

# Greatest Year In A. & M. Sports Predicted For '40-'41

## Football Team Has High Hopes

### Tremendous Physical Plant for Sports Is Found at Aggieland

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There is more to A. & M. than math classes, petroleum labs, army drilling, mess formations, banquets and dances. One has only to look at the many acres and the many buildings, stadiums, swimming pools, gyms, rifle and pistol ranges, polo fields, intramural fields, tennis courts, volleyball courts, tracks, arenas, boxing and wrestling rings, etc., to see that the Aggies have every kind of sport for every kind of student.

In the last two years the Aggies have had three national championship teams, these being in football, water polo, and pistolry. The pistol team won two straight titles.

Last fall the Aggie football team went through a 10-game schedule undefeated and untied and then defeated Tulane in the Sugar Bowl classic to win the mythical national title. Only three men were lost from that great team and the crew, led by All-American fullback John Kimbrough, expect even a greater year this fall. A. & M. has had its share of All-Americans in recent years. Joe Rount made it in both 1936 and '37 and then this past year Joe Boyd and John Kimbrough took over banners. There are four potential All-Americans on the team for this fall: Kimbrough, Marshall Robnett who made the second team last year at guard, Ernie Pannell, the best tackle in Aggie history, and Jim Thomason, blocking back.

Moving over to the basketball team we find that the Aggies were weak last season, but we are promised a different looking picture for the coming season. Coach Hub McQuillan is rated as one of the outstanding basketball mentors in the country. In the last couple of years he has had little material but he has surprised the rest of the conference by winning a goodly portion of the games.

The track outlook is bright. There are five outstanding freshmen coming up and only two outstanding varsity men are going out. Albert Ricks of Houston is a potential champion in the high jump and pole vault. That sounds like the end of the Rice-Texas supremacy. In the last few years the Aggies have been taking third behind Rice, with a few specialty men, and Texas with a good array of track men. The Cadets have beaten Rice in dual and triangular meets consistently.

In baseball it appears that the Aggies in '41 will have the class of the conference in pitching. Lefty Bumpers, the ace left-hander this season, will be back. Charlie Stevenson of Austin and Walter Bass of Houston will vie for the right-hand twirling honors. Bill "Jitterbug" Henderson, the high-scoring basketball player from Houston, will have the first-base slot filled with his six foot four frame. Marion "Dookie" Pugh of Fort Worth will move to the outfield. Cecil Ballow of Stephenville should set the conference afire at shortstop after his year of experience.

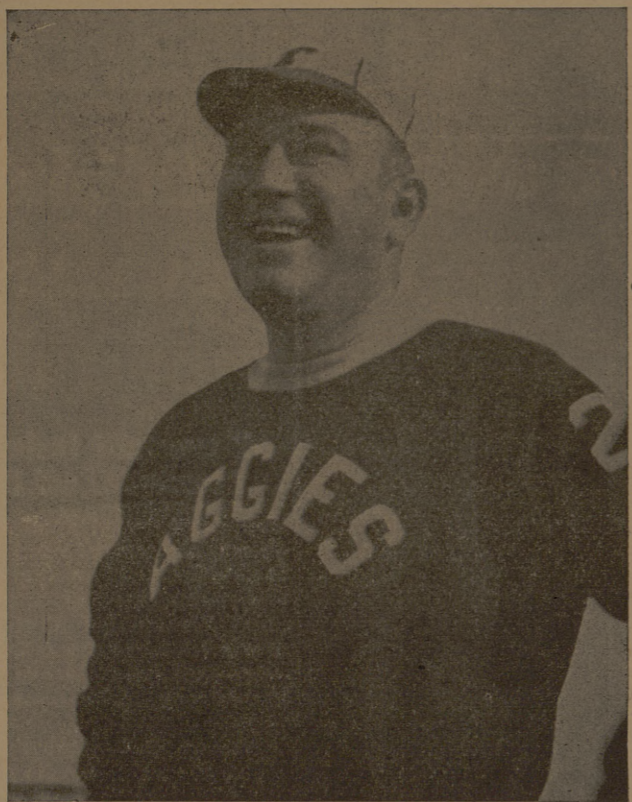
That takes care of the "Big Four" sports, but looking across the way we see a great swimming team coming to the front. Bob Taylor, freshman star from Dallas this past season, is ready to step out and lay conference records on the bank. As a freshman he bettered several conference records every time he stepped in the pool. His addition to the rest of the veteran swimming team should put the Cadets right with the top. Texas is the only school that has ever beaten them in a swimming meet in the Southwest Conference.

The national champion pistol team lost three of its members, but will be back with another strong team next year. There were several squadmen and freshmen who were ready to take the firing line when the season closed.

The rifle team walked off with the William Randolph Hearst trophy in the Eighth Corps Area.

