



By Harold Borofsky Battalion Sports Editor

### Stage Set for Conference Title Battle Nxt Week When Aggies Meet Steers on Kyle Field

There's going to be a battle royal on Turkey Day when the Texas Aggies meet the University of Texas Longhorns on Kyle Field. The youthful Aggies, showing in last Saturday's game with Rice that they have a running game as well as a passing one, will begin ten days of the most rigorous training they have had to face this week and the first part of next week in preparation for the big game. There is no doubt in the minds of Coach Homer Norton and his squad of Cadets that an all-out effort will have to be made if the Aggies are to emerge undefeated and the conference champions.

Saturday night the Aggie mentor challenged Texas Coach Dana X. Bible to play only regular college students in the Thanksgiving Day classic and to leave his Navy V-12 boys at home. Under such conditions the game would be one of the most outstanding of the season, but there is little chance that Bible will accept the challenge. Norton said of the challenge, "Against Coach Bible's great high school boys we would have a chance to win, and if we didn't win we wouldn't mind losing to a better team of boys who have had no more college experience than our boys have had. It would be the sporting thing to do and I hope Mr. Bible will accept this challenge

to leave the Navy boys home when they come down for the game."

The Aggies remain the only undefeated team in the conference, the Longhorns having lost to Southwestern, but the Longhorns are generally favored to win the Turkey Day classic. On the other hand, actual playing ability is not such a potent factor in figuring the results of any Aggie-Longhorn clash. Each team will be fired up to put forth its greatest effort and anything can happen. We remember last year's game, which was played in Austin. The Longhorns were easily the best team in the conference and were picked by some to take the Cadets by over three touchdowns, but when the smoke of the battle had cleared away the Memorial field jinx had been broken. The Aggies lost the game by a 12-6 score, but the Longhorns had to sweat every second of it and almost lost the game in the last two minutes of play. Those Aggies who had been good all season, Sibley, Zapalac, Welch, and all the others showed such fire and magnificent playing that the Longhorns were glad to get that six-point margin. That game was typical of what happens when the Aggies meet the Longhorns, and that is one reason why most people prefer to watch the game rather than make predictions or bets on it.

### Twelfth Man Idea Taken Up By Rice Fans; Aggie Catfish-Texas Yearling Game Canceled

Rice fans were elated this week-end by the birth of the Rice "Twelfth Man" during Saturday's game. At one point in the game the referee asked the Owl supporters to stop yelling, but that was his own idea, for it wasn't bothering the Aggie players in the least. In regard to yelling at the football games this may be said: While it is true that the Aggie corps has always maintained its Twelfth Man to back the team, that does not mean that the Ag-

gies want to hog this idea and keep it only at Aggieland. Conference football would get a big boost if school spirit was administered in big doses at every game and there is no doubt that the box office would feel the effects too. The average fan goes to a football game as much for the spirit as for the football, and when a school loses its spirit and fight the receipts show a corresponding nose dive. It would really be a boon to the Southwest Conference if all schools did as the Aggies have done, and you wouldn't find the Aggies complaining about it.

"Sammy," the mascot of the Owls, was returned to the Rice field house last Saturday morning in an ambulance after being stolen Friday night by Aggies. The blue and grey stuffed oilcloth owl, which usually sits on the sidelines at the Rice games, spent the night in the checkroom of the Rice Hotel where it was placed by Aggies late Friday night. The details of the abduction are hazy and probably will never be fully released, but Rice fans swear that there was treachery in the form of some Aggie exes now on the Rice campus in the Navy program. The baggage check was left at the office of the Houston Post with the intention that the Rice boys should come to the office, get the check and redeem Sammy. However, Saturday morning when no Rice boys appeared, hotel officials grew uneasy, and fearing a lobby clash between Aggies and Owls (we wonder what gave them that idea) they sent Sammy back.

Coach Lil Dimmitt, whose Catfish were to play the Longhorn Yearlings this week-end in Austin, has received a cancellation of the game. The reason does not seem to be clear. Of course, it couldn't be that they thought they might come out on the wrong end of the score. The Catfish will take on the Hearne internment camp guards in Hearne and any Aggies who don't have anything to do are invited to thumb up to Hearne for the game, which should be a thriller.

