



By Bob Myers

### LOST ——— AND FOUND

Intense worry cramped the brain of footballer J. R. Sterling for the better part of a day when he discovered his watch chain missing. This in itself wouldn't have been so bad if the watch, "T" medal, Sugar Bowl football, and that diamond studded gift of appreciation for his part in winning the championship hadn't been attached. For some unknown reason the "T" club men immediately suspect one of their number when practical jokes are in the air, so it was with a

### TRIBUTE PAID TO NORTON

When Coach Homer Norton made a statement as to his actions if the conscription act was passed and took many of his players he also made many friends. Among those paying high tribute was Curt Bishop of the Austin Tribune who commented: "I'm rather proud of knowing a man today. He has been just

light heart and a knowing grin that he went down stairs to interrogate Mickey of the house of Hogan. It seems that Hogan knew not what Jim was talking about and a hurried search of his room confirmed the accused's testimony. The jokers were apparently holding out for the usual reward but when the victim began losing weight, back came the jewelry and all is peaceful and settled once more with the possible exception of a little rain in the night.

### STEFFENS TO BE MENTOR AT P. M. A.

Karl Steffens, former Aggie grid great, will take over as head football coach at Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio for the coming season. He will succeed Dick Vitak, another Aggie grid great,

who resigned after coaching the Academy to an Alamo League football championship last year in favor of the U. S. Army Air Corps. He will graduate from Kelly field August 30.

### TRACKSTERS RANKS THINNED

Due to the sudden illness of Red Cecil's father, he will be unable to attend school. He has one more year of eligibility and laying out

will call a close to his college track career as well as cause a vacant file on the team that will be hard to fill.

## Athletics Livelier Here This Summer Than Ever Before

By Margaret Hollingshead

There's just about time for a quick look backwards at what's happened this summer before we close our books and our eyes for a too-short, two-weeks siesta. Athletics have been livelier this summer than ever before, so let's check back over them, just for instance.

The summer softball league has been going on for several summers and gets a little better each year. With the exception of a few misplaced rainy days, all games were played off according to schedule, with Campus Cleaners coming out in the lead for the first term, and Aggie Cleaners leading this last half of the summer. The games, played late in the afternoon, attracted large numbers of fans.

It's been said there is nothing new under the sun—well, maybe, but the Aggie sun this summer has at least seen a great deal more activity than before. The summer recreational program, under the direction of Luke Harrison, has sponsored enough athletic contests to include everyone with any desire to get some exercise. A tennis tournament per term, two swimming meets, and a golf tournament have been promoted and have met with great success. The best-known activity sponsored by this program has been the Saturday night Juke Box Prom, which needs no further description. It is hoped this program can be continued next summer with even greater success.

Other items of interest—a goodly eleventh annual short course from August 18 to 24, with Homer Norton and Dutch Meyer leading the discussions. And, as usual, football began to steal into the limelight with predictions being made and news photographers visiting the campus.

### A. & M. FOOTBALL TEAM ESCAPES CONSCRIPTION

Authorized sources at A. & M. said that most of the Aggie football squad that last season ranked as the nation's No. 1 team, would be exempt from the proposed military conscription.

Advanced military students in senior ROTC schools would be exempt under provisions of the Burke-Wadsworth bill now pending in congress, sources said.

Stars of the Sugar Bowl champions, including All-American John Kimbrough, James Thompson, William Conatser, Tommie Vaughn, Henry Hauser, Charles Henke, Jack Kimbrough and Marland Jeffrey, have completed the first year of advanced military contracts and are exempt.

Seniors who may apply for contracts and exemption, now include Will Buchanan, Ernest Pannell, Odell Herman, Marion Pugh, Leo Rahn, Marshall Robnett and William Dawson, familiar names in the Aggie lineup.

All juniors on the squad are also eligible for advanced military contracts. Pannell, rangy tackle being boomed as a likely All-American candidate this season has had three years national guard service and two years basic ROTC work.

One brilliant sophomore half-back prospect, Woodrow Bando of Beaumont, is eligible for the draft. He is over 21 years of age. Chip Routt, a likely regular tackle, is the only regular eligible for

# AGGIE CLEANERS ARE CHAMPIONS

## Trounce Pharmacy, Campus Theater, And Sub Station

### Tie Game Playoff Will Decide Second, Third, And Fourth Places

By Sunny Campbell  
Maurice Bryant's Aggie Cleaners rolled thru an undefeated season to annex the second term Twilight-League Championship. Running thru their last three games, the Cleaners chalked up impressive victories over AggieLand Pharmacy 11-5, Campus Theater 3-0, and the Sub Station 10-4, the latter two teams being two of the league's stronger teams.

Lipscomb Pharmacy whipped the Campus Cleaners while the Sub Station was losing to the Aggie Cleaners to take third place. Campus Theater, with only a loss to the Aggie Cleaners and a tie with the Sub Station, took second place. The tie game will be played off, and if the Sub Station wins, it will throw all three teams in second place.

