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## Flanagan Will Remain Here; Cadet Cagers Work Daily

According to a headline in last Wednesday's edition of the Houston Post Marion Flanagan, ace back for the Aggies, will not play in the Orange Bowl game on New Year's Day because he has to report to the armed services for duty. How this fact ever came to light is a mystery to us, for Marion has a deferment until February of 1944 and will definitely be on tap when the Cadets face the L. S. U. Tigers in Miami. Perhaps the false statement was derived from some misunderstanding. Flanagan had not reported for practice early this week in order to give his sore leg a chance to limber up. Jess Burditt and Don Deere had been taking Marion's place in several of the plays, and perhaps the Post boys thought that Flanagan did not intend to report for workouts or to play on New Year's Day.

Main worry of the coaching staff is the problem of how to get to Miami. Negotiations have been under way for some time with agents of the railroad companies, but as yet nothing definite has been learned. Latest rumor is that an Ex has offered two B-25 bombers to transport the team to Florida. Who knows, it could be.

Through the week the practice sessions have been getting tougher and tougher. Coach Norton realizes that the Tigers are not going to be as easy to beat this time as they were when they bowed to the Ags 28-13 in Baton Rouge. If no information about train reservations is obtained by noon there will be no workout today.

Red Burditt was reported to be on the sick list yesterday but his condition has not been made known as yet. So far the team has been relatively light-hit by any colds or flu cases.

Meanwhile the Aggie basketballers, under the guidance of Coach Manning Smith, have been going on with their practice. There are no standouts as yet, but a wealth

of material in on hand. The schedule is not yet completed, according to "Smitty", and a number of service teams will be scheduled to round out the season. These service team games will give the boys the valuable experience that makes the difference between a good cager and a bad one when the going gets tough.

Full rosters and schedules for this year's cage season will be released when they are completed.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: TO ERR IS HUMAN; TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE IS UNPARDONABLE.**

## Bowl Predictions

By R. L. Weatherly

Football season has come to a close for colleges. There are some Bowl games to be played off on January 1, and three high school games yet to be played, but for that football season is over.

The Texas Aggies will travel to Miami to play LSU in the Orange Bowl in January 1 for the only all-civilian classic of the day. These two teams have met before this season with the Aggies winning by a 28-13 score. This gives the Aggies the edge. Then too, the Tigers are minus their versatile Steve Van Buren. We do not think that the game to come will be as offensive as the game played in October. Both teams know what to expect from their opponent.

The 28-13 defeat that the Aggies handed out would tend to make them overconfident, but the loss to Texas University has taken this overconfident attitude out of them. We expect the score to be Aggies 20, LSU 7.

There has been a new Bowl game added to the post season games this year. This new Bowl is the Oil Bowl which is in Houston. The Oil Bowl will pit SLI against Arkansas A. & M. The two teams have met before also, but fought to a 0-0 deadlock. SLI will enter the game with the chances of winning on their side, but anything could happen when these two teams tangle on New Year's Day. We will take our chances on SLI and predict they will win by 14-7.

New Year's Day will find Tulsa and Georgia Tech in the Sugar Bowl. The Tulsa Hurricanes started the season with a bang. But the Hurricanes met Southwestern when Southwestern had just lost all their players and managed to tie them 6-6. This, in our estimation, proves that they were very highly overrated. On the other hand Georgia Tech had many of their last year players playing for them this season and they led Tech to the Sugar Bowl. It is our guess that the score will be 14 to 6 with Tech leading the way.

An all-western affair will take place in the Rose Bowl next year with Washington State and USC being the guests. The picture looks now as if it will be a one sided game with Washington State being on that side. USC is jinxed with fumbles this year. All of their fumbles add to 50 with 29 of them going to the opponents. This is not a very good record for a team that is going to play in the Rose Bowl. Then too, they are handicapped by the loss of their first string ends, one of which was an All-American. We think that the score will be Washington State 19, USC 6.

Martin Ruby, a former Texas Aggie, and Glenn Dobbs will play for Randolph Field when they meet Texas U. in the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day. Martin Ruby played tackle for the Aggies in 1941. He was hailed as an All-Conference tackle the same year. Glenn Dobbs, a Tulsa product, made All-American last year, and was given a berth on the service All-American team this year. Texas U. will not have the same team that won the Southwest Conference from A. & M. in the Turkey Day Classic. Many of their players have answered the call of their country. If Texas were playing the same team that defeated A. & M. we would pick them to win without hesitating, but the Ramblers will be in the driver's seat when January 1 rolls around. We expect Randolph Field 13—Texas U. 10.