While the Aggies were battling the Owls Texas was busy defeating a weak T.C.U. squad 46-7. The Frogs capitalized on a Longhorn fumble early in the first quarter and pushed over a touchdown. However, the lead was not enjoyed very long and the superior Longhorn power in the form of Callahan, Park, Ellsworth, and Magliolo proved to be too much. The T.C.U. squad barely broke twenty in number, a far cry from the swell de-

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# A. S. T. U. NEWS

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## Trainees To See Turkey Day Game

### Editorial . . .

Some confusion seemingly has existed as to whether or not we stand when "The Spirit Of Aggieland" is being played. It is the custom throughout the country to honor the home College by standing when their school song is being played and sung. So be you from V. M. I. or U. S. C., from Texas U or M. I. T., let us rise and uncover when the Aggies pay homage to A. & M.

## Brothers and Sisters...Hallelujah!

Praise A. & M. Sing Hallelujah! We have been recognized. At long last local Aggies have invited us to participate with them. During four games not one local yell leader has stood before our rather large section in the stands to exhort us and lead us in cheering for the Kiddie Korps Kadets. Nor asked us to celebrate the final victory. So to the class of '46 we say: It is true we erred in not standing when the "Spirit of Aggieland" was being played. We have already commented on that.

Now as to coming to YOUR football games and being YOUR guest. Whoa! Back up lads! It is a part of the Army program that we attend the games. It is paid for out of the student activities fund which is so much per man per month set aside by the Army. Cheering for the other team

you do not like. We ask you this. What makes for a good hot game on a Saturday afternoon? The teams on the field being evenly matched for one thing. And each team having a group in the stands urging them on is another. War conditions prohibit student bodies traveling as yore. We say you should desire our being up there the opposition toward the goal line. It makes for much spirited competition. You are interested in spirited competition?

As to standing during the games. It is a wonderful tradition. We think you look swell up there, providing you don't stand in front of us, but we personally attended a College which believed in tying prone the whole afternoon and we have never been able to throw this disgusting habit off.

### Believed That School Will Revert For Thanksgiving

While official confirmation has not as yet come through it is believed in informed circles that Texas A. & M. College will recess for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. At the same time Lt. Wm. Williams, Adjutant and Lt. Pickett, Special Service Officer have made arrangements for ASTP Trainees to witness the game.

This will be the fourth Aggie game that local G.I.'s have attended and all indications point toward a humdinger. The Kiddie Korps Kadets have come a long way since they "beat the h— out of Bryan field," last September and they will go into the Texas U fray with a record of seven wins and one tie. They will go into the game also with the knowledge that the twelfth man is still up there in the stands cheering them on.

We wish you the best Aggies and while we will be in the stands beside you we will probably be cheering the Texas U lads as it is Army tradition to cheer the underdogs, but never think we would be so silly as to bet on them.

### First Company Splits

As part of the reorganization of the Specialized Training Unit of the campus, all men who were taking the refresher course last term have been transferred to the Third Company. Their places will be taken by new men sent to us from various STARS and AST units over the country. All these men will be in the fifth, sixth or seventh term of training.

This means that we are still the "senior company" of the Engineers on the campus. Let's keep that meaning as much as it did last term.

## Large Turnout At 1st Press Meeting

### Response Indicates Good Coverage For Trainees

Well pleased with the large turnout of prospective ASTU scribes, Press Club Representative, Sgt. Marvin Kaff, predicts a wide and thorough coverage of the various activities engaged in by local G.I.'s. In all more than twenty embryo editors attended from seven companies and it is believed that others will be coming in from the remaining four companies.

Kaff informed the group that the Battalion serves both the A. & M. students and the citizens of College Station and is widely read, consequently, he cautioned, merely an ASTU's gossip column is not desired, but rather something that will have reader interest for both local GIs and the local towns people.

Pat Bradley, Editor-in-Chief, last term was re-elected this term and appointed Len Sutton as managing editor of the New area Engineers, and Joe Bennison as managing editor of the 2nd, 11th and 10th companies, comprised mainly of former A. & M. students.

Bennison, an aggie-ex himself carried a triple load as Editor-in-Chief, Managing editor and principal reporter while the Engineers were on furlough.

