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The attachment is a copy of The First Meeting and Organization of The
Oklahoma Track Coaches Association which took place in Jan. of 1965 at Tulsa
McLain H.S. in Tulsa, OK.

Sorry it is not in better looking shape. I have been hauling it around for
all these years and my wife gave me orders to start cleaning out the
storeroom and see if there was anything in it that I did not want her to
throw away.

You might want the article for you archive records. It sure brings back fond
memories and super Gentlemen/Teacher/Coaches who I have had the good pleasure
of being associated with through the years. I had no idea the organization
would grow and become so big and active as you gentlemen have made it. Your
official’s visions, hard work and efforts have certainly made it The Best in
the United States, as well as our web page!

Please give my regards to all and if I can be of any help, please let me
know.

Sincerely,

Dorsey Jack Reirdon
Edison's Pierce Named Chairman of Track Group

Edison track coach Hugh Pierce was named chairman of the newly-founded Oklahoma Track Coaches Association, it was announced Saturday.

Pierce, who guided the Eagles to the state Class AA title last season, presides over a list of temporary officers named at last week's Championship Track Clinic held at McLain. Scot coach Dorsey Reardon was named co-chairman.

Permanent officers will be chosen at a meeting scheduled May 7 at Duncan, site of the AA-A-B track meet on May 7-8.

The group is similar to other state high school coaching associations. It will offer a sounding board for the coaches in working with the governing Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association.

Items for discussion at the first meeting include establishing central locations for state track meets, holding conference meets one week prior to the regionals, and naming a committee for cross country.

Seven coordinators were named to contact coaches across the state. They are Norman's Bob Williams and Hale's Glen Chowins for Class AA; Leonard Wray and Glen Stone, both of Shawnee, for Class A; and Dewey's Bill Williams, Sequoyah's Rex Sumner and Comanche's Ron Hendricks for Class B.

Five college coaches are on an advisory board—Oklahoma State's Ralph Higgins, Tulsa's Buster Johnson, Oklahoma's J. D. Martin, Oklahoma City's Jack Daniels and Oklahoma Baptist's Bruce Drummond.

Clinic lecturers at McLain include (from left), Norman's Bob Williams, Edison's Hugh Pierce, OBU's Bruce Drummond.

Track Clinic Slated At McLain Saturday

The elite of Oklahoma's track and field world will gather in Tulsa Saturday for the first annual Championship Track Clinic at the McLain High School auditorium.

About 500 coaches and athletes are expected for the daylong program.

McLain track coach Dorsey Reardon has arranged a series of 10 lectures by state authorities. Demonstrations and question-and-answer sessions also are scheduled.

Five college coaches are on the program—Oklahoma State's Ralph Higgins, Tulsa's Buster Johnson, Oklahoma Baptist's Bruce Drummond, Oklahoma's J. D. Martin and Oklahoma City's Jack Daniels.

Higgins is a two-time coach of U.S. Olympic teams, Martin named only this season as head coach.

Track Clinic

9 a.m.—Bob Williams, Norman, "Electrical Factors Concerning Track Athletes.

10:30—Buster Johnson, Tulsa University, "Springs and Their Use."

10:45—Hugh Pierce, Tulsa Edison, "100-

10:30—Bruce Drummond, Oklahoma Baptist, "Distance Running."

11:00—Orlando Haxley, Oklahoma City Junior High, "100 Yard Dash."

11:10—Lunch.

11:30—Ralph Higgins, Oklahoma State, "440 Yard Relay, Half Mile."

11:45—Mike Ryles, Ada High School, "440 Yard Relay, Half Mile."

11:30—Jack Daniels, Oklahoma City University, "Relay Races for Girls."


12:00—J. D. Martin, Oklahoma, "High Jump, Pole Vault, Hurdling."


Soccer coach, holds the Pan-American Games decathlon record.

Drummond, in his ninth season at OBU, was a distance star for Oklahoma in his collegiate days. Daniels, who did a year of graduate study at Stockholm's Royal Gymnastic Institute, won a silver medal in the 1965 Olympics and a bronze in the 1968 Games, both in the pentathlon.

High school coaches Norman's Bob Williams, Tulsa Edison's Hugh Pierce, Oklahoma City's J. D. Martin, Oklahoma City's Jack Daniels and Oklahoma Baptist's Bruce Drummond.

Coaches may register for $3, while athletes through college age may attend for $1.