

## 58 Gridiron Candidates Report To Norton For Varsity Practice

### First String Are Varsity Lettermen

Thursday morning, August 29, at 9 o'clock a total of 58 Texas Aggie grid candidates reported to Head Coach Homer Norton and his staff of assistants to begin the grind which they all hope will lead them to their second national championship. However, recalling the strength of the 25-year old tradition, "Southwest Conference Champions don't repeat", none of them would prophesy a 1940 title, much as they intend to go after it.

The Aggies of 1940 will present almost the same team they had in 1939 with the exception of All-America Tackle Joe Boyd, All-Conference End Herb Smith, Quarterback Walemon Price, Ends Joe White and Bill Duncan, and Backs Bill Audish and Frank Wood, all of whom graduated. Several promising sophomores will come up from last year's freshman team and will include such names as Willie Zapalac, Bellville high scoring ace; Jake Webster, Sweetwater; Woodrow (Butch) Bando, Beaumont, all backs; Elvis (Boots) Simmons, Somerville, end, and Bill Sibley, Abilene, center. There are several other soph prospects but they will be developed mainly for future service since all jobs are lined up about three deep.

Pre-season plans outlined by Coach Norton call for all of the starters to be lettermen and only two of them Juniors, Derace Moser, back, Stephenville; and Jim Sterling, Panhandle, end, falling into that class. All of the others will be playing out their eligibility as seniors.

For the first time in his coach-

ing career Norton says he will be in position to substitute in team waves although he does not plan to do so, and if the need arose he probably could put out a pretty fair third team on the field.

For the starting team, as it looks from this far off the opening game with Texas A. & I. here Sept. 28, the backfield probably will include Jarrin' Jawn Kimbrough, Haskell, fullback; Jim Thomason, Brownwood, right half; Moser, or Conatser, left half; and Marion Pugh, Fort Worth, quarterback, replacing Price.

The line probably will include Bill Buchanan, Weatherford, right end; Chip Routt, Chapel Hill, right tackle; Charlie Henke, Kerrville, right guard; Tommie Vaughn, Brownwood, center; Marshall Robnett, Klondike, left guard; Ernie Pannell, Waco, left tackle; and Sterling, left end. Routt will probably win Boyd's position over Martin Ruby, Waco; and Euel Wesson, Temple, both Juniors and lettermen, but that promises to be the toughest battle for a job on the team. Sterling, moved over from right end, replaces Smith.

The second wave looks like it will include: Webster, fb; Zapalac, rb; Moser or Conatser, lb; Marland Jeffrey, Port Arthur, qb. The line will include: Simmons, re; Ruby or Wesson, rt; Leon Rahn, Dayton, rg; Odell Herman, Abilene, c; Roy Bucek, Schulenburg, lg; Henry Hauser, Kerrville, rt; and Harold Cowley, Freer, le.

Norton plans to alternate Webster and Zapalac at full and right half preparing them to take over from Kimbrough and Thomason next year and wants them ready for either job. Lettermen in that second wave include: Moser, Conatser (which ever does not get the starting nod), Jeffrey, Ruby, Wesson, Rahn, Herman, Bucek and Hauser. In all there will be 23 lettermen back along with 15 squadmen of at least one year's experience.

Other candidates for positions will include: Right halfback—Jim Abbott, Corpus Christi squadman; Joe Rothe, Hondo, Carl Geer, McKinney; Finis White, Cleburne, all two-year squadmen; Kyle Drake, Laredo, sophomore. Left halfback—Earl (Bama) Smith, Frisco City, Ala., squadman; Bando, spomhore; Bud Force, Orange, two-year squadman; and Bob Mansfield, San Angelo, squadman. Quarterbacks—Marshall Spivey, Lufkin, letterman; and George Williams, Eldorado, squadman. There are no extra fullbacks behind Webster and Zapalac.

Right ends—Jack Kimbrough, Haskell, letterman; Bill Henderson, Houston, squadman; Jamie Wilson, Belton, soph; Bill Blessing, Dallas, squadman; and H. C. Teubner, Dallas, junior college transfer from N.T.A.C. Left ends—Bill Dawson, Crockett, two-letterman; Jimmie Knight, LaGrange, sophomore and Jim Williams, Marlin, squadman.

Left tackles—Leonard Joeris, Abilene, squadman; Jim Brewer, Bryan, soph; and Bill Gerner, Dallas, junior college transfer from N.T.A.C. There are no other right

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## Intramurals

### Banquet For Managers Closes 1939-40 Season

By Bob Myers

As the season closed last June all intramural managers were feasted and feted at the annual Sbis Hall at which time the final results for the 1939-40 season were announced.

Battery E. Field Artillery was announced as the winner of the Class A flag with a total of 747 points. Second and third places in the Class A division were captured by Company F, Engineers and Battery C, Field Artillery with 702 and 685 points, respectively.

In the Class B division, Battery F, Field Artillery walked away with the pennant with 701.6 points. They were trailed by Battery C, Field Artillery with 681.6 points and by Company G, Infantry with 670 points to their credit.

W. L. Penberthy presented awards to C. F. Dwyer as manager of the Class A champion and to Jack Nagel as manager of the Class B champion. Awards were also given to J. S. Critz, manager of Battery C, Field Artillery, whose teams did not receive a single forfeit throughout the season in the Class A division.

### Presto Johnson And Ray Mallouf Are S.M.U.'s Stars

Matty Bell's more than half a hundred potential 1940 Mustangs donned the pads and cleats in Dallas this week for their first workout in preparation for their role as the question mark of the hotly-debated Southwest Conference grid chase. Kicking, passing, and signal drills mixed with body-banging under a blazing sun was the menu for the opening days.

