

"AND THEY CALL YOU THE FIGHTING TEXAS AGGIES!"



Take your last look, you AGGIES. There's gonna be many a Jap killed and many a battle won before you view it again. Yes, there's gonna be many things happen before that Spirit of Aggieland makes its appearance upon the campus of its origin.

Look again, you TEXAS AGGIES and see a portion of the old school. Think back, Class of '44, and recall that first time when you heard the Spirit of Aggieland from the steps of the "Y". Think of that midnight yell practice before the TCU game of '40 when the soft strains of YOUR SONG went out into the cold night and Buster made you fully conscious of all the traditions for which Aggieland stands. That was your first awakening . . . it's an old story now, but you saw it at its best.

This is the Spirit of Aggieland in action, symbolizing the tenacity of Purpose, Will, and Good-Fellowship for which Texas Aggies all over the world are famous.

A few years ago, this Spirit was best shown in the sports arena, a field of play. Today, it is shown best on the field of battle, and the enemy is tasting its force. Look at that picture, the flailing hands, those throats dry and raw from yelling. Do they yell any less when their throat is raw, do they stop, slack off, or take it a little

easier when they get tired? No, not the Aggies.

On the field of play as on the field of battle, true Aggies always fight on. If Silver Taps must be played, if the day is lost, it is always lost by a team that goes down fighting to the very end, supported through hell and high water, win or lose, by every man in the now diminished but still famous "Twelfth Man."

We are the Aggies, the Aggies are we, and no man, act, or movement can ever split and divide us. Every little thing that goes into the making of an Aggie comes out as some good characteristic of manhood. And it is the little things that count. A freshman's friendly "hello" when you pass him on the campus; meal service in the mess hall, or the warm clasp of an Aggie hand in your own—that's our Aggieland, that's part of America!

We play no longer in the sports arena as we did before, but on the field of battle, in the service of our country, A. & M. athletic stars, great and small, are serving their country, making touchdowns for victory. A bigger team, a better team, a team winning over tyranny, for Humanity.

But whenever a twist of fate will carry this school, the SPIRIT OF AGGIELAND will always be saying "I'll be back."

the greatest grid coach and psychologist of the history of the game . . . Knute Rockne. If you will look under the picture of the yell practice you will see the one sentence that this story has reference to.

During a very important game which Notre Dame was playing one Saturday afternoon during the period of Rockne's teaching, the South Bend school was some 14 points behind at the half time. The team entered the dressing room and later Knute came in. He didn't say a word, just walked around and looked at each and every player. After going to everyone he walked over to the door which led outside to the field. With every gridster's eye on Rockne, he opened the door, stopped, and looked backed. The dressing room was very still as Knute said one sentence . . . "AND THEY CALL YOU THE FIGHTING IRISH!" After saying that, he walked out of the room and failed to come back during the half time. As the story goes, the Notre Dame team went out after the half and won the ball game.

The other thought I want you to think about is the last quotation of the same article . . . "I'LL BE BACK!" If you will remember, that is the statement of General McArthur when he left Bataan. And that is the statement I would like to hear every REAL TEXAS AGGIE make before he leaves Aggieland for the job that is ahead. There are some that might not be able to come back, but because they can't those that do, will have that chance.

Remember Aggies, what ever name you make for yourself will be making a name for your school. When the going gets tough, and no doubt it will, think of not only of yourself but of the name TEXAS AGGIE. You are going to make that name, good or bad, and if its worth having, its worth making good.

The name of Texas Aggie
Will Always stand,
As a living symbol
Of a better Man.

The name Texas Aggie is an adjective, and does not mean that every high school graduate that enters this school can take that name. Anyone can buy a shirt and collar ornaments.

Aggie-Exes, '44 and '45

You have read some of their writings many times and you probably know many of them. But this corner wants to thank them by this means for helping putting this page out. Thomas Boog, Ruben R. Caro Costas, John Stout, and Bill Jarnagin have worked hard and were faithful to the job all the way. They are real Aggies. Appreciation goes out to the many of Aggies and men connected with sports for their work. Coach Norton has been very helpful in my dealings with him.

Below is an article that I asked Harold "Stud" Berry, a real Aggie, to write in the last issue of the Batt. Take it for what it's worth.

