

The University of Notre Dame was founded Nov. 27, 1842, by the Very Rev. Edward Sorin, a French priest.

Little Herbie's Brother Will Play On The '43 Texas Aggie Football Team

He walked into Coach Homer Norton's office at the Texas A. & M. College athletic office and went directly to a framed picture of "The Nation's No. 1 Football Team, 1939."

"I'd like to have a shot at wearing Texas Aggie Jersey No. 29, Mister Norton," the youngster said.

"That's Herbie Smith's jersey, son, and you'll have a lot of football to play to earn that one," Norton replied.

"I'm Herbie Smith's little brother, Mr. Norton, and I know I've got a lot of football to play, and a lot of flying to do; I promised Herb, sir."

That's how the Aggie coach met Charles Smith of San Angelo, younger brother of the mighty-mite left end of Norton's great championship team of 1939. Lieut. Herbert E. Smith was killed last year on the eve of the Aggies' first intercollegiate game against Louisiana State. He crashed his army plane into a telephone pole rather than attempt a forced landing in a street filled with children at Allentown, Pa.

(The Aggie team didn't dedicate the next day's game to Herbie. They were too shocked and saddened by the loss of a friend to go in for mock heroics. They took a trubbing from the LSU Tigers, in turn defeated by Rice Institute; and then downed the Owls in Conference play.)

It was Little Herbie Smith who took the fourth quarter flat-zone pass from Cotton Price in the Sugar Bowl game against Tulane on January 1, 1940, "carried the mail" a few yards, and lateralled to Big John Kimbrough when two Tulane players blocked his path. After shovelling the pass backward to Kimbrough, Smitty threw a block on the two Greenies that cleared the way to pay dirt and allowed Big John to tie the score at 13-13. Price kicked the conversion, and the game ended in a 14-13 A. & M. victory with the Aggies marching toward another touchdown. After the game Tulane's All-American tackle, Harley McCullum—215 pounds—said "Smith hit me every play with every ounce of his 146 pounds and it felt like a pile-driver."

After leaving the Athletic office, Charley Smith went down and signed up for a course in Aeronautical Engineering. He is only 17, and is assured of one football season at Aggieland before being called to the service.

"I'll stay here and learn as much as I can about airplanes and flying, and then I'll go in the Air Corps," he said. "I promised Herb."

Norton didn't know exactly just how many prospective football men were included in the new students registering, but was sure DeWitt Coulter, Masonic Home, Fort Worth, was on hand. Coulter is 18 years of age, and how long he will be allowed to remain at A. & M. is undetermined.

Earl Beesley of Adamson High, Dallas, also was among the new boys registering who might get in a season of football; but a definite check of the new arrivals will not be made until registration is completed and all boys are assigned to dormitories and classes.

Among the holdovers who have one or more terms behind them at Aggieland, and who may be available for the 1943 team are Goble W. Bryan of Dallas, Earl M. Cook, of Dallas, Adolph A. Eberle, Sweetwater, Henry L. Hook, Houston, D. D. Redman, Dallas and Morris W. Sheffield of Paris. None of these has lettered or seen squad service, and only Eberle has had spring training.

Coach Norton will call a meet-

ing of all football prospects in a few days; but indications at the present time are that those who wear the maroon and white of 1943 will be freshmen or sophomores' barely 18 years of age or younger.

Present rulings state Air Corps, Specialized Army trainees and Naval and Marine Radio school trainees cannot play football at A. & M.



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