Aggie Cleaners combined 7 hits, 5 walks and a few errors to score a 11-5 win over AggieLand Pharmacy. Lewis set the Pharmacists down with 4 hits. Hedgpeth and Ledbetter scored 2 apiece for the Cleaners, with Ellis tallying twice for the losers.

Spurger beater Rutherford in a tight pitching duel in which only 5 hits were made, Spurger yielding only 2 for the Aggie Cleaners and Rutherford only 3 for the Campus Theater. With the score 1-0, Cleaners' favor, in the last of the third, Spurger doubled, scoring on Schwartzbach's single. Ledbetter singled Schwartzbach in to clinch the game for the Cleaners. Ledbetter was caught off second to retire the side and the score remained 3-0 the rest of the game.

Dookie Pugh's Lipscomb Pharmacy slugged out an 8-5 victory over Earle Hawthorne's Campus Cleaners to trail the pharmacists in third place. Trailing 2-4, the pharmacists scored Stump, Pugh, Carden and Smith in the third to take the lead. The Cleaners picked up another run in their half of the third, but were still short. Lipscomb picked up 2 more in the fifth, and then held the Cleaners scoreless to win the game.

Jimmy Walker's Sub Station beat AggieLand Pharmacy 5-2 to keep above the .500 percentage mark. The pharmacists ran in 2 tallies in the first to take an early lead but were able to do no more damage, while the Sub Station scored 1 in the first and second and cinched the game with three tallies in the fourth. Todd scored 2 runs for the winners.

The Aggie Cleaners, using 8 hits, 3 walks and 4 errors to their average, chalked up a 10-4 win over the Sub Station to win the League championship. Runs were evenly divided among the winners with Hough being the only man to score twice and Melcher the only man that didn't score. Vickery scored 3 of his team's 4 runs for the losers.

Because of lack of a full team, Doc Samuelson's Faculty was forced to forfeit to the AggieLand Pharmacy. The teachers borrowed some men, however, and played a practice game, winning 4-2.

The only game left unplayed is the tie between the Campus Theater and the Sub Station. Although it will definitely decide second, third and fourth places. If the theater wins, they will take second, Lipscomb third and the Sub Station fourth. However, if the Sub Station wins, all three teams will be tied for second place in the league.

Assault and battery cases are most numerous on days of low humidity according to Dr. Oliver H. Ohmann, a Cleveland psychologist.

the draft, the sources said.

President T. O. Walton is in Washington now attempting to get more ROTC contracts for A. & M. The sources said there are not enough contracts now available to supply all applicants.

Only a few weeks ago other sources had released a story pointing out that the football team would be wrecked if the army saw fit to call up three-year ROTC men for active duty.

Should the nation face war, the contracts which now exempt the ROTC students would likely send them into the regular army.

The University of Arkansas also is an ROTC school and many of the football players are two and three-year veterans.

# BATTALION Sports

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## 1940 AGGIE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 28—Texas A. & I. College ..... College Station  
Oct 5—Tulsa University ..... San Antonio  
Oct. 12—U. C. L. A. .... Los Angeles, Calif.  
\*Oct. 19—Texas Christian University ..... College Station  
\*Oct. 26—Baylor University ..... Waco  
\*Nov. 2—University of Arkansas ..... College Station  
\*Nov. 9—Southern Methodist University ..... Dallas  
\*Nov. 16—Rice Institute ..... College Station  
\*Nov. 23—University of Texas (Tex. Thanksgiving) ..... Austin  
\*Southwest Conference games.  
No night games scheduled.

## Over 125 Here for Coaching School; Session To Be Concluded on the 24th

More than 125 high school coaches, junior college mentors and several students returned to class here Monday morning to learn more about that game called football and get a fair insight into the way the champions go about playing the game.

Coach J. G. Keyes, mentor of the state high champions from Lubbock, took the "ball" on the kickoff and ran off plays for the opening hour of the annual Texas A. & M. College Free Coaching School. He diagrammed a series of plays, run from double wingback, that he said helped his team to its state title in 1939. All of his talk was from the offensive side of the game, but he took up the defensive angle Tuesday morning.

Puny Wilson, coach of the Sam Houston State Teachers College Bearcats, while not coach of the Lone Star Champions last year, was the coach of the second place team and the team which caused a national upset by defeating Rice last season. Puny, a former Aggie "great," spent most of his period in outlining what he deems as basic principles of coaching and gave the visiting coaches many valuable pointers in instilling the will to win in players.

"After all," Wilson said, "there are two basic ideas in football and those are for every player to carry out their assignments on the offensive and tackle the ball carrier on the defensive.

"I look for three traits in my players, and when I find those I have found good players. They should know what to do; how to do it; then do those things properly."

He gave a few ideas about forming an offense and, like Coach Keyes, promised more in his later lectures.

J. V. "Siki" Sikes, University of Georgia end coach, took up the subject of end play in offense using the single wing formation. He explained the part of the wing backs in end play and gave some diagrams for his ideas.

Treatment and prevention of injuries was the subject covered by Aggie Trainer Lil Dimmitt, who is a recognized authority on that phase of all sports. He demonstrated several of his ideas and advised the coaches to take as good care of their boys for practice sessions as they do on game days.

