

# Aggies Begin Thirty-Day Spring Training Period

## Prospects Still Look Bright For 1940, Norton Says

When they dealt hands in the Southwest Conference 1940 football pot this week, Coach Homer Norton of the national champions, the Texas Aggies, looked at his cards, stayed for opening and saw all raises, but he didn't like the ante.

When final grades forced a discard, the A. & M. College director of athletics made a decision:

"I'll play these," Norton told the dealer, and he began hasty preparations for one of the busiest 30 days of spring football ever seen around Aggieland.

Lost by graduation was his All-American tackle, Joe Boyd; his All-Conference end, Herbie Smith; and his highly capable passing and point-after-touchdown kicking quarterback, Walemon Price. A half-dozen more senior squadmen will graduate in June, but an exceptionally fine group of new material is coming up from Coach Hub McQuillan's freshman squad as replacements.

Cullen Rogers was the only squadman to be laid low by scholastic difficulties. He will return to school next fall and make a fresh start in the hopes of being eligible for two years of varsity competition.

Ellis "Boots" Simmons, laid low by scholastic shortcomings last year, came through with flying colors, and will be a strong contender for the end position left vacant by Herbie Smith.

Pete Henry who returned to A. & M. last fall suffering from malaria fever, has fully recovered, and will be out for the guard position he was counted upon to occupy during the 1939 season.

Twenty-four varsity lettermen, seventeen of them seniors, will be available for the Aggies' attempt to overthrow tradition and repeat as Southwest Conference champions in 1940.

Led by John Kimbrough, the backfield will have such stellar performers as James Thomason, peerless blocking back; Bill Conatser, kicker and broken-field runner; Derace Moser, whose kicking was flawless throughout the year, and who should be a much better all-around football player because of a year's experience; Marion Pugh, who played fine quarterback for the Aggies in 1938 and 1939, and whose passing and ball-carrying were much improved; Marland Jeffrey, who played every position in the Aggie backfield in 1939 gaining valuable experience, and who should prove very valuable his final year at Aggieland; Marshall Spivey; Earl Smith, another speedster who has been carefully developed.

A guard and a tackle again will be depended upon by Coach Norton to stand out as linemen of national prominence. As juniors during the 1939 campaign, Marshall Foch Robnett at guard, and Ernest Pannell at tackle, played brilliantly and consistently enough to be almost unanimous choices for the All-Conference teams. In 1940 these boys should widen the scope of recognition for their prowess. Two years of experience has done them no harm, and another year should see both of these young Texans gaining popularity at their respective posts.

Charles Henke, a tackle in 1938 and a guard in 1939, will play his final year of eligibility at guard where he played very satisfactorily during the Aggies' victory march in 1939. Leon Rahn, a reserve who says lots of action at guard last year, will be playing his final year; and if he develops as rapidly in spring training and next fall as he did last year, some of the other guards will be kept on the bench. Roy Bucek will be better for the additional experience, Norton believes. Ed Robnett will be jousting for starting berth to make the Aggie starting lineup at guard a brother act. "Bubba" Reeves also lettered at guard last year and will be back for more.

The battle for tackle berths on the team will wax hot and furious. Pannell will start, but behind him come Chip Routt, Euel Wesson and Martin Ruby. Leonard Joeris barely missed lettering in 1939 and will be hard to keep out of the lineup this year. He has taken on plenty of weight on his 6 foot 5-inch frame and is exceptionally fast for a 240-pounder.

Senior lettermen ends back this year will include Bill Buchanan, sensational junior college transfer from Weatherford; Jack Kimbrough, brother of All-American

fullback John Kimbrough, and William Dawson, the Aggies' six-foot five-inch kickoff specialist. Jim Sterling, who as a sophomore only 17 years of age made the great Aggie team of 1939 at end, will be back for his second letter heavier than his 185 pounds and taller than his 6-foot 1-inch of last year.

John Abbott, blocking back, kept from lettering last year because of Thomason's "iron man" play, has a good chance of making the grade this year. Henry Force, another good back who failed to letter, is counted upon this year. Carl Geer, Joe Rothe, Finis White, and George Williams are squadmen backs who will be back.

Ends held out of competition this year included Bill Henderson and Willard Clark. Harold Cowley just failed to make his letter last year and he will give a good account of himself this year.

Howard Shelton got in time at center, but not enough to letter, and will be back again this year. Lester Richardson, a guard, will be eligible this year as will James Williams, an end.

Up from Coach McQuillan's freshman squad will come Willie Zapalac of Bellville. Zapalac no doubt will be fitted into the Aggie backfield where he can back up the line, punt, pass and carry the mail. Also promising for a berth on the squad will be Tom Pickett.

Other promising freshman backs include Woodrow Bando, Jackson Webster, James McAshan, Jerry Templeton and Leonard Beard.

Freshman centers include Andrew McBride, William Sibley, and Sam Rankin. Guards: Edward Ogden, Jack Kraras, Freeman Thompson, Felix Bucek, and Ray Mullan.

Tackles: Robert Tulis, James Brewer, James Montfort, and Wayne Irwin.