The major portion of the squad reported for duty in good, non-practice condition and there was not a single vacation injury to mar the scene. Some of the squadmen lost weight during the summer, a few picked up poundage, but on the whole the squad tipped the scales about normal.

Preston "Presto" Johnson, 187-pound Newcastle fullback, and Ray Mallouf, hipper-dipper Syrian from Sayre, Oklahoma, took the first-day drills in fine form. These two boys are the offensive cogs around with Coach Bell hopes to mold a powerful conference and inter-sectional threat.

Mustang pre-season drills will be held behind closed gates. Coach Bell intends to put a lot of polishing on the boys before they open their season against U.C.L.A. at Los Angeles the night of Sept. 27. The first home tilt is scheduled against the perennially potent North Texas State Teachers in Dallas, Oct. 5.

Coach Bell started the season's first practice with a warning to the men considered regulars that "no matter where you are placed in practice if you can show me

tackles save Routt, Ruby and Wesson.

Right guards—Pete Henry, Lake Charles, La., soph; Ray Mulhollan, Belton; and Freeman Thompson, Texarkana, both sophomores; Zolus Motley, Abilene, squadman; and Harris Browder, Groesbeck, two-year squadman. Left guards—Felix Bucek, brother of Roy, Schulenburg, soph; John (Bubba) Reeves, San Antonio, letterman; and Les Richardson, Houston, squadman.

The center reserves will include: Sibley, Howard Shelton, Hillsboro, two-year squadman; Sam Rankin, Brenham, soph; and Newton Craig, Miami, out for the first year.

Ed Robnett, letterman guard and brother of Marshall, is not expected to enter school this year as he will not have recovered from an appendectomy in time to be of much service so will lay out one year and save that eligibility.

### Dean Puryear, Father of Aggie Football, Is Dead

This summer a grand old man left the earth and behind him he left many friends who could sit hours swapping yarns.

Dean Charles Puryear was the father of football at A. & M. for it was back in 1893 when the first pages of Aggie football experiences were written. The following year the cadets tangled with Texas University for the first time.

He was the first manager of the Aggies and later became a faculty member in 1889.

Throughout his days he has seen many fine teams at College Station, and has seen two teams those of '17 and '19 go undefeated, untied and unscored on. Six teams he saw win the conference championship and then with the '39 team the greatest ever to represent the Marron and White, Dean Charles Puryear at that time dean emeritus of the college, took his leave from Kyle Field, football and Aggieland.

A photograph of an 800-foot elevator shaft in the RCA building in Rockefeller Center was taken by placing the camera in the pit of the shaft and attaching a photo-flood lamp to the top of an elevator in an adjoining shaft. The elevator was run to the top, pausing at each floor for 30 seconds. Down in the pit, the camera shutter remained open for 1½ hours while the light climbed.

plenty of stuff in our scrimmages, you will go up." He has 22 out of last season's 30 numeral winners on hand.

Johnnie Clement, San Angelo, and "Dandy" Dick Miller, Longview, also showed fine first-day form in the passing drills, heralding a possible Pony aerial show as of the famed Southern Methodist Aerial Circus.

The Mustangs will need all the power they can muster if they hope to roll through their 10-game slate, which includes the regular six conference foes, the U.C.L.A. tilt, and other important inter-sectional clashes with the University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh, Oct. 12 and Auburn at Dallas, Oct. 19.

Two-a-day practice will continue until registration for classes in mid-month.

## No More Towels



### They Call Him "Sarge", But His Real Name Is James T. Carroll—Retired By Army 18 Years Before Leaving A. & M.

He was a grand old man and in 18 years at A. & M., and is still will be missed by hundreds of Aggie athletes and former athletes during the coming years.

They call him "Sarge" but his real name is James T. Carroll, and he can say that during his long stay at A. & M. he has never made an enemy of a ball player.

"Sarge" came to A. & M. in September, 1922, and took charge of Bizzell and Goodwin Halls. The following year he opened the first student post office, the one which is now known as the faculty exchange. During the years of 1924-25-26 he was a day and night sergeant on the campus.

In 1927 Coach Dana Bible asked Sarge to take charge of the equipment room, and he has been there ever since. His first year there he was with a conference champion. He saw Bible leave and Matty Bell struggle through some lean years before Matty went to S. M. U. He saw Coach Homer Norton strive in bringing the Aggies from the depths to their present position atop the football world. He came in with a conference champion and he is leaving with a national champion. He has seen the student enrollment grow from a handful to over 6000.

His long stay at A. & M. came only after he had put in enough years to be retired from the army. He put in enough time for retirement from the army, and has put

1914-15 he was in Vera Cruz, Mexico and then came back to the States to wait until America entered the World War. In 1917 he was with the 1st Division in France. He stayed there until Sept., 1918. From then until 1921 he was stationed in Ohio and was retired in that year. His rank at that time was master sgt. During the World War he was a 1st lieutenant and temporary captain.

In 1900 Sarge was wounded in service. The duty he was on when injured made him eligible for membership in the Order of the Purple Heart, but because of an oversight of the War Department he went through his remaining years in the army without receiving this honor.

"Gimme a towel, Sarge".  
"Well, I just gave you a towel, what did you do with it?"  
Good luck, Sarge.



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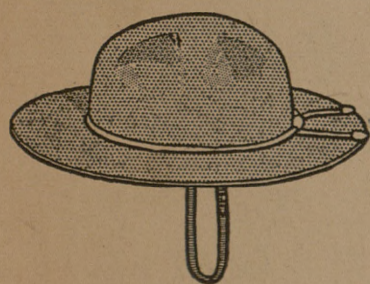
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