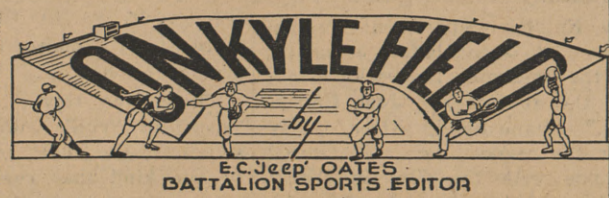


# Aggies Lead Conference In Basketball



## Cadet Attendance At Basketball Games Is Poor; Team Deserves More Support

Last Saturday night the Aggies played Baylor here and the great sum of about 1500 cadets were there to watch the thrilling fray. Vacant seats were very prominent, but there was lots of noise as the fighting cagers trimmed the heavily favored Bears to take the conference lead.

That was the second fast game played here by the Cadets in the conference race and it was the second time the corps failed to turn out for the game.

There are enough coupon books out to more than fill the stands and reserved seats are not being sold. Come on down to that gym and pack it full. I don't feature

## A. & M. Has Nation's Best Coach For At Least Five More Football Wars

Was talking to Coach Homer Norton Saturday night and he was all smiles, even on top of his face. He had just signed a new contract that is reported to be for five years at an unannounced salary. We are sure he received a nice increase in pay as he deserved. You can make your own guess as to the amount.

There is little doubt in any mind that Norton was the leading coach of the past season and it is nice to know that he will be directing

either Rice or S. M. U. beating the Aggies this week if both sides are packed full of yelling cadets.

One of the SMARTEST things this writer has heard about is of the fellows, CADETS, who ask the basketball players the next day after a game how had they got beat. That sounds more like a question I would expect one of the "New York Indians" to ask. I can't feature a true Aggie doing that. If these students don't care to go see a game and see who wins they could at least read a newspaper the next day and find out.

The team has enough to its hands in beating the opposing team without having to overcome remarks like that.

our team for at least five more years.

It is understood that some of the assistant coaches also received an increase in pay for their outstanding work.

It seems that five-year contracts are the fad this year. Stanford, West Virginia University and Texas A. & M. awarded these half-decade contracts. This will tend to make athletics at these schools more stable. Rice also gave a five-year contract to Neely.

## Odds and Ends; Tinker Shines

Tom Tinker drove the Baylor players crazy Saturday night with his thefts. . . Landis hit Beaumont a lick when he called 21 Texas league players free agents. . . Cecil Isbell, the old Houston high school product, completed a pass that was good for 98 yards and a touchdown against a bunch of pro All-Stars. The pass went 67 yards in the air before Hutson grabbed it. . . Mr. LaMotte who holds out as sports editor of the Daily Texan must not have noticed the free rides for five yards that Kimbrough was giving the Tulane players. . . Ralph Flanagan, the swimming streak that Texas got by some means, has pulled stakes and left the University. . . Did anyone ever head of trading an "A" for two "D's"? . . If it can be done this column would like to

know. . . Ask Varner what he kept telling the "Clip" on the Baylor team.

## "Choc" Kelley Has New L. A. High Team

Victor M. "Choc" Kelley, '08, Aggie athletic immortal, is now head coach at the Woodrow Wilson High School, 2911 Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, California. He moved to that place last fall after coaching for several years at the Hollywood High School. The Woodrow Wilson High is a new school and "Choc" enjoyed a great season last fall.

During the past fall he proved very helpful to A. & M. in arranging next fall's game in Los Angeles with U. C. L. A. and also publicized the Aggies on several radio programs.

## DEFEAT BAYLOR HERE SATURDAY NIGHT, 49-46

Aggie cagers surprised many followers of Southwest Conference basketball Saturday night by turning back the experienced Baylor five with a breath-taking score of 49 to 46.

It was a different game than the Aggies had ever played earlier this year. Cooperation between the team members showed a great deal of improvement and can be named as the reason for the successful outcome.

From the first until the last, it was a nip and tuck contest with first the Aggies leading and then the Bears taking a narrow lead. Varner made the first volley for the cadets and Bryski scored five seconds later to put the Bears back into the running.

