

"The Little Man Who Wasn't There"--Against the Aggies

In the past few days several poems to the tune of the popular song "The Little Man Who Wasn't There," dealing with the "mighty mite" of the University of Texas team, Jackie Crain, have been sent in to The Battalion. Following is the best of these bits of doggerel. It's by Tommie Martin:

"THE LITTLE MAN WHO WASN'T THERE"

They said he was "the best they'd seen,"

"The greatest back on any team." To Todd and Wilson they'd compare "The little man who wasn't there."

He was a phantom; ran so fast The secondary let him past Before they knew he had the ball, And then he wasn't there at all.

"Stop Crain!" The cry rose far and near,

From coast to coast, in every ear. Yet all defenses were in vain, For who could stop the wonder, Crain?

'Gainst S. M. U. he made no score, And yet his fame grew more and more.

Then Baylor U.—" 'Twas mud and rain— Not Baylor—stopped our Jackie Crain!"

Then came that fateful Turkey Day—

All Texas came to see him play—"The phantom of the football field" Against a team that would not yield.

They're lining up—the whistle blows—

Far down the field the kickoff goes—

It settles in Crain's outstretched hands; A roar arises from the stands.

A mighty roar, and then a hush, As all eyes watch the onward rush Of Kimbrough, Thomason, and Pugh,

Boyd, Smith, Pannell, Robnett too.

The whole team hit him to a man— Now just imagine if you can The impact. Yes, they found the ball.

Crain? He just wasn't there at all.

By TOMMIE G. MARTIN, Aggie Band.

Said Tommie when questioned in regard to his above "masterpiece:" "I'd been reading all this propaganda about Crain one night, and just then I heard "The Little Man Who Wasn't There" played on the radio. Then flash! came the inspiration, and this resulting poem expresses what I hope and believe we'll do to Texas' "mighty mite" Thanksgiving Day. It'll be a thankless Thanksgiving for Texas!"

And here's another little poem that's been sent in, anonymously:

On November the thirtieth. The weather was fair And Crain didn't score 'Cause Crain wasn't there.

Against the Aggie defense With Kimbrough the boss They threw little Jack For a ten-yard loss.

He stomped his feet And tore his hair; But still little Jack Just wasn't there.

The stories about Jack That the papers have told Must have been wrong 'Cause they stopped Crain cold.

Some think it fair, Some think it a sin; 'Cause when the Aggies play ball They just have to win.

Mary-Hardin Baylor To Teach CAA Flying

Three Texas Schools Among 18 Added to Training Study List

The Civil Aeronautics Authority has just added 18 schools to its list of institutions to participate in the training of civilian pilots.

Among them were: Three Texas colleges: East Texas State Teachers' College, Commerce; Austin College, Sherman, and Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton.

Former Legislator Speaks On Cooperative Marketing For Ag Eco Department

An address on "Cooperative Marketing of Dairy Products" was given Monday morning at 8 o'clock and again at 10 o'clock in room 312 of the Agriculture Buildings by A. B. Tarwater, of Plainview.

The address was arranged by the Department of Agricultural Economics of A. & M. primarily for students in the course in Cooperative Marketing, but was open to the general public.

Mr. Tarwater has served several terms in the Texas Legislature and been prominent in matters relating to agriculture, conservation and reclamation.

He lives on and manages his own farm and has been a prominent leader in the cooperative movement in Texas. For some time he has been president of The Plains Cooperative, Inc., which operates several creameries and other cooperative ventures in West Texas.

HEAD COACH HOMER NORTON of the Texas Aggies was the principal speaker at the inter-city Rotary meeting attended by Bryan and College Rotarians at Brenham last Tuesday evening.

Coach Norton's talk was followed by football pictures of the T. C. U., Villanova and Rice games, shown by assistant coach Manning Smith.

William Lyon Phelps, famed Yale professor, taught more than 20,000 men during his 40 years in the class room.

Aggie Head Coach Began His Sports Career on High School Baseball Team

Known primarily as a football coach, Homer Hill Norton, head coach and athletic director at A. & M., made his first bid for fame as a baseball player, patrolling the outfield at Birmingham High School in Alabama. Later he did such an outstanding baseball job with the Birmingham-Southern College nine that he was signed by the Birmingham Barons in the Southern Association when he was graduated from college in 1916.

After a brief stay with the Barons he landed with the Greensboro, N. C. club in the Piedmont League. His next stop was Lakeland, Florida, in the "Million-Dollar Circuit," and at the end of an exceptionally good year in 1919, Columbus, Ohio, in the American Association bought his contract. Right then Norton forsook professional baseball to begin his career as a football coach. He went on baseball's voluntarily retired list and accepted the post of head coach at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, a job he held through 1920 and 1921, and later from 1926 through 1933, relinquishing it only to come to Texas A. & M. in 1934.

