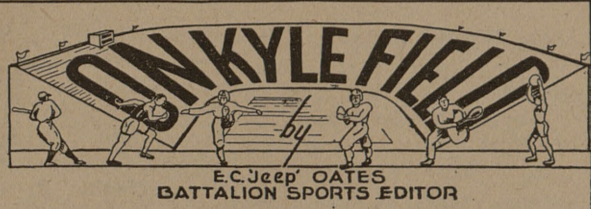


Conference Baseball Season To Open Friday



T.C.U. Will Win Second Place in Baseball According to Willard Ridings' Publicity

It may have been known all the time, but it is news to me to find T. C. U. taking what honors are left after Billy Disch's Texas Longhorns finish their annual business of winning the diamond flag. J. Willard Ridings, publicity shark of the Fort Worth school, is quot-

ed as saying just that. He says the Frogs will have a veteran squad and that is true, but flops are flops regardless of whether they are veterans or not. The Frogs will open their conference season tomorrow against a weak team from S. M. U.

Rifle Team Wins Eighth Corps Area Championship Over Oklahoma A. & M.

C. A. Lewis, W. E. Lewis, Bert Burns, Stanley Krogstad, and W. T. Guy got together for the William Randolph Hearst trophy match which is the same as the Corps Area matches and took first place with a 938 over Oklahoma A. & M. which was second with 931. Arizona was third, New Mexico A. & M. was fourth and New Mexico Military Institute was fifth.

Awards will be given to the three top teams.

The Aggies have been second in this match for the past few years, but this time they whipped out and grabbed top honors.

The national champion will be selected in these matches from the winners of all corps areas. The winning team having the highest score will be placed at the top.

A funny thing is the fact that the high school teams always have a much higher score than the senior college teams and we have found out just why this is.

The matches are fired by mail "Sears Roebuck style", and the scores are certified by an officer or instructor. The high-school lads fire all their targets from a prone position and thus run up large scores. The instructor certifies them and there they are.

It is said that all the high schools do it and they must continue to do it to have a chance with schools that do it anyway.

In other words this high-school

Aggies Meet Owls On Kyle Field To Open League Play

Coach Marty Karow's baseball team will open its conference season here Friday afternoon at 3:30 when they meet the Rice Owls from Houston. The Owls lost two and won one to the Cadets last season, but that one win put the Aggies out of the running for the Conference flag.

These same two teams will meet again Saturday afternoon with the game called for 2:30.

The Owls will not be at full strength as Placido Gamos, Frankie Carswell and Pepper, three of their stars, are still tied up with basketball.

Coach Cecil Griggs has been playing almost every male student at the Institute in an effort to find nine men who can play top-notch ball. In one tilt he used almost thirty men in an effort to find a combination that would work.

The Owls have lost games to Grand Prize, a team which the Karowmen split a two-game play.

A. & M. has veterans at almost every position. Pugh is new at first base, but he is a letterman brought in from the outfield. At second base Jack Lindsey and Marland Jeffrey, two letterman, still are dividing time. "Red" Ballow at short is a new man, brought in to fill the shoes of Chubby Nolen, but it looks like the little man can hold down the position in good shape.

Bob Stone is playing his last year at the hot corner and he can fill the bill with the best of them. A new face in the outfield is John Scoggins, but it looks like he may be the leading hitter of the team when June rolls around.

Captain Dave Alsbrook is a fixture in center and he is the top center fielder in the league. Jack Cooper, conference batting champ in 1938, is in right field.

In "Red" Kirkpatrick and Jack Doran, the cadets have the class of the conference behind the plate. The pitching staff of veterans Walter Bass, Roy Peden and Ralph Lindsey is bolstered by Lefty Bumpers and Charlie Stevenson, two boys who should win lots of ball games.

In games to date the cadets have split with Grand Prize, won from Randolph and lost two to Beaumont.

Just who Karow will put on the hill is a guess, but he will probably start Bass Friday and Stevenson Saturday.

Rice may start one team Friday and have an entirely different one Saturday.

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

By HUB JOHNSON

A week's vacation should have been enough but it seems as though many outfits took another day. As a result more forfeits and double forfeits were rendered than actual games played.

Something new seems to be under way for an Engineer softball team. Gunter Koetter is planning on leading his A Company Engineers against a team from a Houston softball league. The plans are to play the game in Bryan some night soon.

