

By Mike Haikin
Battalion Sports Editor

Quantity and Quality of Grid Team Makes Coach Norton's Ags Big Threats for 1942

Coach Homer Norton and his Aggie gridsters are finally coming down the long trail home as far as football is concerned. They are due to have their last big scrimmage tomorrow before they exhibit themselves for the home folks for the final time Saturday afternoon in a Sports Day feature. They will limber up another five or six days before turning in their togs for the duration of the school year.

At this time, prospects for another great season are more than bright, and unless a key man such as Leo Daniels or Bill Sibley drops out of the picture, the other conference coaches had better start sweating because next season they might find the word "Aggie" synonymous with victory.

This may be a bit too optimistic, but that's how things line up for the '42 season. If you talk to Coach Norton about the whole setup, he would probably place the Cadets far down the list of possible threats, but that's only a characteristic of all coaches.

Seriously, however, I really can't see how the Ags can miss because they have some great material. T. C. U. was counted on to be the

"team to beat" next year, but it seems that Uncle Sam needs the Frog players worse than Coach Dutch Meyer. Yes, it's a fairly well wrecked squad now, and it is hard at the present time to see where they can fit into the championship picture.

Rice is in better shape, but one can never tell about the draft. Texas, Baylor, Arkansas, and S. M. U. may produce a surprise, but at this time no team in the conference can match with the quality or quantity of Aggie material.

True, Coach Norton's gridsters have a suicide schedule on their hands, and any one of their 10 games may trip them up. They open with L. S. U. and close with Washington State, sandwiching Duke, Texas Tech, and the six conference teams in between. None of the teams is considered breathers and the Cadets will truly have to possess a great team to jump that big hurdle. But things are looking bright these days, and even Coach Norton is beaming at times.

"We may not have another championship team, but we're not going to be push-overs by any means," he added. That's by far the most optimistic thing Coach Norton has said this year.

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Sports Day to Have Relay Between Fish and Varsity

Put on your old gray bonnet or big heavy red woolen underwear and strut out on Kyle Field to attend the annual Sports Day Saturday afternoon . . . the program will comprise a mile and sprint relay between the Varsity and Freshman track teams . . . incidentally, the Fish Relay team is regarded to have one of the best relay teams in years . . . also on the program will be a regulation football game between the A and B squads . . .

Coach Dough Rollins' thinly clad will take part in 10 meets this year . . . they open with the Border Olympics at Laredo on March 6 and close with the Southwest Conference track meet in Dallas on May 8-9 . . . the third National registration day, February 16, found 18 Texas Aggie football team candidates filling out the little blue cards which made them eligible for call under the Selective Service Act . . . however, most of them either hold contracts or will be eligible for one next June . . . Coach Art Adamson's swimming team is back home after a most successful Southern tour in which the team won four, lost one, and tied one . . . Bill Henderson, the Aggies' scoring cage ace is averaging 14 points per game . . . he is third in the league in scoring behind Dwight Parks and Bob Kinney, but may really break loose and take the lead when the Aggies face T. C. U., S. M. U., and Texas in the coming games . . . this corner still believes, after viewing both Rice and Arkansas in action, that the former one is still the best . . . But, like someone mentioned, "Texas was the best team in the football league this past year, but the Aggies still won the crown . . . That applies to Rice in basketball . . ."

Physiology of Ants Is Under Observation
DALLAS, Texas — New light on the physiology of ants through a decade's observation of the famous colony of ant mounds at Palos Park, Ill., was reported here by Dr. William A. Dreyer, assistant professor of zoology, University of Cincinnati.

Dreyer outlined his studies in a paper on "Further Observations on the Occurrence and Size of Ant Mounds With Reference to Their Age" before the Ecological Society of America at its recent annual meetings at Dallas.

Ags Clash With Ponies for Cellar Friday

Henderson And Sebeck Duel To Highlight Game

Coach Marty Karows Texas Aggie cagers will be seeking their first home victory of the year when they clash with the cellar-dwelling SMU Mustangs tomorrow night at the DeWare Field house.

It will be a battle for the cellar of the league as the Cadets have won but one game against none for the Ponies. Both teams will have much the same characteristics in the fact of close and losing games and a one-man team. The Mustang's ace Johnny Sebeck and the Aggie star Bill Henderson are the sparkplugs of their respective teams and are due to duel it out on the hardwood floor tomorrow night. They are tied for fifth place in the conference scoring race with 98-points apiece, and are expected to treat the fans with a brilliant duel.

Coach Marty Karow's Aggies go into the fray with only one victory under their belt, and that one was an astounding upset over the Rice-Owls. Their main trouble has been making the free throws but in their recent two-game series with the Arkansas Razorbacks, the Ags showed a marked improvement in that particular field. However, their improvement in free throwing was counterbalanced by their poor ball-handling Saturday night. Coach Karow has been working his players overtime on that weakness and expects them to make a better showing this week-end.

