

# Almost Half of U. S. Collegians Work While at School

## BASEBALL TEAM, SECOND THIS YEAR, MAY BE CHAMP IN 1940

Destined to second place in the conference for the present season, the Aggie baseball team under coach Marty Karow, are setting their compass for that championship next spring.

The Cadets will lose only three starters from their present team and next season will find proved men at every position. Jack Cooper, who led the league in hitting last year, will be lost as will Captain

Bob Williams at first and Tony Polanovich, first rate pitcher.

Bill "Jitterbug" Henderson of the present freshman team, or Marion Pugh, who was shifted from first base to the outfield this season in order to get more hitting strength in the lineup, will take Williams' place at first next season.

If Henderson gets the first base job, Pugh will take Cooper's place in the outer garden.

## Boys May Continue Scouting After Coming to A. & M.

Two senior Boy Scout organizations are operating at present on the A. & M. campus. One, a Rover Crew, available to men between the ages of 17 and 25, is sponsored by the Rural Sociology Department.

This crew is the outgrowth of a scoutmasters' training school which was held on this campus the past year. The second organization is a Rover crew sponsored by the College Station Methodist Church. Either of these crews is available to any scout coming to A. & M. who is interested in continuing his scout work and wishes to do so by transferring his membership to an advanced scouting organization.

In addition to these two groups there is an active Sea Scout ship in Bryan which is available to Sea-Scouts who wish to continue in that program.

Charlie Stevenson, freshman strikeout king, will replace Polanovich on the mound staff and will probably be the number one or two pitcher.

Chubby Nolen and Bob Stone, two capable All-Conference men, will be back at short and third respectively. Jack Doran and "Red" Kirkpatrick, both two year lettermen will be behind the plate. Jeffrey and Jack Lindsey will be the lettermen holdovers at second. All-Conference Dave Alsbrook, two year letterman will be in center, and will be flanked by two capable men.

The mound staff should be the pride of the league with Sam Bass, Ralph Lindsey, Charlie Stevenson, Snipe Conley, and Hal Welch. That will give them two lettermen twirlers and in Stevenson, they know they have a winning pitcher.

## DR. JOHN ASHTON, JOURNALISM PROF, ONE OF A. & M.'S MOST DISTINGUISHED FACULTY MEMBERS

BY BILL LAWSON

A man with enough experience for a dozen men is Dr. John Ashton, professor of agricultural journalism at A. & M. A distinguished journalist and fictionist, recipient of honors from the Crown of Belgium, world war veteran of the allied armies, recipient of the Merite Agricole of France, editor, publisher, father, husband, dilettante, student and instructor—that, in part, describes Dr. Ashton.

Born in Hyde, England, in 1880, he went to high school in England but attended college at Texas A. & M. He was in the class of '06.

Dr. Ashton was a true Aggie and still is; there is never a ball game of any kind that he does not attend. He can tell you just exactly how they did it in the old days as well as the present.

In 1924, Dr. Ashton obtained his master's degree from the University of Missouri and his Ph.D. in 1929 from the same school.

He has written several publications. Among them are History of Hogs and Pork Production in Missouri, History of Sherborns Prior to the Civil War, and Historic Ravenwood. He collaborated with Walt Williams in Missouri, Mother of the West; with A. H. Sanders and Wayne Dinesmore in History of the Percheron Horse and the World's Food Supply; and with Belows in Book of Rural Life. He was also author of innumerable articles on American and foreign agriculture.

At the beginning of the World War, he was in France, and joined the French Army. He spent four years and 77 days as a volunteer

with the Allies. He was decorated with a General Service Medal and a Medaille Commemoratif (French). After the actual war was over he spent seven months on the Rhine as a military interpreter during the Armistice.

Dr. Ashton is a member of the Alpha Chi honorary agricultural fraternity and has been in the American Who's Who since 1922. He is now working on a history of the development of the livestock industry in Texas. Last summer he worked in the library of the University of Texas collecting data for the completion of this history. This was done at the request of Dean Kyle, who is interested in the completion of the publication.

He was formerly associate editor of the Breeders' Gazette, lecturer on agricultural problems for the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, and editor and publisher for seven years of the Valley Farmer, an agricultural publication of the lower Rio Grande Valley.

In 1925 and 1934, he spent six months in the rural districts of Western Europe without the use of an interpreter. A working knowledge of French, Spanish, and Italian makes such expeditions as this possible for him. Besides these three languages, Dr. Ashton speaks Chinese and German.

Dr. Ashton married Miss Maria Arperi. To them were born two children, Jacqueline Maria and Estelle Angelina, both of whom finished high school in Corpus Christi with highest honors. They both studied here at A. & M. last summer and will finish their four courses at the University of Texas in three years.