A list of Trainees who will take turns in editing their companies' news follows: 1st company, Joseph Cohn, Bob Bloom, Kenneth Par-

### "Pool's Drool"

This will probably be the first introduction for most of you to the seventh company, since we've just been organized a very short time, but you're going to hear a great deal from us in the very near future.

Right now we claim the distinction (and it is a distinction) of having no married men in the company. Judging by these "difficult-to-describe" expressions worn by certain members of our group, however, we may have to withdraw this claim any moment.

Some of the boys are bleeding pretty badly about their scheddles down here. Seems that ASTP is a little different from loafing around through college. Not a word was said about the chow by any of the Camp Hood fellows, though. They ate like it was their first square meal in months, as it was, by the way.

Well, it's just about time for old man basketball to come out again. In this company, Joe Heffernan is already organizing a couple of teams, and he asked me to print an invitation to any other company to play. Joe can be found in 108, Dorm 7, and anyone interested please contact him there.

A. & M. has left its mark on the seventh in more ways than one; the cadet C. O. is a former Aggie, as well as the acting second platoon leader. By some strange coincidence the same two fellows were also acting platoon sergeants during basic training.

Here must end our first contribution to the Battalion. Not because of personal desire, however, but due to the call of Messrs. anion and cation, two elusive gents who always end up wrong no matter how hard the trainee attempts equations, or otherwise beats his brains out with his Brinkly. Until next time, then, we'll say "30 for today."

## A Texan Reports...

Editor's note: John D. Cohn is a native of Kilgore, Texas, treat him kindly, he knows not what he is doing:

The thought of remaining in Texas for ASTP was far removed back at basic training, but here you are so you might just as well make the best of it. You think things couldn't be much worse anywhere. Just you thank your lucky stars that you didn't wind up somewhere in the Panhandle where it temperature drops to twenty below at a moments notice. The people out there just received notice that the telephone was invented and there are rumors that silent pictures are on their way out. "Gunga Din" finally reached College Station last week but it won't reach West Texas for another few years. Word has it that our next war will be with Mexico to force them to

take us back. Don't you believe it. The rest of the country might just as well make up their minds they cannot win without us.

Where do we obtain all the gas and oil to run our powerful mechanized forces?

Odds are that the oil came from the largest oil center in the world . . . Kilgore, Texas. A few miles away in Tyler is the country's commercial rose center. Then too we have Helium, cattle and many raw materials.

What other state can boast of a school that compares in spirit to that of the "AGGIES" "Howdy" and "beat Rice" sure seem to be the battle cry of the ASTP.

## Lieutenant Jenkins To Leave Company

Lt. Jenkins, 1st Co. popular Military Training instructor, has received orders to leave the company. As yet he is not divulging his exact destination. We of the staff and all his other well wishers want to take this opportunity of wishing him our best when he undertakes his new assignment.

## Jap Hunters

Along with several others, Cornell and Bedingfield have left the company to do some Jap hunting. (open season, you know). O. K. MacArthur, here they come! Our loss is your gain!

## Inquires Answered

In response to the many inquiries as to why the pest flag was not lowered to half-mast on Armistice Day we refer you to President's proclamation of last year that there would be no official observance of Armistice Day until we have completed the task before us.

## Kessel's Latest Hit-parade

Many ASTU Trainees stationed at A. & M. will recall Harry Kessel who spent months in dorm three with the STAR unit. After much to do Harry was finally sent to Lehigh University where he is now studying Engineering. The Army has not dimmed his creative urge and we are in receipt of two of his latest compositions: The first is sung to the tune of "Tripperary."

It's a short way back to the Army, It's a short way to go. It's a short way back to the Army and the Miseries we all know, Goodbye, Christmas Season, Farewell, Guion Hall. It's a short way back to the Army If we don't get on the ball.

Kessel 2nd offering sung to the "Marine Hymn" cadence is worthy of being the official ASTP Ent-Sing!

EYES RIGHT! PRESENT SLIDE RULES! ORDER SLIDE RULES! SING!

From the nation's sunny southlands, Up to Lehigh's hallowed hills, Came a thousand G.I. College boys While the army foots the bills.

