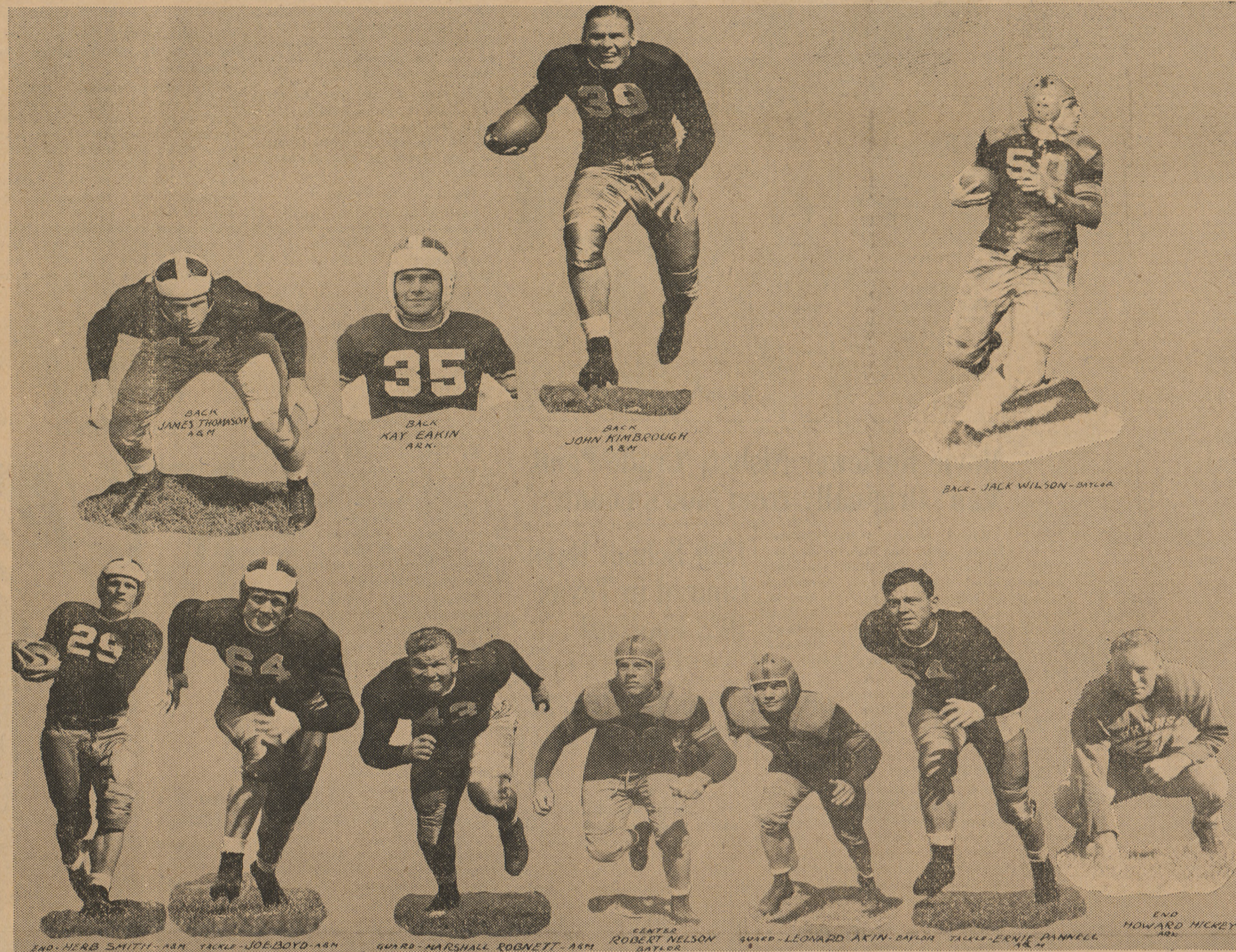
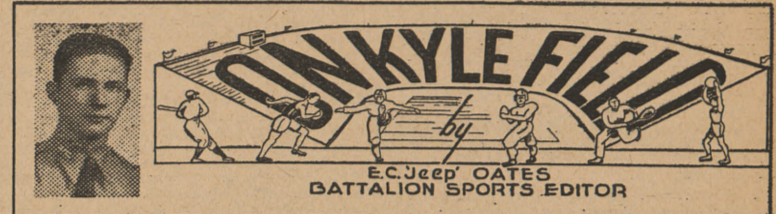


Six Aggies Are Named On The Battalion's All-Conference Team

Here's the All-Conference Team Selected by Sports Editor Oates



BACK - JAMES THOMSON - A.M. BACK - KAY EAKIN - ARK. BACK - JOHN KIMBROUGH - A.M.
 END - HERB SMITH - ARK. TACKLE - JOE BOYD - ARK. GUARD - MARSHALL ROBNETT - A.M.
 CENTER - ROBERT NELSON - BAYLOR QUARTERBACK - LEONARD AKIN - BAYLOR TAILBACK - ERNIE PANELL - A.M.
 END - HOWARD HICKEY - ARK.



Following is the All-Conference team that I have been promising for some time. It is a team that has weight, size, ability and everything. The average weight is 201 pounds and the average height is over six feet.

Here it is.
 Howard Hickey, Ark. LE
 Ernie Panell, A. & M. LT
 Leonard Akin, Baylor G
 Robert Nelson, Baylor C
 Marshall Robnett, A.M. ... RG
 Her Smith, A. & M. RE
 Kay Eakin, Ark QB
 Jim Thomason, A. & M. ... HB
 Jack Wilson, Baylor HB
 John Kimbrough, A. & M. ... FB

Hickey and Smith can play the wings on both offense and defense. They are both excellent pass receivers. Smith has caught seven for 143 yards and Hickey has drug in seven for 104 yards.

