

# Summer Sports

By Dub Oxford

## "Leaves Falling Brings Football Season Nearer," Says Texas U. Star Jack Crain

So "Cowboy" Jack Crain is rarin' the Longhorns to reckon with and for the leaves to fall. Jack Walton (no relation to "Prexy we hope) Crain is in ready preparation for football season and according to the latest dope put out, the Texas U. squad, sparked by Crain, Layden, and the rest of tea-sipping backs, will be the outstanding team of the year.

With all due respect to Dana Bible, we doubt that statement. There is always November 27 for

## Athletic Department Says, "Get Your Ducats Early;" 38,384 Can See Aggie-Texas Battle

Make way for a record crowd on November 27. The hot gridiron struggle is more than three months away but according to E. W. Hooker of the athletic office, the department is receiving a constantly increasing flood of orders for tickets to the Texas U.-Texas Aggie football game here.

Already, they said, ducats had been ordered and printed for temporary seats in the open end of the horse shoe on Kyle Field. This unprecedented move will make possible the attendance of 38,383 spectators at the game.

This is the last issue of the Battalion that will come out before school begins and I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Penberthy and Luke Harrison who are responsible for the success of the summer sessions. The Juke Box Proms, the tournaments, and the softball games were all the brain-children of these two men. Thanks, Mr. "Penny" and Luke.

## BIG JOHN BREAKS INTO THE NEWS WITH BETTY GRABLE

Latest press releases show Texas A. & M.'s All-American John Kimbrough attending parties with Betty Grable. John, you know, is going to play the leading part in a "Horse Opera." An interesting sidelight on Kimbrough's movie career is the statement he made to the press in Hollywood. Said John, "I've just finished 15 years of education in which English and public speaking were my chief subjects and I had to come to Hollywood to learn that I don't talk the language properly. Such is Hollywood."

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# Softball Eliminations Begin This Week

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## Sterling And Moser - Key Men



Sterling

Moser

Jim Sterling, end, and Derace Moser, tail back, will be the only key men coach Homer Norton will have returning on his 1941 Aggie team. The loss of the other nine starters will be keenly felt.

## Drugstore Cowboy Has Found His Spot - The Marble Machine

By David Cofer

are given sometimes when you top certain score or turn on all of the lights of a given color. But I can see that you have already gone through the half dollar, and have not won a game. Beginners' luck—there just ain't none for this game. The best thing now is for you to ally with a professional of this new art; there are plenty hanging around, and they know exactly the shot for you to make so as to win. The main thing is to get some one else to help you feed this hungry animal with nickles.

Now you have a partner and with a little luck you might play the rest of the day. But be careful that your legs don't give way, because standing on them for five straight hours will not help those fallen arches. For you guys that are on the nervous side, take your aspirin along if you want to keep from wrecking the whole system, and if you want to keep your money, stay away.

The name of these things I've been telling you about is the innocent one that goes like marble machine or better still one-arm bandit without the arm. They meet you in every drug store, honky-tonk, and cafe that you enter; and are always ready.

You want to play? Well, let's go find one of these tables with an all familiar slot. If you want, we can drill oil, sail around the world, drink Seven-Up, or Four Roses if you like it stronger. Now, slip your hard earned nickel in and watch the lights come on. You've got five shots or tries to beat this blame machine that will get very sensitive and tilt if you get rough; so take it easy until you get on to the art of making that ball hit what you want it to.

The main object, of course, is to beat the machine into giving you some extra games. Free games

with the best record but their claim was disputed so again no title was awarded. No title was awarded in 1918 due to World War I stripping the teams and upsetting the schedule. In 1936 Arkansas won but, like Baylor in 1915, they used an ineligible man and that cost them the crown. Oklahoma and Oklahoma A. & M. never won a championship while members.

In six years the enrollment of A. & M. has increased from 3,213 to 6,842.