CHORUS We will fight for right and freedom Not with rifle, shot or shell, No, we'll take our trusty slide rules And go out and give them hell!

We have men from every outfit, Infantry and the TD's But the best of us there is no doubt, Are those children from the AST's

Not a regulation Army Corps We're still soldiers tried and true If the nation ever needs our strength She will find we can come through

## Just An M.E.

By KAFF

The turnout Thursday evening for our meeting of prospective Battalion scribes was indeed gratifying. Almost all of the companies were represented, some by as many as three men, and each of the attendants, even "Buddy Joe B.", looked interested and capable. Perhaps it will not be long now before you all get the opportunity to read a few good articles and columns, rather than the trash Brad and yours truly have blown and thrown together for the last seven months. Even "Botts", you must remember that character of jive and his really intrepid style, has promised to again contribute to our section of the Batt every now and then. All in all, things seem to be looking up on that count.

But according to one of our leading generals, a soldier who does not gripe, is not a good one at all, so yours truly, an ideal thirty-year man on that basis, is at it again. A recent announcement makes us rush back from breakfast to get off to class at 7:45 in the morning. Now with the new schedule, by flying low and fast, we can just make it back for C. Q. after sup-

pers; 2nd co., Joe Bennison, Wm. Barton; 3rd Co., Ed Cummings, Bill Pritchard, Bob Wheeler; 4th Co.; Al Gilman, Rex Gardiner, Doug Powers, John Cohen; 6th Co., Bob Foley, Joe Elbere, John McLeod; 7th Co., John Pool; 8th Co., Frances Culhane, Len Sutton.

## VETS' VAGARIES...

### Reminiscing

Another week-end and another good time. What did you do last Saturday night? Boy, that dance was O.K. The proportion of boys to girls was better than usual too. Even at that I heard several of the boys say the 2nd S.T. Co. dance was better.—This isn't straight from Coscia, but it has been said that he was sporting a lady friend over the week-end.

Congratulations on breaking down, boy. . . Lt. Charlie Barron did it up right last Friday night by marrying Miss Wanda Warren. . . Is everyone going crazy? Another year and there won't be a single man in the outfit.

### Dollars For Books

It just occurred to me about the cost of books while one is going through the veterinary school. Of course the A.S.T.P. is furnishing them for use while in school but it is interesting to know just how much is spent on these books.

For an adequate supply in the last two years of Vet it takes two hundred dollars. The first three years aren't quite as rough as only about one hundred dollars is spent. Of course during the last couple of years, in addition to the books, one must start collecting his surgical instruments to the tune of a hundred bucks, conservatively speaking. Well now boys you know where that money went to that you didn't save, and it gives one a feeling of security to own those books. Just ask some of these seniors what they would take for the whole lot of them. Money just won't buy them.

### Meandering

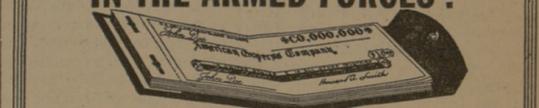
Does anyone know where the granite state is? She said it was New Hampshire, wherever that is. . . Anyway she danced as if she was possessed. . . Wouldn't it be heaven if a guy didn't have to study nights around here? Paid ad . . . Knives of all kinds manufactured in room 112. Two guys have already been beheaded. . . Congrats to the new "Looies" just cut of O. C. S. There sure were a slew of them down to see the game. Some of us older fellows hang our heads in shame though when we see those young fellers diked out with those shiny bits of gold adorning their shoulders and a dame on each of their arms. I ain't jealous . . . must. (Ed. note. Keep trying Kirk.)

per. The 6:30 supper deal is ifne, but why can we not have C. Q. from 7:30 to 11:00 each night instead, so that we can stop for a breath of that fine Texas twilight air before retiring to our "U. S. Property" Classics. It would indeed aid ingestion, and also put us on a Lights Out schedule with the Navy, instead of leaving us to the mercy of the innumerable whistles of the men in blue, just as we sink into into that deep slumber. Wish I could think of this as another day nearer to the end of the war, rather than as simply one nearer to that hash-mark and 5% extra, but this day is drawing to a close now. Am expecting a visit from the Sandman and "Legs" Grable now, so will quit rambling on.

'Bye Now!

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