Late in the first half Grady Vaughn, Baylor guard, pulled a hip muscle and was removed to the hospital.

The Aggies were shooting from the floor in any spot and making many count. At the half the Bears led with a score of 23 to 21.

Upon returning to the game the cadet team played tight ball up until the last six minutes when Varner sank a long shot to give the Aggies a breathing spell and in the last thirty seconds Tinker sank a field shot and a free throw to mark up the final score. On this free throw, Baylor also was credited with a point.

BAYLOR (46)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Terry, f-g	5	2	2	12
Creasy, f	1	1	2	3
Barens, f	0	0	0	0
Bryski c-f	9	1	2	19
Fridvaldsky, c	1	0	2	2
Boswell, c	0	0	0	0
Vaughn, g	3	0	1	6
Shahan, g	1	2	1	4
Gilbert, g	0	0	4	0
Totals	20	6	14	46

AGGIES (49)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Smith, f	1	1	1	3
Tinker, f	2	6	3	10
Stevenson, f-g	3	0	0	6
B. Adams, f	0	0	2	0
Dawson, c	2	2	1	6
Duncan, c	0	0	0	0
Henderson, g	8	0	0	16
Varner, g	4	0	2	8
Totals	20	9	9	49

Half-time score: Aggies 21, Baylor 23.

Free throws, missed—Smith, Tinker, Dawson, 3, Henderson 3, Varner 2, Creasy, Bryski, Shahan 2.

Officials: Bogges, Smith.

## STAG SMOKER IS POSTPONED BY COACH NORTON

"The stag smoker that was to have been held tonight in the Mess Hall at 7:30 o'clock has been postponed until a later date," according to Coach Homer Norton.

Since the notices were sent out, John Kimbrough has received an invitation from the Touchdown Club in Washington, D. C., to be present there tonight to receive a special award naming him as the outstanding All-American player of 1939. This presentation will be made by Jesse Jones.

Coach Norton said, "It will be necessary for me to attend this meeting with Kimbrough, and we have decided to postpone the smoker until a later date when Kimbrough and myself will be able to attend."

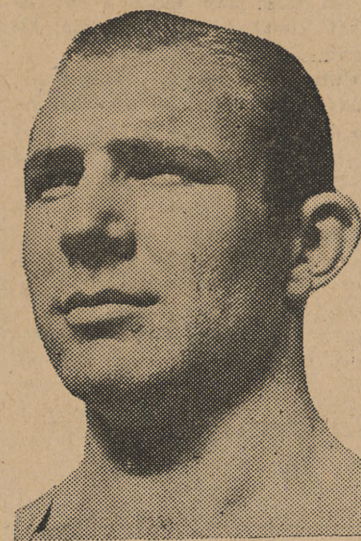
Kimbrough and Norton flew from Dallas Sunday night and will return either Wednesday or Thursday.

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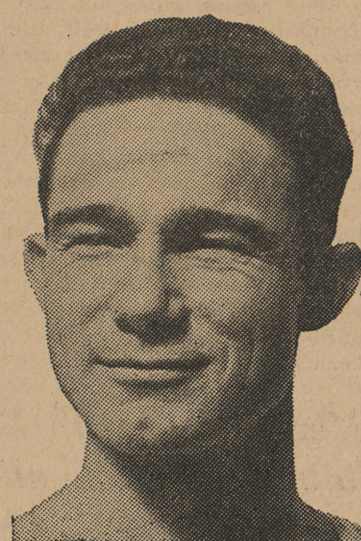
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## BASKETBALL HAWKS



Dawson



Tinker

Left to right: William "Big Dog" Dawson, big Aggie cage center, and Tommy Tinker, the lad who gave Baylor a fit.

Both boys are playing their second year as Aggie starters and both are big reasons why the Aggies are on top of the conference ladder. Dawson is six feet and five inches high and is a valuable man under the basket. Tinker is fast and can hit the basket from left field.

## FOOTBALL FANS INVITED HERE FOR BANQUET HONORING CHAMPS

Football fans, and especially A. & M. men, are invited to attend the annual football banquet scheduled this year on January 27 to honor the Texas Aggie team. The banquet will be held at Sbsa Hall at 7 p. m.