## 1941 Texas Aggie Football Team Has 10,838 Lbs. of Candidates

By Dub Oxford

That famed "Thin Red Line of the Texas Aggies," a statement which dates back to World War I is not as thin as it sounds judging from the lengths and breadths of the players mentioned on the 1941 tentative squad roster. In fact, the Aggies will blot out a considerable portion of the turf when they first trot out on the field September 27 to play the Sam Houston State Teachers College Bear Kats.

Coach Homer Norton is expecting a shipment of more than five tons of football talent to arrive September 5 to start practice. The tonnage is divided among some 57 candidates who average 188 pounds each and six feet tall.

More than three of the five tons is wrapped up in 39 linemen who total 7,540 pounds. Reducing that draft number figure to a one man basis I found that each lineman

averages 193 pounds. Stacked one on top of each others head the team would tower 350 feet into the air, or the equivalent of a 35 story building. Simple mathematics and the use of a slide rule reduces that to an average of six feet. The whole team totals 10,828 pounds and they could be easily put in a cattle car, but would have very little room to run around. Going further into averages, they average 20 and one-half years in age.

Vieing for tall man honors on the team are Jamie Dawson who is six feet six, and Leonard Joers who scrapes the clouds at six feet five. Euel Wesson, a tackle, and Bill Henderson, an end, and Jim Montgomery, a tackle tie for third place with a height of six feet four. Leonard Joers also takes heavy man honors on the team. He weighs 240 pounds. Euel "Poppa" Wesson takes second heavy man

## Aggie Cagers Take To Road During The Christmas Holidays

The Texas Aggie basketball team will take to the road during the Christmas vacation and make a trip that will carry them as far north as Lafayette, Ind., where they will play the Purdue Boilermakers on December 31, Cage Coach Marty Karow announced this week.

On the same trip they will play the University of Kentucky at Lexington, Ky., on Dec. 30; Bradley Polytechnical College at Peoria, Ill., on Jan. 1 and enroute home will stop off at St. Louis, Mo., to play Washington University on Jan. 3, arriving back on the campus in time for the resumption of classes on Jan. 5.

This will be the first time an Aggie basketball team has made such a long trip and Coach Karow has said he intends to carry a large squad with him so that all may have a look-see at how the game is played in other parts of the country, particularly at Purdue where winning the Big Ten championship is almost a tradition.

In discussing his prospects Karow said he is pretty much in the dark as to his 1941-42 team since this will be his first year as varsity cage coach at Texas A. & M. "All jobs on the team are open," he said. "I have talked to several junior college players who promised to come to A. & M. and I hope they do for I would like to take them along on the trip we plan," he added.

Marty succeeded "Hub" McQuillan, mentor since 1935, who resigned to go to Texas Christian. Since he has been at A. & M., Marty has been backfield coach in football and head varsity coach of baseball.

Of current interest to Aggie fans is the fine showing last year's stars are making with the College All-Stars, who are training for their game with the Chicago Bears. An article from their headquarters in Evanston, Ill., had this to say about Aggie stars:

## Aggie Gridsters In Preparation For All Star-Pro Game

"James Thomason, Texas Aggie halfback, was used at quarterback in a combination which included George Paskvan of Wisconsin, a starter at fullback, and Charley O'Rourke of Boston College and Herman Rohrig of Nebraska at the halfbacks.

"Marion Pugh, the Texas Aggie quarterback who has been bothered with a sore leg, was promoted to the left half post on a top ranking combination which included Art Jones of Richmond at right half, Milt Piepou of Notre Dame at fullback and Bob Paffrath of Minnesota at quarterback.

"Ernest Pannell, Texas Aggie tackle, has shown himself to be a first string man as well as a starter. Fred Hartman of Rice alternated on the No. 2 line."

On the local front of football there is the annual free coaching school. Coach Norton of course will miss the school since he is one of the all-star coaches. But the school still will have outstanding

## Final Week Finds Aggie Cleaners In Lead; Campus Cleaners Second

By Jerry Gleason

Last week saw the Twilight League go into the home stretch as fifteen games were played. Most of the games were make-up games from the previous week which had been postponed due to the rains. The league schedule will be completed this week and a double elimination of the top four teams will be started. As yet, the exact date of the play-off has not been decided but it will be necessary that all back games be played as soon as possible so that the eliminations may be started this week and finished before the middle of next week.