This was tried by Jack Fugate's Aggie Cleaners this summer when they traveled south to play a church team in Houston.

Tonight the semi-finals in both classes of boxing come off with 26 good bouts for the bill.

Jacobs, 159 champ, will meet some of the toughest blows yet this year as he defends his title against Lippard. . . Howard, the Boxing Club president, will face an eager and sly Castleberry also in the 159 class. . . Kerr, who has been wrestling and boxing

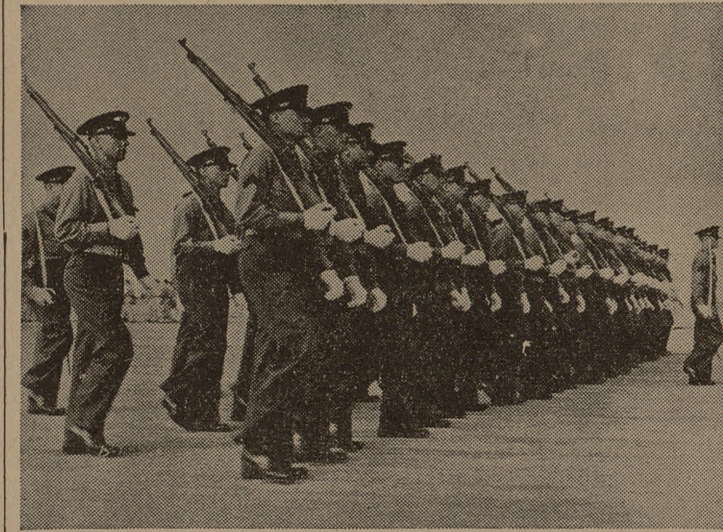
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Cadets of "West Point of the Air" Vie with Grey-clad Corps at U.S.M.A.



Close-up view of one of the platoons of Flying Cadets passing in review during a recent military ceremony held at Randolph Field, Texas, the "West Point of the Air" and home of the Army Air Corps Primary Flying School.

In addition to being taught to fly a plane, each Flying Cadet must also learn the rudiments of close order drill. Commanded by Cadet officers chosen from the upper classmen at Randolph Field, these future pilots of Uncle Sam's planes compare favorably, on the parade ground, with their grey-clad brothers of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

New classes of Flying Cadets begin their training at Randolph Field every six weeks. While in training these picked young Americans between the ages of 20 and 27 receive \$75 per month, uniforms, board and lodging and other services.

A. & M. Rifle Team Wins Hearst Trophy At Eighth Corps Area R.O.T.C. Match

The A. & M. rifle team won the Eighth Corps Area National R. O. T. C. Rifle Competition, the William Randolph Hearst Trophy for 1940.

The team not only fired the highest team score in the match, but also the second highest individual score was fired by a member of the Aggie squad. The number one Aggie team, three teams being entered, won the first place, with the number 2 and 3 teams placing seventeenth and eighteenth respectively, in a field of twenty-three teams.

The colleges which entered teams in the match were these: Texas A. & M., Oklahoma A. & M., University of Arizona, New Mexico A. & M., New Mexico Military Institute, John Tarleton Agricultural College, Colorado School of Mines, and Texas Technological College. The Aggie team's winning score was 938; highest individual score was 191.

The William Randolph Hearst match is held each year in the Eighth Corps Area. The trophy

is usually in the form of a plaque with a service rifle and other shooting equipment in bas relief around its outer edges. These trophies won by Aggie rifle teams in these meets add greatly to the military prestige of A. & M. and form an important part of the school's military history.

The members of the winning Aggie team are: Charles A. Lewis, William E. Lewis Jr., Stanley F. Krogstad, Bert H. Burns, and William T. Guy.

New Uniform Blouse Now Being Displayed

A uniform blouse, cut to the newly authorized pattern, is now on display for the cadets in the window of J. B. Lauterstein's Military Supplies Store at the North Gate.

The new regulation concerning the tailoring of the service coat was issued by Col. George F. Moore, Commandant, a few days before the holidays and this is the first coat made according to the new specifications for the corps to see. The pattern for the new coat calls for a bi-swing back, and the model on display has a piece of silk-webbing across the back of the shoulders to allow further action.

