



### Pistol Team Shaping Up For Big Year; Bob Shiels Plasters Board For "288"

The pistol team is about in shape to start defending their national title which they won last year. This writer has been led to believe the team is better this year than they were last. If they repeat they will have to have lots of luck as well as lots of skill.

a 288 out of a possible 300 the other day. He hit a 91 on slow fire, a 97 on rapid and a cool 100 on timed. That is pretty good country shooting. Bob is going to run into trouble one of these days if he ever has a daughter. The poor girl will spend many nights at home because the boys will be afraid to come around the "gunner's" house.

### Coaches Will Vie For Caper Honors At Basketball Game Saturday Night

Coaches Hub McQuillan of the Aggies and Ralph Wolf of Baylor are due to put on a show here Saturday night when the Baylor Bears invade DeWare gym. Both of those guys get worked up during a close game and they can't sit still on the bench.

Past games between these teams lead us to think that this game will be a battle to the finish and will be "tight like that" all the way. After the game is over the coaches will get together and each will try to tell the other how his team tried to give the other the game.

### Odds And Ends From Here And There

Ned McDonald, senior footballer at Texas this past season, is quoted with the following statement, "Rhoten Shetley of Furman is as good a fullback as one could want. He's fast, hits hard, and is an excellent line backer. He averaged six and a half yards per try and I'd rather have him on my team than John Kimbrough." McDonald played with this boy in the North-South game and maybe he is a good as he says, but I will still take Kimbrough for my man. John just averaged a mere 6.3 yards per carry against Tulane and we are of the opinion that the Tulane first team could have beaten the South and their second team the North all in the same afternoon.

It looks like Texas has settled down and are away for another cage title. . . . Dizzy Dean is asking for \$15,000 to pitch this year. . . . Houston is still in the air wanting to know who the next Rice coach will be. . . . Coach Art Adamson needs a goalie for his champion water polo team. . . . The football players say the best banquet is one where there are no speakers and if there AINT no speakers there aint no banquet. . . . Dizzy Dean says a wisdom tooth has been causing the trouble to his salary wing. . . . These letter jackets the football players are getting this year are plenty smooth, wonder what Hickman would give on one if you could swipe it?

### Frog Five Already Occupy Cage Cellar

FORT WORTH, Jan. 10.—Not quite 10 per cent of the 1940 Southwest Conference basketball games have been played and the T. C. U. Horned Frog five is already at the bottom of the list. Rice took the Frogs 57 to 41 in Houston Friday night and the Aggies drubbed them 44 to 31 in College Station Saturday night.

boys' winning a few of their starts. "I still think we're good enough to chalk up two or three victories before the season closes. We were good enough against Rice to have won from A. & M."

The hapless Frogs have to meet the Rice Owls again next Friday night, this time in Fort Worth. Coach Mike Brumbelow, however, maintains his faith in the

### Boxing Bag Installed

The training bag ordered by the Boxing Club has arrived and is now ready for use in the boxing room of the gymnasium. This bag, also known as a "heavy bag" or "body bag", is three feet long and sixteen inches in diameter. It is one of the favorite pieces of equipment among boxers, furnishing the opportunity to develop a real wallop and good endurance, so vital to a first-rate boxer.

Since the bag is proving so popular that it is becoming a problem to give everyone a chance to use it, a method of reserving it for individual use will be put into effect by the Boxing Club members tonight. The members will be assigned a definite time to use the bag and since it is club property—bought and paid for by the boys themselves—it will be reserved for use of members only. However, all new members will automatically be given the right to train with it.

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# Aggies, Ponies Meet Here Saturday

## Cage Team Must Win To Stay in Race

### Aggies Undefeated In Conference Play

One up and eleven to go for the Texas Aggie cage team, and like the football team, they are still undefeated and untied. However, that record is quite likely to go into the ash pile Saturday night when they meet the Baylor Bears in DeWare Field House, formerly the Memorial Gymnasium, on the campus here at 7:30 o'clock.

Although the Aggies won from T. C. U. while Baylor was taking a last-minute licking from S. M. U., it does not hold that the Bears have an inferior team. In fact, Coach "Hub" McQuillan rates them among the top teams in the conference this season. At any rate, they are one of the toughest for the Aggies regardless of what other teams may do to them.

The cadets have been held back somewhat by the overtime football season and Bill Dawson, center, and Bill Buchanan, guard, only reported for basketball this week in time for the T. C. U. game. Both are ends on the football team, and both played in the Sugar Bowl game on New Year's Day. Dawson got into the T. C. U. game but Buchanan still was new to the Aggie system and watched from the bench. He was an All-State player at Weatherford Junior College last season and should see considerable service this season.