There is no question about Panell and Boyd being the best tacklers. They both go over 200 pounds and are very fast. They play excellent offensive ball and are incomparable at defense.

Sanders of S. M. U. has been selected on many teams, but someone doesn't know a tackle from a forward pass.

Robnett is the best guard in the United States (at least in my opinion), so he gets on any All-Conference selection. Leonard Akin gets the other position because of his defensive work. The conference had few outstanding guards this year.

Nelson gets the center slot without a question. He is good both on defense and offense. He has tallied 21 points with his educated toe this year.

Origin of "30" Traced To Time When Reporters Used xxx For Endings

"What does 'Thirty' at the end of your copy mean?" is a question that is always being asked reporters. Recently the staff did some research and found out the origin of this term, which is used in newspaper offices and at the ends of radio broadcasts alike.

These are a few of the stories as they found them:

When newspaper stories were written by hand and not on typewriters, 'x' indicated a period, 'xx' the end of a paragraph, and 'xxx' the end of a story.

One melodramatic tale is that during a disaster information was being wired to the outside world by a telegrapher whose number was thirty. One by one, his assistants left him, but he remained at his telegraph key until he was killed. The last thing he sent over the wire was 'thirty.'

One that sounds more logical is that early telegraph operators had a code of their own for sideline conversation on the wire. The figure '1' meant 'wait a minute,' '13' was 'what's the matter?,' and '30' meant the 'end of item,' Newspaper men picked up '30' for use in their work.

And here's the last: there was a reporter who sent dispatches to his office by messenger. The office closed at 3 o'clock, so at the bottom of the last sheet he would put '3 o'clock.' It was gradually shortened to '3 o,' and finally to '30.'

The members of the staff have grammar on the brain, but they also have printers' ink in their veins, and they wouldn't think of finishing their copy without writing "30".

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McCracken Praises Aggies, A. & M. System of Athletics

(Editor's note: The following is an excerpt from a column written by Bob McCracken for the December 7 issue of the Corpus Christi Caller.)

The Texas-A. & M. game was a thriller. The Lookout enjoyed it immensely, and reveled in the Aggies victory. A. & M. is a great institution, and in winning the Southwestern Conference title this year, it achieved more fame and attention than had it hired the brainiest professor in the world. Perhaps it's irony, but it's also true, and from every standpoint, educational as well as athletic, the Aggies deserved their well-earned victory.

In scholastic achievement, practical education and training and on the playing field, A. & M., in the Lookout's opinion, is Texas' most typically native school. The courses it features return men to the soil, to the great outdoors, and none, the Lookout wagers, can boast a better record of successful graduates. Students there must be adapted to their chosen professions to stick through the four years, they know and practice a constitutional equality and there is a minimum of the gleam and

glitter than so often fits square pegs into round holes at the universities. Perhaps it is merely coincidence, but the Lookout has never known an A. & M. graduate who couldn't make ends meet somehow.

The Lookout, for one, is enjoying the prospect of having the football team from that institution represent this truly individual state on one of the limelighted gridirons of the nation. In good seasons and bad alike any opponent is at a disadvantage against the Texas Aggies; they must play, not 11 men, but the entire cadet corps. The school has spirit, rough, ready and health.

Time was when the Lookout viewed with alarm the alleged over-emphasis of football in high schools and colleges. Speedily, he is losing that idea, particularly as it may be applied to colleges such as A. & M. where the team, its play and record belong to everyone enrolled, not only the coach and the boys he drills.

If sports, and particularly football, are overemphasized in this country, there is excellent reason. In what other branch of human endeavor are ethics, the rules of the game, so carefully enforced

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and abided by? A crooked politician is unmasked, but few are surprised by the big black headlines; we take it as matter of fact, to be expected. Thugs, bandits, liars, cheats are known to every branch of society and business; terrible indeed must be their misdeeds to get more than a shrug.

Not so on the football fields, the baseball diamonds, the cinder path and so on. There, a man is submitted to the closest scrutiny, praised for his good work, sympathized with in his mistakes, if he only plays fair.

A player throwing a game for pay from the gambling gentry, one who carries a blackjack onto the field to maim his opponents, are not tolerated. Crookedness, cruelty, mean deceit on the more popular fields of sport would result in a real national scandal.

No, football in colleges and public schools is not over-emphasized. All in all, its good points outweigh the bad and the fault is not in emphasis, but in concentration. Develop it, spread it out so all who are physically fit may participate, such as is done at Texas A. & M., and it ranks second to none as a course of college training. It teaches men how to win and lose, and how to play the game.

Census Bureau "TCU" Team Wins Title

FORT WORTH. — T. C. U. — national champions for 1939!

This time it was a seven-man team playing touch football, in the nation's capital, Washington, D. C., playing as the "Horned Frogs", that won a championship.

In the Census Bureau of the federal government, eight touch football teams, organized under the direction of Eugene Huddleston, T. C. U. ex-student, played the banners of Columbia, Dartmouth, Minnesota, Yale, Notre Dame, Stanford, Missouri, and Texas Christian.

The "Frogs" went through the season undefeated, and won the league championship. They then played the champions from the Department of Agriculture—and won 77 to 2.

Trophies were presented to the winning players at a "victory banquet" by Sam Baugh and Ki Aldrich, with Phil Handler and Melvin Diggs, two other ex-Frog lettermen, as honored guests.

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Pineapple, Sliced, No. 2 can	15
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