Reservations for the banquet must be made by January 25. Tickets are \$1 each and may be reserved or purchased at the Former Students Association office. Many football fans are expected to join the college family in honoring this year's team and its coaches.

F. Marion Law, '95, president of the College Board of Directors, has been invited to make the evening's address and Colonel Ike Ashburn will serve as toastmaster.

Letters and all special awards will be presented. Among the special awards are the Bert Pfaff trophy to the best blocker, the awards to the most valuable man, and to the captain, and the All-American plaques.

Officials of the Sugar Bowl have accepted an invitation to be present

ent for the occasion. At five p. m. on the day of the banquet, January 27, the Sugar Bowl officials will formally present the Sugar Bowl to the student body and football team at a student convocation. They will also present gold footballs to the members of the team. Visitors are invited to arrive in time to witness this colorful occasion.

A. & M. will hold the original Sugar Bowl for a year and then receive a replica of the original bowl, which will be a permanent trophy.

## To Start Examining Voices Of Prospective Teachers

School boards will begin examining the voices, as well as other characteristics, of applicants for teaching positions in the near future, Dr. Iva Cox Gardner, head of the Baylor University psychology department, has prophesied.

Students learn much more readily under a teacher with a calm sure voice, she said, whereas a teacher with a nervous voice can make "nervous wrecks" out of her pupils within two months time.

ent. 2 Hq. Field Artillery and A Chemical Warfare both have four wins and one loss records while C Coast Artillery has three wins and one loss. These three teams have been threatening each other throughout the entire schedule.

2nd Headquarter's last win was from D Engineers with the winners taking two games, thus playing no other.

C Coast Artillery won over A Chemical Warfare to hand the Kiest Hall team their first loss. The score of this was 2 to 1.

The Class B bracket has narrowed down to the finals in many sports with the last games to be scheduled by drawing today.

Touch football and basketball will be the sports of interest in the two final runs.

Teams in the finals for the Class B basketball include the following: A Engineers, A Cavalry, A Coast Artillery, after winning out in a three-way play-off, L Infantry, B Combat Train Field Artillery, M Infantry, D Cavalry, and A Infantry.

H Infantry beat out C Infantry last week to prevent the five-way tie in the five team league of 'fish' touch football. Their record now stands three wins and one loss with the other member two wins and two losses.

The teams to draw for placing in the finals are E Field Artillery, G Infantry, H Infantry, E Engineers, B Infantry, B Coast Artillery, E Infantry, B Cavalry, F Infantry, and either F Field Artillery or I Infantry.

## Cadets Have Hard Fray Against Rice Thursday

### "Dark Horse" Aggies Will Meet Tough Opposition, But Should Come Out on Top

By "Jeep" Oates

The Aggie cagers will face some tough opposition this week when they meet Rice here Thursday night and S. M. U. here Saturday night.

Before the season started Rice was in the favored slot along with Texas and they are still right up there in that position although they have each lost one game, Rice to Texas and Texas to Arkansas.

At the present time only the Aggies are undefeated and they are standing right at the top of the conference ladder, a place right along with their more famous football brothers.

One writer has referred to the cadets as a dark horse and says if they beat Rice and S. M. U. they will be the darkest horse in history.

If they beat these two teams, and it is altogether possible, they will be called the old black mare and not a dark horse.

The Aggie club is functioning smoothly and the desire of the team can be noticed up into the stands. Captain Varner has improved his playing 100 per cent over last year and he is doing his bit to keep the rest of the team fighting. Bill Dawson, while not quite up to his playing standard

that he will reach in the next few days, is a money ball player. He is good on offense and defense.

Billy Joe Adams, and Jude Smith are going good and Charlie Stevenson is bringing a grin to Coach McQuillan's face every time he steps on the court. Nothing needs be said about Bill Henderson who has greatly improved his defense and who has always been a whiz on offense.

Rice barely got by S. M. U. this week in a 36 to 34 victory and this makes it appear that the two teams are about equal. The cadets will be playing at home, however, and this will be some advantage to them.