The purpose of the new design is to make the coat more comfortable as well as improve its appearance. The Commandant has ruled that old style blouses may either be worn until no longer serviceable, or be altered to follow the new specifications.

Dallas Utility Firm Interviewing Seniors

J. B. Norvell, assistant secretary in charge of personnel for the Dallas Power and Light Company, and Mr. Davis, another company representative, have been on the campus for the past few days interviewing senior students in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and accounting. The interviews were arranged under the supervision of Lucian Morgan, head of the placement bureau.

The work of the placement bureau in arranging such interviews between students and prospective employers is only a small part of the work of the bureau, Mr. Morgan has now gathered into folders the personal leaflets of those seniors who had them made, and the placement bureau is now preparing to send these departmentalized folders to companies in Texas which need to employ men. More than 400 of the graduating seniors had personal leaflets printed.

Oklahoma Aggies Down Fellow Texas Aggies With Smashing Tennis Defeat

With the gravel tennis courts too wet to play on, the Texas Aggies and Oklahoma Aggies moved over to the concrete ones yesterday and the visitors plastered a shut-out against Coach Manning Smith's Texas netters. The Oklahoma Ags won all four singles and the two doubles matches.

The Texans were at a loss on the faster concrete and the Oklahomans took advantage of their faster game.

In the singles Counts trimmed Mitchell 6-2, 6-1; Karlovich beat Givens 6-love, 6-2; Malahy turned back Giles 6 love; 6 love; and Williams beat Campbell 6-3, 6-1.

In the doubles, Counts and Williams teamed to beat Mitchell and Givens, 6-2, 6-4. In the number two doubles, Karlovich and Malahy paired to trim Adams and Krezdorn, 6-1, 6 love.

The Texas Cadets will come back Friday afternoon and try their luck against the strong Wayne University team which is playing a series through this section. Wayne was undefeated in competition in 1939.

Coach Manning Smith is hoping that the weather will permit the use of the gravel courts for this match as well as all the remaining ones.

E. B. "ERNE" MEYNARD, Senior engineering student, was recently featured in the Southern Pacific Bulletin, the official organ of the Texas and Louisiana Lines of the S. P. Along with his picture was given a short sketch of his achievements at A. & M., which include being on the list of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges".

THANKSGIVING TO BE NOVEMBER 21, SAYS PREXY'S SECRETARY

Illinois Wesleyan University's football manager believes in taking no chances—so he recently wired President Roosevelt:

"I and hundreds of other football managers over the country would like to know the exact date for Thanksgiving in 1940."

A presidential secretary wired back: "The date will be November 21, 1940."

MR. H. P. SMITH OF THE Texas Agricultural Experiment Station will lecture on "Mechanical 'Cotton Pickers'" in the assembly room of the Textile Engineering Building on Thursday, March 28 at 10 o'clock. Mr. Smith is regarded as an authority on this subject and everyone interested in this field is invited to attend.



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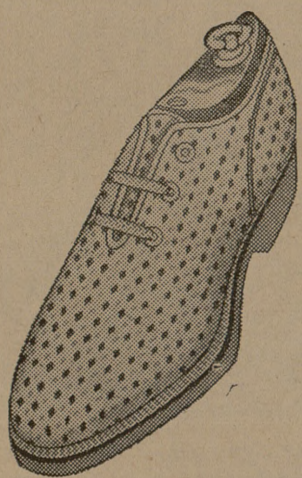
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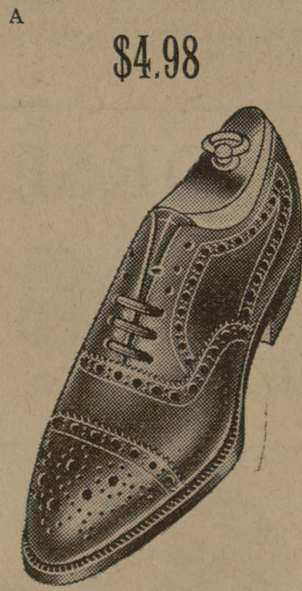
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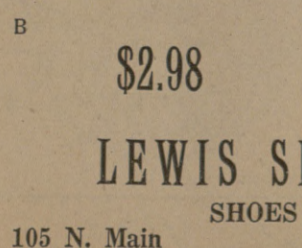
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