During his playing days Norton was a four-sport man, winning letters in baseball, football, basketball, and track in high school and repeating the feat in college. In 1915 he captained his football and baseball teams, and in 1916, his senior year, he was awarded a medal as the best all-around athlete in the Southwest and was named as an all-conference back. Sports writers said at the time he was the best all-around athlete ever to play in the Southwest and one most likely to reach high spots as a professional.

Prior to Norton's going to Centenary, the school had never played football as an intercollegiate sport. In his first year they did play a few other college teams but there is no record in the books as to the results. The only record found for that year is an item in the "Shreveport Times" which shows that the Gents took a 13-8 defeat from Marshall.

In 1921, the first year they played a regular schedule and for



Homer H. Norton

which records are complete, the team won four games and lost three. Before the next season opened the school decided it would go in for football on a large scale and hired A. N. (Bo) McMillan, three-time All-American back of the "Playing Colonels" of Centre College, as head coach.

When "Bo" accepted the offer, Norton stepped down and served as line coach during his three-year regime. The school found no fault with Norton's work and only the

feeling that a big name was needed caused him to be replaced as chief-of-staff.

When McMillan left to accept a more lucrative offer at the close of the 1924 season, Norton was offered his old post but declined it and continued as assistant under Earl Davis for the 1925 season. The following year he was prevailed upon to become head coach again, which job he took and held until he came to Texas A. & M. in 1934.

MANY CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN ANNUAL SINCE DAYS OF '09

By Phil Levine

From the dusty files of old college publications comes a Longhorn composed in the year 1909, exactly 30 years ago. The school then had an enrollment of 640.

First noticed in this Longhorn is the thin, Bible-like, white leather cover with Longhorn imprinted in gold letters and a gold picture of the head of a steer.

Turning through the first pages the dedication to R. T. Milner, then president of the school, is seen.

A table of contents is next noticed which includes the contents of each page. The 1908-1909 college calendar is next given which contains the schedule of all major events happening during that period. It is of interest to note that the 1909 calendar is similar to the current calendar in that it contains the spring dances which are referred to as "hops", corps dances, and other similar affairs.

The '09 yearbook contains the usual military section, showing the then eight companies in action, either marching or posing with their rifles. The West Point-style uniforms were worn with the closed collar, which was the number one. Number two was the khaki shirt with a bow tie. Also the usual club section is shown, and if all traditions had been handed down from 1909 to the present time, we would have such clubs as the S. O. L. club, Macaroni club, the "Flunks" club, and the "U-11" club, to name a few.

The "Fun" section which corresponds to the present-day "Greenhorn" is given great emphasis, covering nearly a quarter of the book. The old Sbsa Hall food "gripe" was given great prominence.

Class sections contain the usual individual pictures with the exception of the freshmen, whose names are given. In the senior class section four individual pictures are shown on both sides of half pages, the opposite pages giving the name and activities of each senior.

Included in the annual is a yell section which contains all yells and songs then used. Several are somewhat similar to the current yells, especially the first and last

part of the Aggie War Hymn which was then two separate yells.

The same designs are used throughout the book to outline each page.

Other old Longhorns are found in the files, and each successive book shows a great improvement over the one before. This is due to the increased enrollment each year and greater interest in the publications. Also each editor gains from the experience of past editors.

According to advance reports from George Smith, Longhorn editor, the 1940 yearbook is to be the largest and most expensive Longhorn assembled. It will conform to the style of the past Longhorns, but will contain added features, more color, and new ideas.

Ag Engineers To See Educational Movies

The Agricultural Engineering Society will have as guests Tuesday night, November 28, several members of the Dallas branch of John Deere Plow Company.

The entertainment for the evening is sponsored by this company, and promises to be very interesting as well as educational. Several motion pictures will be shown including "Joel Gentry In Hollywood", "Horses and Mules For Sale", "Making Tractor History", "A Short-Cut Through Harvest", "What's New In Farm Equipment", and "In The Field With the Model 'L'". The show, which starts at 7 p. m. in the Ag Engineering lecture room, will last about two hours. Anyone interested in this type of program is especially invited to attend.

"OF ALL THE PROFESSIONS, that of teacher most needs the full four years of liberal arts work. To include in these four years more than a minimum of specific teacher training courses defeats the whole purpose of our efforts." New York University's Dean H. E. Hawkes believes emphasis should be placed on training future teachers what to teach, not how to teach.

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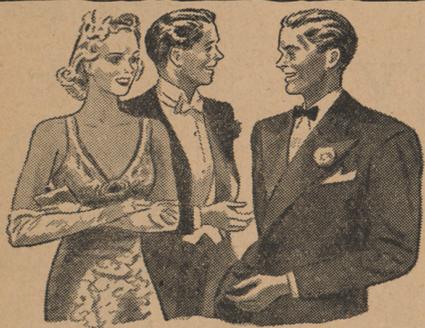
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