Coach McQuillan seldom announces his starting team until just before the jump but at this time it looks like he will start the following team: Forward—Tom Tinker, Mt. Vernon; and Jude Smith, Houston; Center—Bill Dawson, Crockett; Guards—Capt. Woody Varner, Cottonwood; and Bill Henderson, Houston.

**INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By HUB JOHNSON

Old weather man has still been causing a bit of delay of going any further in the program so far this year but now and then a few outside games are slipped in.

D Cavalry wearing the white caps swam, ducked, fought, substituted out over 3 Hq. Field Artillery to claim the title for their league. The two teams were tied for the top place and the game was played to decide the representative for the league.

Freshmen who are participating in Intramural Athletics for Physical Education credit are reminded that they are to meet with their original P. E. section for the remainder of the term. This was specially called to my attention for the benefit of those concerned.

Three games of handball just about finished up the games for the week until Wednesday night. These three were all forfeits, with Hq. Signal Corps, C Engineers, and L Infantry receiving the benefit of the ruling.

To forfeit a game not only goes against the record of the team as far as scores are concerned but also as far as the general talk of the team that certain organization might have.

It is true that there are many reasons for forfeiting games, some of which seem unavoidable, but with nearly fifty men to play these games, it seems like an evident fact that the organization could have at least a team to represent them on the field or court no matter if the team does have little hopes of winning.

The team that receives credit for the forfeit doesn't feel as though they have rightfully won a game but merely received credit for being present. And yet they go to the trouble to go down to play. Many of these players give up something that they could have done to play the games.

This is not the manager's fault in all cases for the larger majority of times the games are forfeited due to the lack of players.

Try to give the other team a break and, if it does look hopeless, notify the office and inform the opponents. That is one sign of good sportsmanship.

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## Cadet Cage Captain



Durward B. "Woody" Varner, who came forward rapidly in his junior year last winter and has been showing greatly improved form in practice and games this year, is the captain of the 1940 Texas Aggie basketball team, which opened its conference season last Saturday night against the T. C. U. Aggies at College Station, winning 44 to 31. Varner, from Cottonwood, Texas, also served as president of his class during his sophomore and junior years and now is cadet colonel of the corps.

### 1940 AGGIE BASKETBALL ROSTER

Head Coach		Captain	
H. R. (Hub) McQuillan (North Dakota Aggies 1916)		Durward B. (Woody) Varner	
No.	Player	Home Town	Pos. Age Ht. Wt. Exp.
17	Dawson, William (Big Dog)	Crockett	C 24 6.5 225 1-VL
18	Smith, Jude	Houston	G 25 6.1 170 1-VL
19	Duncan, Harold (Frog)	Kingsville	C 22 6.4 190 1-VL
20	Adams, Billie Joe	Bellaire	F 20 6.4 180 2-VS
21	Lang, J. T. (Jaytee)	Kurten	F 25 6.0 175 1-VL
22	Henderson, Bill (Jitterbug)	Houston	F-C 20 6.4 195 FN
23	Stevenson, Charlie (Steve)	Johnson City	G 19 5.11 190 FN
24	Tinker, Thomas (Tink)	Mt. Vernon	F 25 6.0 180 1-VL
25	Varner, Durward B. (Woody)	Cottonwood	G 23 6.1 170 1-VL
26	*Dwyer, Sam (Sammy)	El Paso	G 21 6.0 175 1-VL
27	Adams, Raymond (Ray)	Copperas Cove	F 19 6.0 160 FN
29	Buchanan, William (Buck)	Weatherford	G 20 6.1 175 JC
30	Crouch, James (Jim)	Ft. Worth	G 19 6.0 175 FN

\*—Will be eligible at mid-term in February  
VL—Varsity Letter VS—Varsity Squad  
JC—Junior College FN—Freshman Numeral

## History of Texas Written by Prof

"Steen's History of Texas", just off the press, is the work of Dr. Ralph W. Steen, associate professor of history at A. & M., and appears to be the book to fill the long-felt need for a compact comprehensive history of Texas.

The book covers Texas from the time it was a province of Spain on down through the years to the Twentieth Century. All phases of Texas history are covered, including its people, farm, ranch and industrial development, and its politics.

given only when they add something to the historical value of the book. Dr. Steen says that it is free from prejudice and that his material has been carefully selected. "It is not written to perpetuate the fame of one man nor take sides in the controversial issues of Texas history, but to give the pupil an understanding and appreciation of the whole of Texas history", he explained.

Prior to joining the faculty of A. & M. in 1935, Dr. Steen taught Texas history in the Reagan County public schools, Hillsboro High School and Hillsboro Junior College. He is also the author of numerous historical studies in the "Southwest Historical Quarterly" and also of several books on Texas.

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