

Aggie Gridders Start Fall Drills Monday

Tassos, Moncrief, and Butchofsky Only Three Returning Regulars

The 1944 edition of the "Kiddie Korps" will begin regular fall workouts Monday afternoon, preparing themselves for the coming football season.

Coach Homer Norton, together with his staff composed of Bill James, Manning Smith, Lil Dimmitt, and Pete Jones, will again find themselves working with a group of inexperienced boys. The majority of the squad will be made up of freshmen with only high school experience.

The three regulars who will be in Maroon and White again this year are Bob Butchofsky, blocking back; Monte Moncrief, giant tackle; and Damon "Greek" Tassos, who can play either center or guard. It is around these men Coach Norton will build his team.

Coach Norton's present plans are to hold daily workouts beginning at 5 o'clock each afternoon. This will permit the boys to start practice together as few classes are held after this hour. Other arrange-

ments will probably be made when the days become shorter and drills cannot be held this late in the afternoon.

The majority of the gridgers are in pretty good condition since the Cadets held summer workouts during the first two months of the summer. These drills were suspended three weeks ago, but most of the boys have been taking daily workouts to be sure of being in good condition when Monday rolls around.

The Nortonmen will have five weeks in which to prepare for the opening game of the season with Bryan Army Air Field on Kyle Field September 23. From this date until December 8, the Aggies will go through a stiff schedule which fails to include a letup.

Last year Coach Norton took a group of inexperienced kids and welded together a powerful aggregation. This group of athletes finished second in the Southwest Conference race, losing only to the University of Texas. Both Norton and all Aggies are praying that this present group of boys will be able to attain the success of '43 squad gained.

The strength of the 1944 edition of Aggies cannot be judged until

Big Prairie Fire On Drill Field Last Tuesday

Our very efficient fire department got a chance to use its modern equipment last Tuesday afternoon. While Co.'s A, B, C, and D were on the drill field behind Duncan Mess Hall holding a competitive close-order drill, someone dropped a match on the ground. The grass was about eight inches long, and the lack of rain has caused it to be very dry. When the fire got a little start, no one could stomp it out. With the help of a very strong wind which blew in puffs every two or three minutes, it spread all over the southwest part of the field. When the fire trucks arrived, it was going so strong that the firemen decided to let it burn itself out, which it did in about an hour. Nobody seemed to mind much, because the grass had been interfering with the drilling by catching people's feet and tripping them. All the fire did was to put a big black spot in the middle of the field, but it caused the companies to get a half-hour rest period. Why don't we do this more often?

they are seen under fire. A group of green boys with only some high school experience must be seen in college competition before their calibre can be measured.

We are not forecasting the Aggies to win the conference or finish anywhere near the top, it is too early to judge this group of boys. We will say, however, that if they create a spirit among themselves and have the will to win, they will come out on top in some of the games.

—LONGHORN!

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underclassmen with experience and a desire to work on the Longhorn. Smith has requested, "All students who have had experience in year-book work are asked to volunteer to work on the current edition." Smith can be contacted in Dormitory 7 or in his new offices on Monday or Thursday afternoons.

Publication of the Longhorn was suspended after the class of '44 received their annual, but agitation among the seniors and student body has resulted in a resumption of the publication. Current indications are that the book will come out sometime during the spring semester of 1945 and will include the remainder of this semester, the fall semester, and as much as possible of the spring semester.

The United States Post Office Department has so far issued stamps to honor our first twenty-nine Presidents and ninety-six other historical personages, nine of whom were women: Jane Addams, Louisa May Alcott, Susan B. Anthony, Virginia Dare, Queen Isabella, Molly Pitcher, Pocahontas, Martha Washington, and Frances E. Willard.

Faster Football Slated For East

There will be a wide-open brand of football played in some sections of the country this fall even if the individual performances may be under par.

Although the National Collegiate Athletic Association has decided against any rule changes for the duration, the Eastern Intercollegiate Association recently adopted six rule changes which will help speed up the game.

These rule changes were:

1. Teams kicking off out of bounds will be penalized five yards each time until a legal kick is made.

2. Permit use of one-inch artificial tee for kickoffs.

3. Permit forward passing from any point from behind the line of scrimmage.

4. Lessened the severity of penalties for illegal forward pass when made beyond line of scrimmage.

5. Clarified offside ruling by eliminating clause there can be no "both teams offside."

6. Permit all fumbled balls to be advanced by opponents. At present the ball is dead at point of recovery.

Coaches in the Southwest Conference are contemplating a "gentlemen's agreement" not to kickoff out of bounds.

—SYMPHONY—

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Guion, a Texas born composer. These pieces were "The Turkey in the Straw" and "The Harmonica Player". The overture to Strauss' "The Bat" closed the first section.

After a brief intermission, Brahms' Fourth Symphony and the Andante from Haydn's "Clock Symphony"—so called because the composer attempted to reproduce the ticking of Big Ben, the clock in the tower of London, were presented. Immediately the "Perpetual Motion" polka by Strauss and the "Golden Age" polka by Shostakovich, famed Russian composer of the "Fifth Symphony", followed. An impressive performance of Enesco's "Roumanian Rhapsody" closed the concert.

In this, the fifth summer of its existence, the orchestra has expanded rapidly and some 300 concerts were given. The music was of a fine variety which seldom comes to Aggieland.

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—DEAN—

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ship which will be nominal in price and have his parent's consent. A student will be able to get as much flying time as he desires if present plans work out. Instructors at Easterwood have stated that it is desirable to have most of the flying time scheduled during the week rather than on weekends.

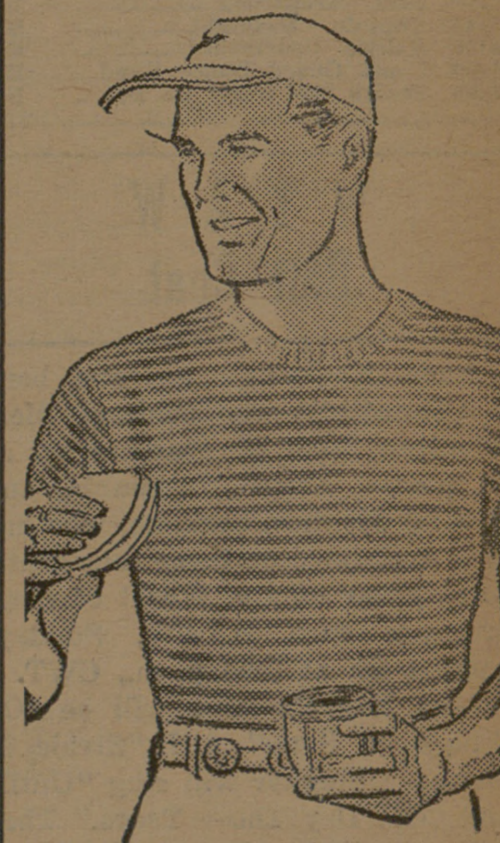
Eight hours of flying time is the minimum for soloing and only 35 hours in addition to solo time are required for a private license.

A physical examination must be passed in addition to the C. A. A. test before the student can solo. A private license requires the passing of more tests. Classes will also be scheduled in navigation and meteorology when the need arises.

Transportation facilities will be arranged between the A. & M. campus and Easterwood Airfield as soon as the flying program begins.

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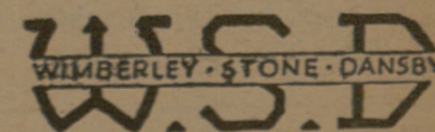
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