Arkansas invades Baylor for two games this week and the Porkers should take both frays. Texas meets T. C. U. at Austin Saturday night and the Frogs will be pushed farther into the cellar.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Texas A. & M.	2	0	1.000	93	77
Rice Institute	3	1	.750	187	149
Texas U.	3	1	.750	177	157
Arkansas U.	1	1	.500	87	96
Sou. Methodist	1	2	.333	105	111
Texas Christian	0	2	.000	96	149
Baylor	0	2	.000	90	96

This Week's Schedule:  
Thursday: Rice vs. Texas Aggies at College Station.  
Friday: Baylor vs. Arkansas at Waco  
Saturday: Texas Christian vs. Texas at Austin; Southern Methodist vs. Texas Aggies at College Station; Baylor vs. Arkansas at Waco.

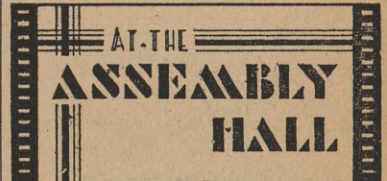
Last Week's Results:  
Texas 31, S. M. U. 24; Texas 52, Arkansas 33; Rice 48, T. C. U. 24; Arkansas 54, Texas 44; Texas Aggies 49 Baylor 46; Rice 36, S. M. U. 34.

## Articles by Denhardt Are in Many Journals

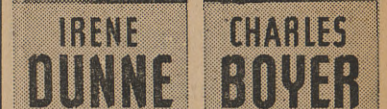
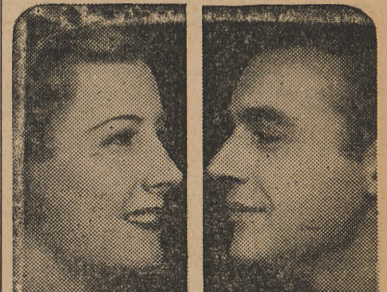
A number of articles by Robert M. Denhardt, instructor in the Agricultural Economics Department, have been published in recognized magazines recently. One of these was a series of four articles on stock horses, featured in "The Cattleman's" magazine, which is published in Fort Worth. The first of the series started in the September, 1939 issue with an article on "The Palomino" of yesterday and today. In regard to this series, Mr. Denhardt received an excellent write-up in the editorial comments column of "The Cattleman," written by Tad Moses, editor. He referred to Mr. Denhardt as being a leading authority on the history of the Western horse, and for that reason and many others his articles were selected to be published in "The Cattleman."

"The Palomino" was also published in the December, 1939, monthly feature issue of the "Western Livestock Journal." The second of this series was the article "Peter McCue," a story about a famous quarter horse; the third was about "Peculiar Spotted Ponies"; the fourth was about "Stock Horse Shows."

"The American Hereford Journal" of November 15, 1939, published another of his articles on the "Quarter Horse." This was a story showing why the quarter horse was faster than the thoroughbred at shorter distances. "The Western Horseman," a magazine published in California, carried another of his stories entitled "New Light on Old Steeldust."



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By HUB JOHNSON

It's time for finals again, not only in the classes but also in intramurals.

Class A water polo finals commenced yesterday evening with A Chemical Warfare and D Cavalry matched against each other and I Infantry and 3rd Combat Train Field Artillery making up the other game. F Field Artillery was standing by for the winner of the A. Chem-D Cavalry contest and B Engineers was resting for the winner of the second. Other teams that drew into the quarter finals were E Field Artillery, C Cavalry and C and B Coast Artillery.

C Field Artillery and G Coast Artillery are the two teams holding up the Class A touch football final play-offs. Every time the game is scheduled it either rains or something else comes up.

A Field Artillery marked up an impressive win over C Engineers late last week by turning back their opponents with a top heavy score of 10 to 1. This is the first game in this sport to end with such a top heavy score.

A forfeit blurred the record of 2nd Combat Train Field Artillery last Friday evening as they failed to turn up for a scheduled match of handball with I Infantry. This gives the Infantry team another mark towards the finals to which they seem to be pretty well headed.

In League C of the upperclassmen handball, the three-way fight for the top still seems to be pres-