Meanwhile, Coach Whitey Bacuss' Ponies, who with the Aggies have gained the moniker of "hard luck" team, is doing every thing to ready his Mustangs for the coming battle with the Aggies. New plays, added practice, and some helpful changes have been the highlight for this past week, and it is certain that the Cadets will face an improved team tomorrow night.

The probable starting lineups (See AGS CLASH, Page 4)

BATTALION Sports

FEBRUARY 19, 1942

PAGE 3

INTRAMURALS

By DUB OXFORD

Here's big news for all you fellows who have aspirations to be a key man in a circus. At the half time period of the Aggie-TCU game next Friday a "Sports Circus" will be staged. It is the desire of Spike White to present demonstrations of Aggiminton, Badminton and ping pong to the fans attending the cage match. Any men who are capable of playing in an exhibition match of any of the previously mentioned sports are strongly urged to contact White at the intramural clubroom immediately.



Don't forget to weigh in at the intramural office for wrestling before the week is over. Entrants may weigh in between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. or between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. all this week.

Men who enter wrestling at a certain weight must be at that weight or under before each bout. Recreational officers are reminded to check with their first sergeants for their class A swimming schedules. They have been sent out by the intramural department and if you have not as yet received yours, come by the office for it.

Of the eight teams in the DOGHOUSE today, five of them are Replacement Centers. I don't know

the reason why these teams are in the "House" but it seems to me that the Recreational officers are not checking with their schedules close enough. Perhaps they merely have enough men to make up a team. But in all cases they should try to have a better percentage of games played. Forfeits look bad

FORFEIT DOGHOUSE

- Class A:
B CWS, Speedball
C Replacement Center, Horseshoes
C Replacement Center, Volleyball
G Infantry, Volleyball
Class B:
B Replacement Center, Horseshoes
D Replacement Center, Horseshoes
B Replacement Center, Handball
G Infantry, Horseshoes
A Cavalry, Horseshoes

for any team and make the yearly intramural averages rather low. Let's look into these fellows. The Intramural department will bend over backwards to help you in any way.

- Class A Horseshoes
F Field Art., 2; A Engineers, 1
F Engineers, 2, H Repl. Center, 1
E Infantry, 3, 3 CHQ, 0
F Repl. Center, 2; B Field Art., 0

GF (Governor) Ashford's Been Taking Care Of Kyle Field and Athletic Equipment Since 1917

By MIKE MANN

Ever wonder who has the gargantuan task of keeping all the parts of the Aggie athletic plant in tip-top shape? Well, the man in charge of this ceaseless process is George Frank Ashford, better known as "Governor," the title affectionately bestowed upon him by Aggie gridsters. His official title is superintendent of building and grounds for the Athletic Department.

Ashford is a native Texan, being born at Wallace Prairie, near Navasota. However, he remained there only until his tenth birthday.

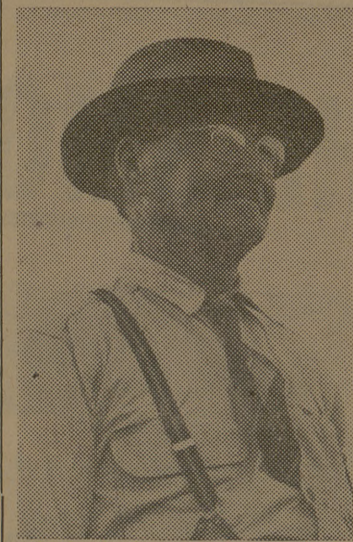
Before coming to A. & M. he engaged in general building and for a time was a house-building contractor. He has lived all over Texas and part of the United States, and has had residences in Dallas, El Paso, Corpus Christi, Houston and the State of Arizona.

"Governor" came to Aggieland in 1917 and was placed in charge of construction of the Department of Building & Grounds. Some of the college buildings whose construction was supervised by Ashford are the Exchange Store, Assembly Hall, Aggieland Inn and a large number of campus dwelling houses.

In 1927 Ashford was placed in charge of the maintenance of the athletic facilities of A. & M., a position he has held ever since.

He was in charge of a number of major improvements during his first year with the athletic department.

One of his first jobs was the construction of the cinder track around the football field. He also moved the football field to a more



central position within the stadium. Ashford supervised the razing of the old baseball grandstand and the erection of stands at their present location. Along with the erection of the new stands was the construction of the new baseball diamond.

The number of men on Ashford's staff varies in different parts of the year. He has as many as 12 or 14 men under him in the fall, while his usual number of assistants is three.

His perennial duty is the maintenance and care of the athletic fields. The grass has to be kept growing, and occasionally replanted; weeds must be eliminated; the cinder track must be kept in condition; and the fields have to be kept smooth and even. "This is a big job in itself," states Ashford.