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## A.S.T.U. Year Book Sales Soar

### Editorial . . .

Christmas is but a week off, and for most of us it will be our first one away from those we love. Down deep in our hearts we all hope that by this time next year all of us will be back home acting as if we had never left home. Those of us who are lucky enough to go home will find that there still will be a spot at the Christmas table. Perhaps Dad is an officer serving somewhere overseas, Brother may be doing more than his share in Italy or the South Pacific, or even Sis doing her part in the WACs, WAVES, or SPARS. Moments like these will add up on that personal score sheet of yours that you are personally going to settle with the "Supermen" and the "Sons" of the Rising Sun. That is sure going to be one sunset we are going to enjoy watching as it cringingly fades below the horizon.

### MY OLD LADY

(Dedicated to Ed Schiefelbein)

By Owen D. Baker

If he walks down the street  
With his head in the air,  
With a smile on his face  
And that wave in his hair,  
Wit ha look on his face  
As if he hadn't a care . . .  
That's my old lady!

If he walks 'cross the lawn  
Saying "Hi" to the fish;  
If he sits at the table  
And takes half of each dish;  
If he dreams of a ranch  
More'n anyone could wish . . .  
That's my old lady.

If he rides on a horse  
And seems well at ease;  
If he finds some good friend  
He can worry and tease;  
If he loves the outdoors  
With the rivers and trees . . .  
That's my old lady.

If he stands near a mirror  
And tries on his hat  
With a slouchy appearance  
And a grin on his map;  
And I think he's swell  
And mean it at that . . .  
Then that's my old lady!

## Trainees To Play And View Basketball Games

According to an announcement today by Capt. Jack Kimbrough, Regimental Special Service Officer, in addition to the already functioning ASTP basketball team, representing the entire unit, company basketball teams will be formed for inter-company competition, with regularly scheduled games to be played at the A. & M. gymnasium, and possibly a trophy awarded to the company with the best record. It is hoped that men in the companies participating in the night's competition will be permitted to attend the games, which will be played after the regular Call to Quarters at seven o'clock.

The college athletic department and Capt. Kimbrough are already arranging a tentative schedule, and the eleven companies are each promising to put a winning combination on the courts. There will also be changes made in the ASTP team from time to time, as new and better talent crops up.



"THEY FLOAT THROUGH THE AIR," not with the greatest of ease. Above photo shows a trio of ASTU trainees crossing a ditch via the "grapevine" on the A. & M. obstacle course. We don't believe the middle man will quite make it.

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## Just Ramblin' Round

Even though this column never rates even as high as 4-F with me, (P.S. I write for the column.) I'd like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to some of the other writers of ASTU news. The column of the STAR unit "3801 Sparkles" is always worth reading too . . . It's about time some of us thought a little more seriously about the ASTU yearbook. It'll be just as good as we make it and no better. Thanks again O. D. Baker for your poetic efforts. I'd like to read some of your letters to your best girl . . . You can take the boy out of the country but not the country out of the boy. That's good in some ways and not so good in others when it comes to following army rules and regulations . . . Almost every day I think of a song that was popular not so many years ago "Time Changes Everything." Boy, how true that is today! The future is positively unpredictable. Think back a few months. Did you have any idea that you would be where you are now? Sometime after this mess is over and people have begun to live in a normal manner again, I will purchase all the phonograph records that were popular as the days and months rolled away. Then when I play them I'll remember things that happened when those songs were popular. A guy will want to cry then he'll laugh; he'll want to get drunk and then he'll wish that he hadn't. It's a great life, even if a guy does weaken fast—especially, right after he gets in double harness (hearsay) . . . Well men a lot of us won't be home this Christmas, and maybe not the next, but when it's all over we'll be glad we had a part in beating H out of Japan and Germany no matter how meager our contribution will have been. The very best that we can do isn't enough, but don't let it be said that you didn't do your part when you had the chance. The quicker we get it over with, the quicker we'll get back to normal living again.