Out of the fifteen games played last week, six of them were decided by one run margins and two were shut-outs. The Seaboard Life vs. Aggie Cleaners, the Seaboard Life vs. Faculty went extra innings to a decision and the Campus Cleaners and Faculty ended in a tie.

The Aggie Cleaners took the league lead last week as they started a winning streak that has thus far carried them to six consecutive wins. The streak was threat-

## Five Day Coaching School Will Offer New Sports Courses

A week full of talks on football, basketball, baseball, track, intramural sports and prevention and treatment of injuries is the schedule for approximately 150 high school coaches who are expected to attend the annual free coaching school at Texas A. & M. College, August 18-23.

Highlights of the five-day course will be football which will take up approximately twenty hours of the class work with Barton (Bochey) Koch, Baylor line coach; Howard (Bull) Lynch, coach of the state champion Amarillo Sandies; Marty Karow, Texas A. & M. backfield coach; and J. W. (Dough) Rollins, Aggie end coach, passing out the instruction. In addition, Ab Curtis, Southwest Football Officials Association member, will discuss and interpret the 1941 rules for the coaches and any fans who care to attend the 10 a. m. Wednesday session when he speaks.

Lil Dimmitt, Aggie trainer and head baseball coach, will cover the subjects of baseball and treatment and prevention of injuries; Rollins, also Aggie varsity and freshman track coach, will cover that sport and Karow, also varsity cage coach at A. & M., will discuss basketball. Physical education and intramural sports will be on the program for two one-hour periods with W. L. (Penny) Penberthy, head of the Texas A. & M. physical education department, giving the lectures.

All high school coaches are invited to attend the course which is free, except for a small charge for a room in one of the college dormitories.

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ened last week in two different games as the Cleaners were forced to go into extra innings to push across the winning runs.

The Campus Cleaners took undisputed possession of second place as they downed three out of their five opponents and tied another. They are one half game out of first place and must meet the league leading Aggie Cleaners in the deciding game for the league championship this week.

Seaboard Life won three of its five games to tie the Faculty for third and fourth place. These two teams along with the Campus Theater and North Gate Project House will be battling to stay in the first four places. The two games which the Faculty have tied must be replayed to a decision and these could eliminate them from the play-off.

The worst surprise of all was the loss of five straight games last week by the Campus Theater. The Theater boys started off good and led the league the first of the term but they slumped last week and really lost the ground in the league standing. They will have a chance to win the flag, if there is one, provided they can win their games this week and then come through in the eliminations.

The scores of last week's games were as follows: Faculty vs. Campus Cleaners, tie; Aggie Cleaners 5, N. G. Project House 4; Seaboard Life 5, Campus Theater 4; Faculty 2, N. G. Project House 1; Campus Cleaners 3, Campus Theater 2; Aggie Cleaners 4, Seaboard Life 3; Seaboard Life 3, Campus Cleaners 1; N. G. Project House 5, Campus Theater 2; Aggie Cleaners 9, Faculty 3; Seaboard Life (See SOFTBALL, page 4)

## Winners to Be Decided Sooin in Tennis; Pingpong

The summer ping pong and men's singles and doubles tennis tournaments are rapidly drawing to a close. All games and matches are to be completed this week and the winners determined.

The ping pong tournament has reached the semi-finals with Williams vs. McCorquodale in the upper bracket and Gillette vs. Daniel in the lower one. The winners of these two matches will meet in the finals to determine the ping pong king of Aggie land.

In the men's tennis doubles, Whall and Holden have to play Levine and Gillette in the upper bracket semi-finals and the winner of course will advance to finals. In the lower bracket, Walker and McCorquodale were advanced to the finals by means of a forfeit.

The tennis singles have not moved along quite as fast as has the doubles play but will catch up this week. The upper bracket is in the quarter-final stage with Harold Ivey slated to play Pat Biggs and Gillette to play Purnell.

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