As a result of its record the Minot team accepted the invitation to play the champion of South Dakota in the first Dakota championship at Aberdeen, South Dakota, on Thanksgiving Day, to be reported on this page next month. The Sombrero Day affair, so called because the governor of the state on the losing side will present the governor of the winner with a new 10-gallon hat, is the first of its kind to be held and has done much to add interest to the football season in both states.

Coach L. C. McMahon's "Braves" of Mandan enjoyed a good season with no defeats but with two ties on the books, and one game left to play as this is written. Marty Engh's Wahpeton team turned in a similar record, no defeats, two ties. The Lidgerwood H.S. team, coached by Leo May, had an unusually good season, with no losses, one tie. Leo Schweinfurt's Grafton team and Minot Model, coached by W. D. Allen, had only defeats by the Minot Magicians to mar their records.

8-semester rule

At a recent meeting of the State H.S. League in charge of athletics the following rule was passed: "No student having attained the eighteenth anniversary of his birth shall participate in any interscholastic contest after his eighth semester in high school or after the seventh if this eighth does not follow consecutively after his seventh." The rule will take effect with the start of the basketball season. Another important ruling passed at this meeting extended the membership of Class A schools to all high schools with an enrollment of 250 or more. This will increase the number of entries in Class A from 8 to 12. This necessitates a three-day basketball tournament and marks the first time that more than eight teams have been allowed in the state championship play-off. Schools that will come into Class A under the new arrangement are: Williston, Grafton, Dickinson, and Wahpeton.

To have six-man football champs

Six-man football promises to become a popular sport in the small towns of North Dakota. The Barnes County League, organized by Jim Morrison, coach of Valley City Teachers College, has enjoyed a successful season. The Northwest North Dakota Conference has a committee to start "the ball rolling" next fall. The Consolidated High School League has taken steps to name a state champion of six-man teams next fall, either on a percentage basis or in tournament play.

L. A. White, superintendent of Minot Schools, was recently re-elected by the High School League to his position on the Board of Control. He has been on the board and secretary of the League for a period of eleven years.

The Coaches' Association is organizing units in each of the 16 basketball districts. Northwest North Dakota has already set up such a group with officers as follows: President, H. L. Robertson, Minot H.S.; vice-president, J. W. Coleman, Minot Teachers College; and secretary-treasurer, Glenn Iverson, Berthold. It is the intention of these sectional groups to hold regular meetings of coaches and officials to discuss rules and the technique of officiating games.

A committee of coaches has been selected by the North Dakota H.S. League to investigate the possibility of maintaining a list of approved officials for the state.

HARVEY L. ROBERTSON, Minot H.S.

Texas

THE University of Texas Interscholastic League, recognized as one of the most efficient high school organizations in the nation, supervised football in 531 Texas high schools this season, all playing interscholastic ball.

The teams are grouped in three classes: Class A, with student bodies of 500 or more; Class B, with student bodies of 150 to 500; and Class C with less than 150 students. Any team is permitted to play in a higher bracket than its enrollment indicates but may not play in a lower class.

The Class A teams are divided into 16 geographical districts, the championship of which is decided entirely by the district committee by the Saturday after Thanksgiving regardless of ties or anything else. These 16 district champions play an elimination tournament (three successive Saturdays), with the final being played during the Christmas holidays.

The Class B elevens are divided into 40 districts. Four districts are then combined into a region, and a re- [Continued on page 26]

A VARIATION OF THE MANEUVER ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE. As 5 crosses over with outstretched hands, 3 again fakes the pass to him. Noting that the guards show some signs of switching, 3 and 5 will pull a play out of the hat that will free 5 from nine out of ten switching guards. 3 makes a 3/4-pivot on his left foot, as 5 swerves around close to 3, who holds the ball between them in concealment. 5 receives pass, cutting.