

Cadets Take On Rice Owls In Cage Opener Saturday Night

Bill Henry and Company Are Heavy Favorites to Beat Hapless Aggies

Coach Manning Smith's Aggie cagers will open their conference basketball schedule Saturday night when they take on the powerful Rice Institute basketballers. The game will get underway at 7:30 p.m. in DeWare Field House.

Rice will bring an experienced team to Aggieland with several veterans from last year's co-championship five. Led by big Bill Henry, six foot ten inch center, the Owls will offer one of the strongest teams in the conference this year.

On the other hand, the Aggies have made a very unimpressive showing in early season games and do not have a regular back from last year's winless five. Charlie Weinbaum, guard, is the only player returning who saw action last year.

Cotton Howell, star end on the Cadet football team was showing up well in practice until he left to play in the all-star game in San Francisco. He is not expected to return to school until this weekend and will see no action in the Rice game.

Coach Smith has indicated that he will start the following men when the two teams take the floor Saturday night. Milton Chernov and Bob Collins will start at the forward positions, either Hub Ellis or Oscar White will be in center, and Bill McCormick and Charlie Weinbaum are the starting guards.

Chernov was selected as an all-state high school performer while he was a member of the El Paso High School team. McCormick, the pint-sized guard, was an all-city performer at Adamson High of Dallas.

Dairy Short Course Here January 8-9

Dairy operators of Texas, called upon by the government to increase both the quantity and the quality of their milk and milk products output for 1945 over the record-breaking totals of the past year, are cooperating with the Texas A&M College in staging the second wartime Dairy Fieldmen's Short Course to be held here Jan. 8 and 9. A. V. Moore, professor of dairy husbandry and director of the short course, said today.

Though the short course will serve a highly specialized field of the Texas dairy industry, advance registration figures indicate that over 100 dairy fieldmen will attend the two-day meeting.

Cooperating with the various departments of the Texas A&M College in holding the dairy fieldmen's short course are the War Food Administration and the AAA of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Texas dairy feed manufacturers, the Dairy Products Institute of Texas with headquarters in Dallas, and the Texas Dairy Products with headquarters in Fort Worth.

W. R. Horsley, chairman of A&M College short courses, will preside at the forenoon session Jan. 8, with E. R. Eudaly, formerly of the Extension Service and now director of the Livestock Division of Universal Mills at Fort Worth, chairmanship the other meetings.

At the opening session, Brian Blalock of Marshall, president of the Dairy Products Institute of Texas, will be followed by Chas. N. Shepardson, dean of Agriculture and president of the Texas Dairy Products Assn., Dr. L. G. Jones, head of the Department of Agronomy, will discuss "Take Care of Your Land," followed by "Or-

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Aggies Suffer Six Straight Defeats During Cage Tour

Six defeats in six games was the record compiled by the Aggie basketball team during its annual Christmas tour. This year the Cadets met defeat at the hands of all six service teams played during the holidays, giving them a record of one win in ten non-conference games.

The first defeat was suffered at the hands of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, the Air Corps boys winning 72-39. Camp Normoyle of San Antonio posted the second defeat on the Cadets by the score of 57-43. Journeying to Corpus Christi, the Aggies found the reception no warmer and were defeated by the Ward Island Navy School, 76-27, and by the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, 68-31. San Marcos Air Field hung the next loss on the Cadets, 62-42, and the final defeat was at the hands of Bergstrom Field, the only team the Aggies have defeated this year, the Flyers winning 31-26.

Members of the squad making the trip were Kenneth Abrams, Tom Blackstone, Milton Chernov, Bob Collins, Tom Daniel, Hub Ellis, Bill Fincannon, Curt Homeyer, Bill McCormick, Don Nicholas, Jim Parmer, Gene Spires, Bill Tucker, Jim Voss, Charlie Weinbaum, and Oscar White.

ganic Matter—The Life of the Soil," with Dr. Roy L. Donahue, also of the Department of Agronomy.

Other program features for the afternoon meeting include:

"Green Acres." R. R. Lancaster, Extension pasture specialist.

"The Nutritive Value of Dairy Feed." Dr. P. B. Pearson, Animal Husbandry department.

"Recent Developments in Hay and Grain Drying." P. T. Montfort, Agricultural Engineering department.

"Developing a Sound Dairy Husbandry." A. L. Darnell, Dairy Husbandry department.