Tennis, golf, polo and fencing stand to be much stronger next season. In golf the Aggies have one of the outstanding men in the game. Henry Hauser of Kerrville is about tops in college golf circles

## Looks Back Over Best Season



Coach Homer Norton's gridmen completed the most successful A. & M. football season in a score of years New Year's Day when they defeated Tulane in the Sugar Bowl. Norton came to A. & M. in 1934 from Centenary College in Shreveport, La. He holds the official title at A. & M. of Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

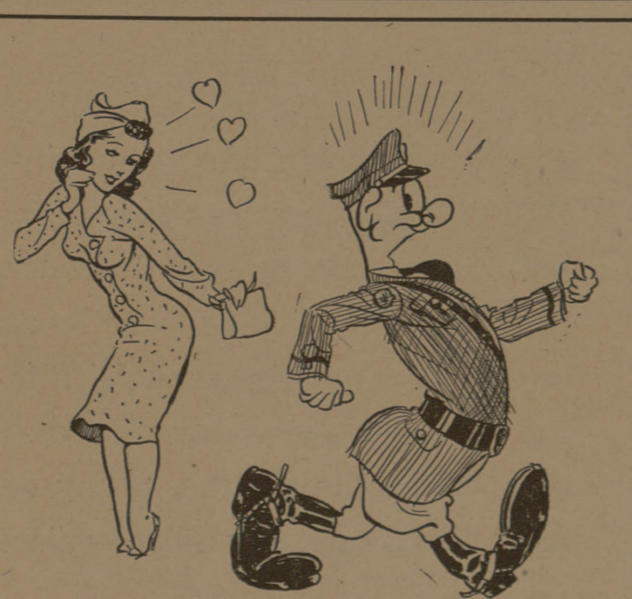
## Col. Ashburn Has Held Various Positions At A. & M. College; Won Many Honors

One of the best-known persons on A. & M.'s campus is Colonel Ike Ashburn, executive assistant to the president. He has been at the college for a number of years, off and on. It was on Oct. 1, 1937, that he returned to the college after a ten-year absence. When he returned he took over the duties as assistant to President T. O. Walton and as director of publicity. The latter position he relinquished in September, 1936.

Colonel Ashburn first came to A. & M. College in 1913 from Fort Worth, where he had been city editor of the Fort Worth Record. He was director of publicity then. When the United States entered the World War, he enlisted and went overseas. Following the war he returned to the college as Commandant of cadets. He later was executive secretary of the Association of Former Students, a post he held until he resigned in 1927 to become general manager of the Houston Chamber of Commerce. He was manager of the Texas Good Roads Association and publisher of The Texas Parade, a monthly magazine, for several

years before he returned to A. & M. in the Southwest. He plastered defeat on Buck Luce of Texas this spring. Only once has he been beaten on the college course.

Whatever a boy wants to do in the way of sports, he need look no place other than A. & M. to find the coaches, the sports and the facilities.



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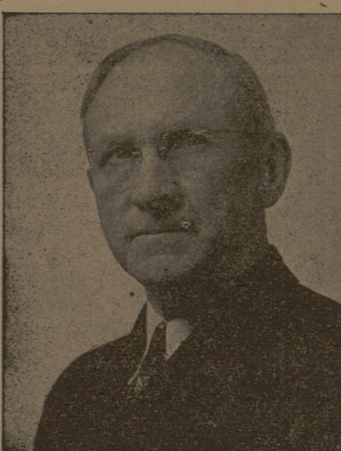
## Progressiveness, Versatility of Dean Kyle Seen in Activities He Has Fostered

When it's time for deer and quail hunting, then Dean E. J. Kyle is in his glory—that is, if he takes time off to take part in these sports. These two forms of hunting are his favorites. You might say they're his hobbies. He likes fishing too.

Dean Kyle takes a great interest in his work, as might be gathered from the number of years he has been at A. & M. College and the achievements he has made. He has been an officer of the college since 1902. When the School of Agriculture was established in 1911 he was made its dean. He helped build it up, and for the past four years it has been the largest agricultural school in the world.

Kyle Field, the home of Aggie athletes, bears this progressive man's name. It was he who organized the Athletic Association at the college. He encouraged sports at the college and did his part whenever he could.

His record shows how versatile and progressive he is. It seems that Dean Kyle has a knack for organizing and holding things together. For twelve years he directed the Farmers' Short Course, which he organized. He established the Smith-Hughes Day at the College. He conceived and developed the idea of a memorial to the pioneer stockmen of Texas which, after sixteen years, took form in the Animal Industries Building, dedicated in 1936.



DEAN E. J. KYLE

Since 1936 he has been a director in the Farm Credit Administration. He has been a trustee of the Luling Foundation since its organization in 1937. Dean Kyle is the author of the state-adopted text on elementary agriculture.

Anyone wanting a new project organized would do well to see Dean Kyle—he has the initiative and will to put anything over.

An advertisement in a Boston daily read: "Lazy, unattractive girl seeking position; cannot type-write; cannot speak or translate French, Italian, or Spanish; terrible with children; unable to drive any car; no references.—Dauntless." Believe it or not, she got a job!

## Still Religious, Say Most Students

A minority of students lose their religious faith when they come to college, it was learned in a recent poll of the nation's colleges by the Student Opinion Surveys of America. In fact, 15 percent of the nation's college students say that they attend church more often at school than when they are at home. Thirty-nine percent attend with about the same frequency as when at home.

When asked if they went to church regularly, occasionally, or

never, students of all faiths replied: regularly, 40 percent; occasionally, 48 percent; never, 12 percent.

The poll, taken by personal interviewers from coast to coast, provides an answer to the question often asked: Do college students lose some of their religiousness when they leave home? A minority, 46 percent, admit they attend services less often than they did before they arrived on the campus.

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