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*Aggie Quintet Nears Conference
Championship After Suc-
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AGGIES SWEEP THE LONGHORNS AND OTHERS OFF FEET

Basketball Championship Now Assured Farmers. At Present Team Undefeated.

With four victories out of five games played the Aggies are nearing the championship of the state as they take the end of their second road trip. Stiff opposition has been encountered but this has been overcome by aggressiveness and team work. All of the men have shown up exceptionally well only seven participating in the play namely: Williams, Capt., McQuillen, Forbes, Hartung, Dwyer, Ehler and Gouger. Following is a resume of the games:

In the second and last basketball game in Austin between the Texas Longhorns and the Aggies, played there Saturday night the Farmers repeated their performance of Friday came the strong opposition of the quintet 15 to 8.

The Farmers took the lead from the start, evidently determined to make the victory more pronounced than the night before. They scored ten points by the end of the first half as against two for the Longhorns. Hard playing by the Longhorns in the last half could not overcome the strong opposition of the Farmers.

Rough playing was frequent throughout. Forbes was put out on personal fouls. Gouger was substituted and three personal fouls were booked against him. Hartung got three personals and Dwyer one.

The lineup was the same as for the first game, with McQuillen and Williams as forwards, Forbes at center and Hartung and Dwyer guarding.

McQuillen got two field goals, Forbes threw two field and three free goals and Hartung made the other four scores with two field goals.

Ehler was substituted for Forbes and Gouger for Hartung. The Longhorns used four substitutes.

These games put the Aggies on the homerun for the Conference Championship. They are undefeated and all of their victories have been easy.

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SENIOR CHEMICAL ENGINEERS BUILD OWN REFINERY

Practical Experience Necessary to Train and Equip Men in This Line.

At present there is a great demand for thoroughly trained young men to fill technical positions. No matter what branch of engineering it is, be it mechanical, civil or chemical. In this case we are more concerned with the chemical part of engineering. It is very unfortunate that the College does not find itself located in a part of the country where the industries are growing fast, this being mainly an agricultural section of the state. The industrial part would be of incalculable use to the student for he could then actually see and observe the processes of manufacture, in production. It is essential that when a chemical engineer fills a position as such with some corporation, that he can say that he is familiar with the process. The chemistry department of the college realizes that fact more and more every day, so that it has started a series of miniature plants used in the industries. They are in the rear of one chemistry building. The plants serve two purposes, one is to train the student, the other is to experiment new processes, or perfect old ones. The department, as well as the students are greatly indebted to the kindness of companies who have made possible the building of the plants, by giving us very willingly apparatus manufactured by them, to be tried out by us. Below a complete description is given of that what has been done so far.

We do not believe that other colleges in the State have done what the Department of Chemical Engineering is trying out. We are proud to claim to be the first.

At the A. and M. College of Texas there is in operation a small refining plant built by the Senior Chemical Engineers and Mr. M. K. Thornton, professor of chemistry, for the purpose of demonstrating the principles under which an ordinary plant

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BASEBALL OPENS WITH PEP AND ENTHUSIASM

One Hundred Men Responded to First Call and Elimination Was Necessary.

Baseball has taken a long swing toward the organization of a powerful team. Coach Bible has a wonderful amount of material with which to build up the Aggie delegation of this sport, and he has already begun the work of shaping them up.

The initial step was taken last Monday week, when the call was made for baseball material. One hundred men answered the call and signified their intention of beginning training at once. This was rather an overwhelming start and Coach Bible was forced to make some kind of an elimination. He decided to call out only the pitchers and catchers. Work this past week has had to do with the battery only, and the least force in the ranks of team aspirants is here.

Daniels is the only letter man who has stepped on the field so far to resume his old place on the mound. It seems that there will be no applicant with former service record as a recommendation for a place behind the bat.

Captain Jud Lewis is out for his fourth year with the infield. Lackey and Rothe, both letter men with two-year records on the infield are back, and the outfield is showing up equally as strong with Guynes, Higginbotham, Matthews and Glezen, all letter men.

Thus it is seen that the task ahead of Coach Bible is the selection of a battery force capable of playing the game with experienced men in the outfield and infield.

A contributing factor toward the accomplishment of this end is the supplementing of ability with the experience of Paul Sentell, who is assisting the coach in the construction of this year's team before he assumes his duties as umpire in the Texas League.

Mr. Sentell is a man of wide experience on the baseball field, both as a player and manager. He has

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COMPANY FOOT- BALL IS WORTH SEEING NOW

Scoreless Games Add Interest. Finals by Undefeated Teams Will be Played in 15th.

Interest in Company Football is increasing rapidly. Enthusiastic crowds watched the games played the first of this week.

The results of the games on February 8, show that there was something worth seeing. AB and the Signal Corps played a scoreless game ending 0 to 0; the Casuals defeated EF by a score of 19 to 7; GH forfeited to the Artillery and the game between CD and I and Band was postponed.

The schedule for today is as follows:

AB vs Artillery, 5 p. m. on the Football field.

CD vs Casuals, 5 p. m. on the field west of Tennis courts.

EF vs I and Band, 5 p. m. on the Drill field.

GH vs Signal Corps, 5 p. m. on the Baseball field.

Only one playing date remains on the schedule after today's games.

The Casuals and AB are the only undefeated teams to date in the League. They seem to have the edge on AB from the fact that they have won all the games they have engaged in so far while of the three played by AB only one has resulted in a victory and the other two have been tied. These two teams will meet on February 11.

As we announced sometime ago the winning team of the League will be awarded sweaters at the close of the season.

The awards will be made in the following way:

At the close of the schedule the best players from each team will be chosen and organized into two teams. One of these will be placed under the direction of Ex-Captain Wilson, and the other under the direction of Captain Elbert Mahan.

These two teams will then meet in the near future and play the closing contest of the season.

A small admission to the game will