadena only in a geographical sense. The municipality, the school district, and the Post Office are entirely separate. Send our mail to South Pasadena and save delay in delivery.

C.I.F. EXEMPT FROM SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES ALSO

Under date of September 11, 1940 the C.I.F. Office received a letter from the Treasury Department in Washington from which we quote.

"Accordingly, the taxes imposed by Titles VIII and IX of the Social Security Act and Sub-chapters A and C of Chapter 9 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, are not applicable with respect to remuneration for services performed in your employ.

"Bureau ruling dated March 13, 1940, in which it was held that your organization and its employees are liable for the taxes imposed by the above-mentioned titles of the Act and sub-chapters of the Code, as amended, is hereby revoked.

Respectfully,
(Signed) Geo. J. Schoeneman
Deputy Commissioner."

ANNUAL DUES

The annual dues for 1940-1941 were set at 2c per A.D.A. for last year, by the Executive Committee at its meeting on October 5. These dues are now due and payable. About half of our members are already paid up.

STARTING BLOCKS ADOPTED

The track committee, consisting of Mr. Kinter Hamilton, Mr. Normal Hayhurst and Mr. Arthur Badenoch, has adopted a starting block for use in the Divisional Meets and the Final Meet next May. The Council at the meeting last May directed that this step be taken.

The block adopted was originated by Dick Arnett, track coach at Inglewood High School, and further developed by Mr. Hamilton and his men at Harvard School.

A working drawing is now being made by a mechanical drawing student at the South Pasadena High School. Blue prints and cost estimates will be furnished to all schools before January 1, 1941.

FIFTH ANNUAL MONTEBELLO FALL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Montebello's Fall tennis championship was played October 12 and October 26 on the courts of the Montebello High School and the Montebello municipal courts.

This year there were 37 in singles and 12 doubles teams from fifteen schools.

The singles were won by Budge Patty who beat Irving Parker of Santa Barbara 6-2, 6-1 in the final match.

Budge Patty is national singles champion for boys under 15 years of age.

The doubles were won by Benham and Van Fleet of Santa Barbara. In the final match Benham and Van Fleet won from Forbes and Fotre of Beverly Hills by a score of 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Throughout the tournament the play was probably the best ever seen at the Montebello Fall Tournament.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS SANCTIONED

A Class B basketball tournament for December 12, 13, and 14 to be held at the Anaheim High School has been granted a sanction.

The Bonita High School has been given a sanction for its annual Class A tournament to be held at the La Verne College gymnasium on December 12, 13, and 14.

Other schools planning to hold a basketball tournament should arrange to get their event on the regular C.I.F. calendar.

CROSSCOUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual C.I.F., Southern Section Cross-country Run is being planned for Saturday, December 14 at the U.C.L.A. Course. Definite announcements of plans will be made in the December Bulletin. Entry blanks will be sent out about December 1.