

# ON KYLE FIELD

## Notes On Saturday's Scrimmage

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Coach Homer Norton really put his charges through a grueling scrimmage Saturday afternoon, but the intense heat failed to dim the spirit of the boys. Although the workout was held three hours earlier than usual, the bridders came through with plenty of hustle and fire.

Saturday's drill gave grandstand quarterbacks plenty to talk about. As a whole, the team looked better than it has looked at any time during the previous workouts. Several of the boys showed up well in the scrimmage, better than had been expected.

In the backfield, some of the outstanding boys were Paul Yates, George McAllister, Don Kingery, James Cashion, and Frank Torno. Yates definitely turned in the best runs of the afternoon, and promises to be one of the Aggies' most dangerous runners. George McAllister, who has not shown up well in practice this fall, looked like the promising fullback of last

year. "Mac" was injured during the season last year, and Saturday was the first time he has shown any of his old form.

Don Kingery made several nice runs from his right halfback position, showing quite a bit of speed and hustle. Jimmy Cashion turned in some fine passing from his quarterback slot. This boy may develop into a first class passer, for he was throwing the ball with the coolness of a veteran Saturday. If he continues to improve with his accuracy, the Aggies will once again have a daunted aerial game. Frank Torno also looked good on what few passes he threw.

Line play Saturday was steady, although it would be hard to point out any outstanding player. Perhaps the most surprising performance was turned in by Alan Sparkman, the 230 pound San Antonio tackle who stands six inches above six feet. Sparkman turned in a fine performance, showing the Aggie mentors that he could move his frame around with amazing speed.

All in all, the Aggies looked like a football team Saturday, but much improving must be done before the Southwest Conference football race starts. Plays were being run off with surprising smoothness for this early in the season. However, these plays could stand a lot of polishing, as could the players.

The entire line will need much work before they are ready to compete with such teams as they face this year. However, line Coach Bill James took over his coaching duties only the latter part of last week and has not had time to do any work with them.

Knowing Uncle Bill as I do, I feel confident he will be able to straighten out the kinks and knots in the line and make a first class forward wall. At this stage of the season, the backfield seems to be a little ahead of the line, but this may be partly due to the fact that the line is hefty and must lose some weight.

The line will be helped this week when Monte Moncrief returns to the squad. Monte is expected to be one of the best tackles in the conference this season, and may be the man needed to anchor the Aggie forward wall.

The largest spring in the world is Silver Springs, located six miles east of Ocala, Florida. The great basin is 80-feet deep, 300 feet in diameter, and clear to the very bottom.



SHOWN ABOVE IS THE 1944 EDITION of the Texas Aggie football squad. These are the boys who will wear the Maroon and White of Aggieland this year. First row, left to right: George McAllister, Mason Matthews, Bene Spires, James Cashion, Tom Daniel, Frank Torno, Don Kingery, Bob Goff, and Arthur Abrahams. Second row: Walter Higgins, Grant Darnell, Joseph Sacra, Bob Gary, Thomas League, Bill Gray, Bob Butchofsky, Pete Odoms, Bryan Flippo, Paul Yates, and Clarence Howell. Third row: Herbert Ellis, Alan Sparkman, James Mitchell, D. M. Denton, Sammie Brice, Vernon Schmidt, Bill Walker, Mann Scott, Eldon Long, James Allen, Milton Chernow, and Charles Shira. Members of the squad who are not shown are: Mike Demetrius, Damon Tassos, Morton Shefts, Otto Granzin, Monte Moncrief, "Sparky" Eberle, Donald Nichols, and Jimmie Parmer.

## Ex-Aggie Fights Japs In Burma

Capt. William B. Freeman, of Bonham, Texas, a Marine Corps fighter pilot who bagged six enemy planes over Guadalcanal in 1942, is flying again against the Japanese in the Pacific.

The 26-year-old aviator, who piloted a Grumman Wildcat in the same squadron with 26-plane-ace Major Joe Foss on "the Canal" and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his action there last spring—this time with Major Foss as his commanding officer.

The unit under Major Foss was the first fighter squadron to operate from this island after its seizure in March.