Dr. Ashton returned to A. & M. in August of 1937 as an instructor in agricultural journalism. His return marked the beginning of two courses in journalism at A. & M. which were the first courses of this nature ever to be offered at this institution.

As far as hobbies are concerned, just any kind of sport will bring him out. Wherever the Aggie teams play, you will always find "Dr. John."

Meeting him is not like meeting the average professor; one time is enough for Dr. Ashton—he will call you by name the next time he sees you.

## Long Hours of Work And Planning Have Helped Athletic Plant

Beauty is the thing that is wanting during this age and the Athletic department of A. & M. is no exception. Thousands of dollars and thousands of man hours are spent each year in conditioning and beautifying Kyle Field, the home of the Texas Aggies.

This year there will be exceptional pains taken with the beauty treatment for the athletic plant because when Thanksgiving rolls around there will be some 34,000 grid fans, ex-students of the two largest state schools, on hand for the A. & M.-University of Texas football game.

At one time, not many grid wars ago, Kyle Field was more of a sand pile than a sodded turf. Then G. F. Ashford began his inventing and work on the field. He carried in many yards of sandy loam to raise grass.

In the spring when the grid-iron gladiators are butting heads on the practice field, Ashford is working the soil on the main lot. He ploughs the turtle-backed grid, harrows it, sows seed and then keeps it watered. By the time of the first game each year the field resembles a huge grassy rug.

Until last spring the football field was encircled by a track of black cinders. About that time track coach "Dough" Rollins decided he would add some color to set off the huge concrete stadium and the green turf, so he imported some "red dog" to cover the track. "Red dog" is a material of slag and slate, along with some coal, that is the residue left when the material is burned, after being set off by spontaneous combustion.

It is the material that makes the fastest tracks in the country. In 1935 Chink Walleider of Texas tied the 100 yard dash record of 9.6 and established a new record of 20.5 in the 220 dash. This was on the old cinder track here. It is expected that many of the track records will fall here tomorrow when the conference finals are held.

With the green field, the red track and the white three-quarter oval stadium, the Aggies have one of the best looking plants in the South.

## 47.2 Per Cent Of America's College Youth Earn Money

By Student Opinion Surveys of America

AUSTIN, May 12.—"Working his way through college" has become a much-applied phrase in describing the typical American youth attending one of the nation's fifteen hundred institutions of higher learning. And it is a well-founded description, for nearly half of them are doing just that.

A nation-wide study of economic conditions of college and university students has been conducted by the Student Opinion Surveys of America, the results showing that 47.2 per cent "work to pay part or all of their college expenses."

The student that goes through four years of classroom and laboratory routine and as a sideline earns all his living expenses is not as common as the one who has a part-time job that merely supplements his allowance from home or a scholarship fund. Nevertheless, the Surveys clearly point out that almost five out of every ten students in this country care enough about an education beyond high school to be willing to work for it.

Although not as many women as men hold jobs, over a third report that they perform some sort of work to aid their pocketbooks. Slightly less than 34 per cent of the co-eds included in the representative sample used answered "yes" to the question, "Do you work to pay all or part of your college expenses?"

Students in the central states—Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota—appear to have the most ambition or the greatest need. In this section there is a remarkably even distribution of working students, 54 per cent. Of these 62 per cent are men and 41 per cent are women.

New Englanders seem to be better off when it comes to receiving the monthly checks from home. Only three out of every ten men and two out of every ten women perform some work while in college. Other sections of the country fall between these two extremes.

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**PHIL ENSLOW WILL HAVE CHAMP PISTOL TEAM AGAIN NEXT YEAR**

Four years ago the army sent Captain Phil Enslow to A. & M. as an instructor in the Field Artillery branch of the R. O. T. C.

He took over the pistol team after he came and got pistol shooting recognized as a minor sport. Then he began to go out and shoot against any team that wanted to fight.

This season he got together Bob and Gene Shields, W. A. Becker, C. A. Lewis, L. C. Kennemer, and J. T. Ashford, who have proved to be the best shots in college, and stepped out and won the national intercollegiate pistol shooting title.

In college matches they have been defeated only once and that was at the hands of Purdue University, who has been around the top rung for many years. On this match Purdue hit a lucky streak and shot an exceptionally high score, but a score that the Aggies have bettered several times this year.

Purdue lost out when they lost to two teams that the Aggies had already beaten.

Besides trimming all but one college team the Aggies have beaten the Bayou Rifle Club of Houston and the Department of Public Safety of Austin. Several of the police teams of Texas have eaten the Aggies' smoke this season and are asking for no more of it.

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