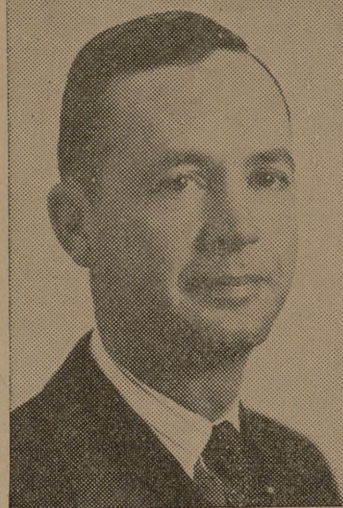
Ends: Cecil Voss, Jamie Wilson, Jimmie Knight, Jim Duncan, and Marvin Mitchell.

Scholastic eligibility requirements laid low the following: George Smith, Paul Wofford, Jack Swank, Rex Sharp, Charles Miller, H. B. Boyd, Lloyd Ferrel, Homer Hall, A. F. Johnson, and Tommy Hagelstein.

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## A. & M. Grad Heads Students' Judging Contests At Annual Fat Stock Show

### STUDENTS' SPONSOR



The boyhood ambition of Rufus R. Peoples was to attend Texas A. & M. and then go back to his farm in Limestone County and make it a first class livestock farm. He realized both ambitions.

Now at the age of 34, Peoples finds himself a busy young man in managing the 2,000 acre Bluff Valley farm owned by his mother, Mrs. Joe Peoples, near Tehuacana. He takes time out from his farm business each year to serve as superintendent of the students' livestock judging contests at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

Peoples was born in the old ranch house on the Bluff Valley Farm in 1906. His father was foreman of the ranch and later purchased a part of the property, including the headquarters. After the death of her husband in 1914, Mrs. Peoples held the farm together while Rufus pursued his education in the public schools and Westminster College at Tehuacana and A. & M. He received his B. S. degree in 1928.

Peoples learned about student judging contests at A. & M. and was a member of the junior and senior teams in the Spring and Fall of 1927, judging that year at the Fort Worth stock show, at Wichita, Kan., Kansas City, Mo., and Chicago, Ill.

Interest in student judging contests continued to grow on Peoples after he left college. He happened to be on hand at the Fort Worth stock show in 1929 when A. L. Ward, then superintendent of the contests, needed a section leader. Peoples got the job and in 1935, Ward turned the superintendency over to Peoples.

During the past ten years, livestock judging contests have grown steadily. The general contest for senior agricultural college students in Fort Worth each March is second only to the contest at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, and attracts teams from points as distant as North Dakota.

Peoples also supervises the southwestern dairy student judging contest, the junior A. & M. and teachers' college contest, Meats Judging contest, Dairy products judging contest, and the 4-H Club dairy judging contest.

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The contest closes March 1, but it is desirable that entries be submitted as early as possible.

Stories should be not more than six pages in length, typewritten and double-spaced. They should be brought to The Battalion Office, 122 Administration Building.

Subjects may be any which the writer chooses, but those dealing with campus life are preferred. The competition is open to any undergraduate student of the college who is not already a member of The Battalion staff.

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Rufus R. Peoples of Tehuacana, manager of a 2,000-acre farm, who takes time out every Spring to serve as superintendent of the student livestock judging contest which will attract 15 college teams from 12 states to Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, March 8-17.

Student enrollment at Wake Forest College has increased 75 per cent during the last decade.

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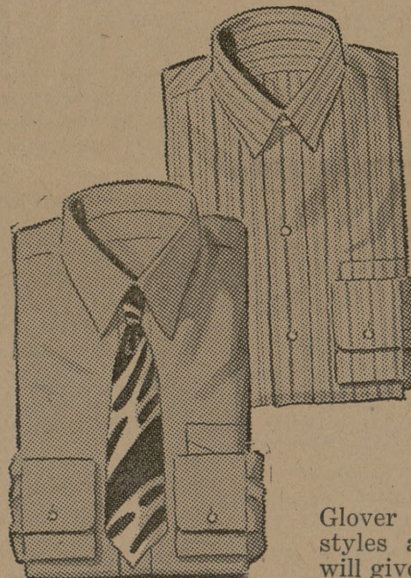
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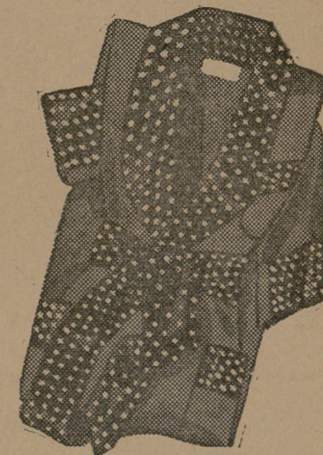
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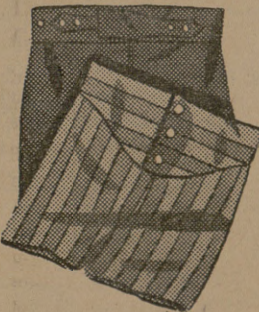
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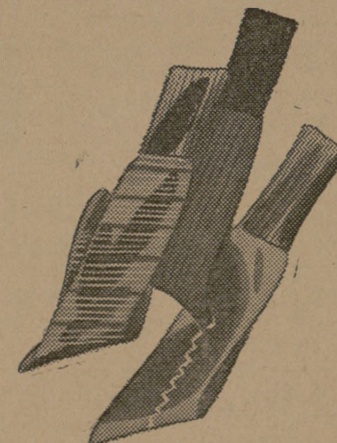
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