"Governor" also has an important job in the athletic stockroom. He is in charge of all the Aggie athletic equipment. It is his task always to keep it in repair; always in its proper place; and always ready for use. He is assisted here by a number of student managers.

Ashford has also made the majority of the minor improvements on Kyle Field. He has erected the football and baseball scoreboards and supervised a number of other

Coach Adamson's Tankers Annex Four Meets on Tour

Swimmers Lose One and Tie One; Taylor And Cowling Star for Cadets in Meets

The Texas Aggie swimming team, coached by Art Adamson, has just returned from an extended trip on which they met seven opposing teams. They returned with the commendable record of four victories, one tie, and one defeat.

They first met the Dallas Athletic Club in Dallas and the score of this meet was a 40-40 tie. After this the swimmers journeyed to Auburn, Alabama, where they met and defeated Alabama Polytechnical with a score of 49-26.

The aqua stars met the swimmers of Emory university and Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Ga. Emory went down before the Aggies by a 49-26 score but the Rambling Wreck took the Cadets by a score of 42-33. The Tennessee university Vols of Knoxville, Tennessee, was third victim of the Aggies, who defeated them 45-29.

The closing swimming meet found the Cadets engaged in a three-way match with Vanderbilt university and Castle Heights Military Academy at Lebanon, Tenn. The Aggies came out on top in this meet with 59 points, while Castle Heights was second with 48 and Vandy was a poor third with 18 points.

Bob Taylor and Bob Cowling were outstanding for the Cadet team, neither being defeated in the entire trip. Taylor specialized in the 220 and 440-yard sprints and freestyle relays while Cowling took part in the medley relays and 200-yard breast stroke races. Taylor was over entered in the diving contests in

the three-way meet.

"Happy" McKee featured in the 100-yard race and was defeated only twice, in the Georgia Tech and Tennessee matches. McKee also swam the 50-yard dash with much skill.

Ben Looney was particularly impressive in the 50-yard dash, staying right behind McKee all the way.

The Aggie swimmers who made the jaunt with Adamson were: Captain Ernie Conway, Bob Taylor, Fred Renaud, Jack Baird, Ben Looney, "Happy" Goodman, "Shrimp" Lapham, Bob Cowling, Dick Winters, Jimmy Kiel, "Happy" McKee and Guy Johnson.

Swimmers Open '42 Conference Season Against Texas Sat

The aquamen of Texas A. & M. open their 1942 Southwest Conference season Saturday night in Austin when they meet the swimmers of the University of Texas. The contest is to be held in the Gregory Gym pool.

A Southwest Conference swimming meet is scheduled to take place in the P. L. Downs Natatorium at College Station on the nights of March 20-21.

Mounted specimens of 252 native Georgia birds are contained in the Emory university museum.

SPECIAL TO SOPHOMORES

Are you ready for the dance? If not, send your cleaning and pressing to

HOLICK CLEANERS

Ben Youngblood, Mgr.

All missing buttons replaced, and rips sewed FREE - - - And we do clean them. Be sure it's . . .

HOLICK'S

North Gate

SENIORS

Here is a plan to sell your Uniform you have wanted for years. Loupot will buy your Uniform now at a fair price or sell it for you on a commission basis—delivery to be made after Final Review.

We Will Pay The Highest Prices For The Following Articles Now:

- JUNIOR-SENIOR SLACKS
- SERGE SHIRTS
- BI-SWING BLOUSES
- BOOTS, SPURS, BOOT BREECHES

For Complete Details Come By

Loupots Trading Post

North Gate

J. E. Loupot, '32

TRADE WITH LOU HE'S RIGHT WITH YOU

FOR A REAL NIGHT OF FUN, FROLIC AND FOOD TRY

Navles

On Waco Highway North of Bryan



Get the Newest in Both Styles on VICTOR and BLUEBIRD RECORDS

VICTOR RECORDS 50c BLUEBIRD RECORDS 25c

- "THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER" by Charlie Spivak
- "DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS" by Alvino Rey
- "KEEP 'EM FLYING" by Glenn Miller
- "GRIEG PIANO CONCERTO" by Freddie Martin
- "THAT'S HOW I LOVE THE BLUES" by Bea Wayne
- "I'LL NEVER FORGET" by King Sisters

HASWELL'S BRYAN



LA SALLE HOTEL BRYAN, TEXAS 100 Rooms - 100 Baths Fire Proof R. W. HOWELL, Mgr. Class '97

LOOK AT YOUR CLOTHES

Other People Do

ARE THEY AS NEAT AND CLEAN AS THEY MIGHT BE?

They are if you remembered to send them to

CAMPUS CLEANERS

Over Exchange Store New "Y"