During the afternoon Coach Marty Karow discussed baseball

### NYA Resident Center To Be Established

By Sept. 1 the National Youth Administration, in cooperation with the United States Air Corps, will have established an NYA Resident Center at Duncan Field, located seven miles southwest of San Antonio. One hundred boys will have an opportunity to receive training in airplane mechanics and twenty-five boys will receive work experience and training as truck drivers, clerical workers, cook helpers and waiters.

Boys between the ages of 17 and 24 inclusive who are unemployed, out of school and are interested in being assigned to this project should immediately write to W. S. Birdwell, Jr., NYA District Director, Austin. Mr. Birdwell stated that he would be glad to supply all the information requested regarding this particular project, and that he is very anxious to local boys have an opportunity to obtain the work experience and training in airplane mechanics.

and "Dough" Rollins went into the subject of track. That evening at 7:30 o'clock, Coach "Hub" McQuillan ruled over the basketball session.

Schedules for Tuesday called for more football talks by Wilson, Sikes and Keyes, while Dimmitt concluded his training series. Rollins will have another track session and McQuillan will have another basketball clinic. The Tuesday night program called for Wilson to demonstrate some of his plays with players and use some of the Aggie players who are now attending school.

All sessions are being held under the Kyle Field Stadium and are open to anyone wishing to attend. "Quarterbacks" have a rare chance to sit in on the inside football and hear how coaches go about turning out the plays the fans seen on the fields on game days.

## Much of Summer School's Success Due to Harrison

One of the most interesting summer terms in the history of A. & M. is about to become "remember when," but it certainly shouldn't go without leaving its thanks to those who gave it its pleasant moments. And no one will argue when it's said that Luke Harrison is largely responsible for those moments.

What did this summer have that others didn't? First, of course, the Juke Box Proms, the instantly popular solutions to the Saturday night problem; also there have been two tennis tournaments, two swimming meets, and a golf tournament. All have found enthusiastic support from the students, and it is expected they will be continued next summer. All of these activities, plus the summer softball league, have been directed by one man, officially called the Director of the Summer Recreational Program, but much better known as Luke.

His home is in Cisco, Eastland county, and he has been going to A. & M. off and on since 1934. He received his degree in Physical Education last mid-term and is now working on a master's in Sociology. Hobbies, of course, are sports, and he plays all kinds equally well. He also claims to have tried every kind of job possibly, at one time or another, but hopes to make recreational or physical education work his permanent business. While here at A. & M. he has assisted largely in extra-curricular work, intramurals, etc.

Luke is the type of person everyone can work with—unhurried, easy-tempered, friendly, and really interested in his work. The biggest trouble is in trying to find him—he covers lots of territory between the swimming pool, intramural office, golf course, tennis courts, and the 'Y', in addition to attending classes. He's the fellow who sells tickets for the dances, superintends the music, keeps the sports records and schedules up to date—in fact, he's had a finger in almost everything that's happened this summer except the recent August north. He's done a good job, and wherever he goes from here, he'll certainly take along the best wishes of everyone he has worked with.

## Team Must Be Much Better To Win Again

According to Coach Homer Norton, the Texas Aggies will have to be 15 to 25 per cent better this season in order to do that which has never been done in this conference. To repeat as champions of the Southwest would be the biggest thing that ever hit this school in the line of sports, but there are many hard games to be played, with many good teams, and most of these teams are out to "protect the Aggie" from the stinging defeats that were suffered last season.

In closing the practice for the past year, Norton made no predictions for the coming season but left it entirely up to the players. He asked them to work hard during the summer and return on the first Tuesday in September in the same physical shape that the team did last season, and after seeing the many who were on the campus at one time or another during the summer, the Cadets can see that they are playing with and for their coach even when he isn't out there with them.

In answering the question as to the style of offense to be used this season, the Aggie mentor stated that a scouting of the opponents would determine whether the Cadets would take to the air or play the ball on the ground. His plans include a set of plays that will be able to cope with any situation that may arise. One of these plays will undoubtedly include a passing attack by John Kimbrough much the same as the one which he threw

Conatser in the T. C. U. game last year.

Once again the question arises—will the Aggies repeat?—There are two stumbling blocks on the schedule as well as the fact that A. & M. is a member of Southwest Conference where sports writers' predictions become nightmares that return to haunt them early in the season. The first of the two blocks will be the Dallas corps trip when we play S. M. U. This is the team that everyone has to beat. The second obstacle is the jinx of playing in Austin on Turkey-day. After the jinx breaking that took place last season and seeing the Texas A. & M. game of 1938, anything is to be expected. Until the final game, Homer Norton's 1940 team will "just be playing one game at a time like we did last year."

The Texas Game Department says millions of fish eggs have been destroyed this year by anglers wading near the banks of streams and lakes.

### STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Aggie Cleaners	6	0	1.000
Campus Theater	4	1	.800
Lipscomb Pharmacy	4	2	.666
Campus Cleaners			
Sub Station	3	2	.600
Campus Cleaners	2	4	.333
AggieLand Pharmacy	1	5	.166
Faculty	0	6	.000

## AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

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