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WELCOME TO ANNUAL CLINIC

The officers and members of the Southern Nevada Officials Association extend a cordial welcome to all the coaches, administrators and visitors present this morning.

This annual get-together of the area's football coaches and officials has been taking place for several years. It is felt that through informative sessions, such as today's Clinic, that a better mutual understanding of each other's problems can be recognized, thereby furthering the presentation of bigger and better athletic programs.

NORMAN CRAFT NEW COMMISSIONER

Norman Craft, Student Activities Coordinator for the Clark County School District, was recently named the new Southern Zone Commissioner of Officials, by N.I.A.A. Executive Secretary Bert Cooper.

Craft replaces the retiring Angelo Collis, who had been the Commissioner since 1968. Craft becomes the fourth person to hold the office. The first Commissioner was Nevada's present Governor, Mike O'Callaghan, who was in for one year, in 1961. From 1962 to 1967 the Commissioner was Don Smith who is now Assistant Principal at Chaparral High School.

The first Commissioner, O'Callaghan is the only one of the four that never was a member of the SNOA, although he has been named an "Honorary Member."

Craft was one of the greatest football players in the history of Basic High School, locally, and went on to many honors in the Big Ten Conference, playing at Indiana University.

In announcing the retirement of Collis, Bert Cooper said in a statement "The NIAA as well as hundreds of athletically minded people take this opportunity to thank him (Collis) for thousands of hours of work ..."

Collis is also an Honorary Member of the SNOA.

CREW CHIEFS TO STAY AFTER CLINIC

The six SNOA Crew Chiefs will hold a short meeting, with Commissioner of Officials Norm Craft, immediately following today's Clinic.

They should be prepared to hand in game assignments for two weeks, to go through September 9th.

LINEBERGER GUEST CLINICIAN

Genial Jim Lineberger, Executive Instructional Chairman of the Southern California Football Officials Association, will be the rules and mechanics instructor and interpreter at today's Clinic.

Lineberger, has worked for 26 of his years as an official in the Pac-8 Conference, as an "umpire." He was voted a "lifetime membership" by the Conference, and gold "life pass" to all Conference athletic events.

He worked in two Rose Bowl games, and three times in the East-West Shrine game. He has served twelve years as a consultant to the NCAA Football Rules Committee.

Lineberger is extremely active in giving officiating clinics, and just returned from a "first time ever" clinic in Panama. He has also conducted clinics and seminars throughout the Far East and Europe.

Lineberger has consistently been assigned to top Pac-8 "tradition" games as well as many crucial inter-sectional games.

He is currently in his 12th. year as Instructional Chairman for SCFOA which has 34 additional "affiliated" units, such as the SNOA.

He is the author of "Mechanics of Football Officiating", and "Football Officials Handbook" booklets.

He is a 1943 graduate of Springfield College (Mass.) and had three years graduate work, including a Masters Degree in Education, from U.S.C. He participated in football (guard) and track & field (shot put and discus) in both High School and College. He also wrestled heavy-weight at Springfield, and was the team captain in 1942.

CLINIC AGENDA

This is the Agenda for today's Clinic:

- 1-NORMAN CRAFT (*Commissioner of Officials*) OPENING REMARKS
- 2-WILLARD BEITZ (*Asst. Superintendent of Secondary Education*)
- 3-NICK PUGH (*President of Southern Nevada Officials Assn.*)
- 4-BERT COOPER (*Executive Secretary of Nevada Interscholastic Activities Assn.*)
- 5-JIM LINEBERGER (*Guest speaker*)
- 6-NORMAN CRAFT / CLOSING REMARKS