Hearken sportsmen your Christmas problem is settled. Don't sweat your sporting goods store for twenty pattern, don't give up in despair and dash out your cerebral matter from top of the Petroleum building. Just drop around room 115 and let the probocis lads show you the new Crocker, portable, collapsible, pocket fitting duck blind. Twenty four hours of perfect comfort is guaranteed. Ask the man who owns one.

Now when you were a problem child and got in ye old cookie jar did you always wonder if the matter would notice the strayed cookies or did you wonder if they would

At the same time he announced that any GI feeling the pinch of Yuletide expenditures merely had

## Demand Exceeds Expectations; Late Comers May Be Disappointed

Select a name for the ASTU Year Book and win five dollars. Need a Sawbuck for those little extras? Here is your opportunity to win yourself a prize. The Year Book staff has announced a contest for a suitable name for the Year Book. You may win. The rules are easy. If you buy a Year Book or have bought a Year Book you are eligible. Write your name, room and dorm on the same paper that has your suggestion for a name for the Year Book. The judges will be the staff and two regimental officers. In case of similar names that person who has the earlier date on his Year Book receipt will be declared winner. If you haven't done so already go out now and subscribe to the ASTU Year Book then take a flyer on that five spot.

Almost two thirds of the first company have made purchases and in several sections every man in the section has bought the Year-book.

At the same time, Business Managers for other companies have been appointed, John Cohen will handle sales in the third company, Rex Gardiner and Doug Powers in the fourth and John Pool is business manager of the seventh. Any one interested in buying a book in those companies should contact the above men. Also any section interested in having their picture taken for the year book should make arrangements now.

Editor Pat Bradley announces that while there has been a good response to the request for pictures of ASTU life at A. & M., he is still interested in getting as many pictures as possible. The pictures should be glossy prints and the person submitting same should have his name, room and dorm on the back of the picture.

Just an M. E.

Sorry, but not much cheer for print today. The first period grades are out, and also the usual accompanying, but now too late lamenting and repenting, cries of woe and "have pity, Prof." Yet there are still 37 more schooldays in which to redeem our strayed brethren (and ourselves), and you all know "We have not yet begun to fight."

To add to our depression, our basketball team lost, and came back with such glowing tales of life in ASTP at Baylor, that we can certainly understand a little thing like 53-32. Imagine being off from ten to eleven each night for a few breaths of fresh air on a campus abounding with beautiful, comely Texas Co-eds!!—Meals served by waitresses in the dining hall, and oh those "meals"!

But there is always tomorrow, and perhaps we will feel better by then. And then too, there is

give you a tummy ache. If still in doubt refer to Ken Fickes as he will settle all doubts.

We are all happy to note that corn has gone up sixty cents a bushel. There is absolutely no doubt but what the occupants of room 120 will soon be driving big long station wagons around before long. (Pen.)

The last statement that Crockett made before going into utter seclusion was that he is off women for life, even Bryant's favorite grease monkey. "I'll take a good mallard over any monkey," quotes he, "however I will admit that I don't use precious twenty pattern stalking monkeys."

Incidentally, war stamps or a war bond to a friend is the very best gift that you can give for Christmas.

### ANSWERS

#### TO ACTD QUESTIONS

1. Douglas C-54.
2. Three.
3. 1931.
4. The Prince of Wales, Oct. 4th.
5. Right.
6. Land of the Rising "SCUM"—Japan.
7. Rice.
8. June, 1917.
9. Wrong—it is not Sidney or Melbourne, it is Canberra.
10. It is not Absence With Out Leave as people are prone to believe—Official designation is Absence—With out Official Leave.

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## At Ease . . . by Martin

After quite a lapse of time, I have again decided to take up the pen and do my bit to aid the crusade for . . . hmmm . . . just what are we crusading for? Oh well, it doesn't matter much, it sounds good anyway.

This new P. T. is really the thing. One thing I'm really going to have to practice is how to execute the command . . . one . . . two . . . heads . . . up, while doing an exercise that calls for me to bend over and touch my toes. Just a word of warning to future sections running the 1.3 mile run. If a school bus with little children goes by and the kids lean out the window to say "hello," just ignore them. Returning a friendly greeting is frowned upon during the run.

This system of whistle to designate the correct uniform for formations is a fine thing. Wouldn't we feel foolish falling out for chow with barrack's bags, and raincoats as some of the fellows were suggesting in the halls?

always Daisy Mae and that lovely creature who adorns that C. E. building!!!  
"Bye Now!