"Army", today we find ourselves at the end of one thing and the beginning of another. For a lot of us, this is the end of a long rocky road with a million turns and stumbling blocks . . . it was a long and hard old grind and now we face a thing even greater and offering a lot more opposition. Can we as Texas Aggies come out on top?

Thinking of the Final Review brings some good memories of Aggieland, being a "fish" sound of the board, sweating quizzes, Corps Trips, and hi-waying all over the state. Who can forget those days.

Let's leave thinking that for the past two years we've been invaded by the outside world and lost things that meant a great deal to our classes. With us let it be "Remember the Aggieland of Old" and think of the days that we will be back to make the school the best in the world. We'll drop the "EX" off of the Aggie-Ex and be Aggies again and waiting for a Thanksgiving Day when the Texas Aggies beat Hell out of Texas U!

Harold A. Berry, '44.

Publication of "Writing From Conversation," a textbook in freshman English, written by members of the Wayne university department of English, is announced by Harcourt, Brace and Company.

Two hundred twenty-six of the University of New Mexico's 1,200 students are from states other than New Mexico, and five are from foreign countries.

Aggie Sports Are Pledged To Continue For Duration

Aggie sports will not be discontinued for the duration, as is the case in many other schools, but will continue to operate as best they can and to participate in all conference sports for the coming years. This will be one of the major steps ever taken by A. & M. to make itself a name in the field of sports, for under present conditions coaches will be faced by obstacles that in peace time would have stumped some of the best. But Aggie coaches have already shown what they can do under a strain, and so the future of athletic teams here at Aggieland is not an impossible task.

Coach Lil Dimmitt showed the world what could be done with only a handful of men when he fashioned a championship track team of a group of new men who were rated by experts as having very little chance at the title. Coach Homer Norton fared almost as well with his baseball team, taking them to a tie with the Texas University Longhorns. Both of these achievements were accomplished after many of the key men and important stars were lost from the team to go into the services of the country. The tennis and golf teams found a loss of too many men too great, and they won no titles, but they showed true Aggie spirit by producing teams. This is something many of the other major colleges failed to do, saying that conditions were too bad to allow the forming of a team.

Next year, things will be even stiffer for the Cadet coaches, as they will have only embryo athletes, garnered from the freshman and sophomore classes, as the main portion of the junior and senior classes will be gone by the time sports activities are renewed. There will be, however, a few squadmen left from this year's teams, and these will be used as a nucleus for the main team to be

built around. The plan to continue sports will face its major test when next year's football season rolls around. Although the majority of last year's squad will be gone, Norton will find himself with plenty of material to work with as many star gridmen are now taking their freshman work here. There will

also be some men back from last year's squad, and they will form the bulk of the team. However, the thing most likely to stop the Ags would be the lack of competition, as there are very few Southwest Conference schools planning to enter the football wars next year. This might tend to leave the Aggies in the cold as far as regular competition is concerned; however, (See AGGIE SPORTS, Page 4)

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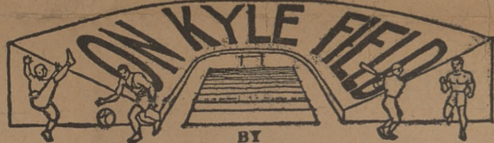
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Hank Avery
Battalion Sports Editor

"Kyle Field" Makes Its Last Call; Story Concerning Greatest Grid Coach, Rockne

Well Aggies I guess this is the finishing line. Not only in the life of the students have changed. We entered this college just three years ago, but to some extent, the life of sports have changed. Fortunately, athletics have been kept going through the darkest of hours and through the backing of the finest student body in the nation, it will still be going when the dawn comes.

There is little to be said in the last issue of the Batt that this Texas Aggie will ever write. At times it has seemed hard to put in writing the things that would seem most interesting to you. At times the road seemed useless and at other times it seemed a great thing to be writing something that is a very important part of an Aggie's life. I've learned alot through my connecting with the sports program of this school. I've seen things that I never thought to be during the last four months. They were the things that make Texas A. & M. what it is today.

There's a little thought that I would like to leave with you and maybe it might carry you through some dark hour that may come your way in the days which are to follow. It's a story about one of

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