But just as the planes are entirely different from those on Guadalcanal—lean Corsairs instead of chubby Wildcats—so is the war. There have been no Jap aircraft in this area for many months.

As a result, Captain Freeman and his flying mates are attaching bombs to their fighters for attacks on Rabaul and Kavieng.

"It's the old story of using a race horse to pull an ice wagon," Captain Freeman says. "But I guess it can't be helped. There's nothing else to do."

Main targets of the Corsair attacks are enemy supply and ammunition dumps and anti-aircraft gun positions.

"On Guadalcanal I never thought I'd be fighting a war like this, nor under such comfortable living conditions," said Captain Freeman. "Here we fly only every other day. Our huts are screened and cool. The food is almost like stateside. Were it not for the heavy ack-ack over Kavieng, this life could pass for peacetime duty."

Captain Freeman enlisted in March, 1941, shortly before he was to graduate from Texas A. & M., won his wings in April, 1942, and on October 1 reached Guadalcanal, where he was to fly seven days a week for several months. He is the son of Mrs. Bess Freeman of Bonham.

On October 25 he flew as part of a flight of only 14 Wildcats which got in the air to meet a Jap attack in which they faced odds of more than 10 to 1. Eight American planes were put out of commission, but the Marines blasted

them down more than 20 Japs in return, one of which is on Captain Freeman's record.

The fliers' living quarters were pyramidal tents—set up on bare ground—which were often ruined from enemy shrapnel and once by a large Jap task force which pumped 16-inch shells onto the beachhead for hours November 12.

"The tents weren't of much value to us then, anyhow," the Texas pilot says. "We were in our foxholes—and wishing the things were deeper."

## Commissions and Wings Received By Aggies Exes

Two former students, Lloyd W. Adams, '45, and R. S. Carroll, Jr., '46, were recently commissioned second lieutenants in the Army Air Forces after completing bombardier training at Carlsbad, New Mexico. Lt. Adams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Adams of Tyler, Texas; Lt. Carroll, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Carroll of Crowell, Texas.

## Secretary to Dean Is Wed Friday Night

Miss Anna Burney and Dr. Harry Hammen Lutz were married on Friday evening, at seven o'clock at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. H. Burney in College Station. Dr. Darrell D. Gray, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bryan, officiated. Only members of the immediate family were present.

Mrs. Lutz is a graduate of Baylor University and secretary to Dr. T. D. Brooks, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Lutz is from Baltimore, Maryland, a graduate of A. & M. College and is now on the staff of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery.

Dr. and Mrs. Lutz will reside on Suffolk Avenue, Oakwood.

The Salmon River in the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho, is known as the "River of No Return." Flat bottom boats can navigate it downstream, but no boat has ever been able to pull upstream.

## Aggie Ex Named N.A.W.B. Chairman

War Food Administrator Marvin Jones has named E. R. Duke as chairman of the National Agricultural War Board, succeeding Col. Everett R. Cook, who resigned to take a position with the State Department.

Until this appointment, Duke was manager of the Dallas office of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. He is a native of Texas and a graduate of the Texas A. & M. College, getting his B. S. degree in Agriculture here in 1923. For many years he was a county agent with the Extension Service.

## Sweet Clover Is A Valuable Soil Crop

Value of sweet clover as a soil building crop is plain to a Bailey County farmer. He followed the winter legume with potatoes which brought him \$19,872 from 39 acres of irrigated land.

The farmer is W. T. Millen of the Liberty community. He still has 11 acres of potatoes to harvest.

Millen planted the clover upon the recommendation of County Agricultural Agent J. M. Hancock. He grazed it during the winter months, then turned it under.

Returns in 1944 are considerable larger than in 1943, since the production is up about 15 per cent, and the price also is better. Miller received \$2.94 per hundred pound sack and estimates he will clear about \$10,000 on the crop.

About 60 per cent of the crop was sold to the Army and the remainder offered on the market at Muleshoe. Millen does his own washing and grading. Women and teen-age boys and girls from Muleshoe and nearby small towns constitute the bulk of his labor supply, according to County Agent Hancock who has directed farm labor recruitment and placement in the county.

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