Speakers at the banquet to be held in Sbis Hall the night of Jan. 8 include C. M. Evans, Dallas, War Food Administration; Hugo Swan, Dallas, Dairy Products Institute of Texas, and M. E. McMurray, Fort Worth, Texas Dairy Products Assn.

Shown on the program for the forenoon session, Jan. 9, are:

"Outlook for Grain and Protein Supply for 1945." P. C. Colgin, AAA.

"Efficiency in Feeding Practices." G. G. Gibson, Extension dairy specialist.

"Feeding Dry and Lactating Cows." O. C. Copeland, chief Experiment Station Division of Dairy Husbandry.

"The Importance of D. H. I. A. Testing." O. W. Thompson, Extension Service.

"Postwar Plans for Dairy Buildings." A. L. Darnell, Dairy Husbandry department.

"Adopt Labor Saving Methods." C. Hohn, State Farm Labor supervisor; R. B. Hickerson and M. R. Bentley, Extension Service.

Program for the concluding session, afternoon of Jan. 9, shows:

"Cattle Disease Prevention." Dr. E. P. Jaggi, School of Veterinary Medicine.

"Maintaining a Sanitary Water Supply." J. H. Sorrels, Municipal and Sanitary Engineering department.

A quality milk production clinic will be directed by Chares R. Burleson, dairy feed service division of Johnson & Johnson Co.; Dr. W. S. Arbuckle, Agricultural Experiment Station; P. T. Monfort and A. V. Moore.

Hillel Club to Hear Lowdermilk Book On Palestine Reviewed

Mr. Virgil Parr, Chief of the Division of Soil Conservation at A. & M. will review before the Hillel Club on Sunday, January 7 at 7:15 p.m., the recent book of Walter Clay Lowdermilk entitled "Palestine, Land of Promise."

Dr. Lowdermilk is a soil conservationist, forestry engineer, and a hydrologist of wide experience. He is assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service of the United States and for five years was research professor of forestry at the University of Nanking, China. In 1938-39 he spent fifteen months making an extensive survey of soil and water conservation in Europe, North Africa and the Near East, the basis for his book "Palestine, Land of Promise." Dr. Lowdermilk recently returned from another fifteen-month trip, this time into China as adviser to the Chinese government on ways and means of increasing their production of food as a war measure.

Dr. Lowdermilk has come to the conclusion that Palestine is indeed a land of promise; a land which, by the unique combination of the natural features and resources of the Jordan Valley, makes possible a huge reclamation project capable of supporting at least four million refugees in addition to the two million Jews and Arabs already living there. The book is written from the standpoint of a land conservationist whose life work has been to study the relation of peoples to their lands.

In a broadcast in June 1939 from Jerusalem, Dr. Lowdermilk proclaimed an 11th commandment, "Thou shalt inherit the holy earth as a faithful steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt safeguard thy fields from soil erosion, thy living waters from drying up, thy forests from desolation, and protect thy hills from overgrazing by the herds, that thy descendants may have abundance forever. If any shall fail in this stewardship of the land, thy fruitful fields shall become sterile stony ground or wasting gullies, and thy descendants shall decrease and live in poverty or perish from off the face of the earth."

Joining on the same program will be Mr. C. L. Hu of China, a former A. & M. student now back on the campus. Mr. Hu is studying soil conservation in the interest of China and corroborates Dr. Lowdermilk's observations as they affect the welfare of China. The meeting will be held at the Lounge Room of Sbis Hall and should prove of special interest to students and faculty members especially interested in the problems of Soil Conservation.

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try's outstanding young agricultural economists."

At Washington, Timm will direct agricultural relations work in the national OPA office, eight regional offices, and more than 60 OPA districts in the agricultural area. His efforts will be devoted to two general tasks, namely, creating a clearer understanding and more wholesome appreciation among farm and ranch people of OPA policies and procedures; and establishing a clearer understanding among OPA personnel of problems peculiar to agriculture caused by price control.

Native of Lavaca County, Timm was graduated at A. and M. College with the class of 1934, and holds the B. A. degree in agricultural administration, and a master's degree with honors in agricultural economics. He has completed one-half of his doctorate work at Iowa State and Texas A. and M. Colleges. He received a teaching fellowship after graduation and served as graduate assistant and instructor in the A. and M. College department of agricultural economics during 1935-36.

In July, 1936, he became associated with the New Mexico A. and M. College as assistant professor of agricultural economics, doing half-time teaching and half-time research. One year later he became Extension economist at New Mex-

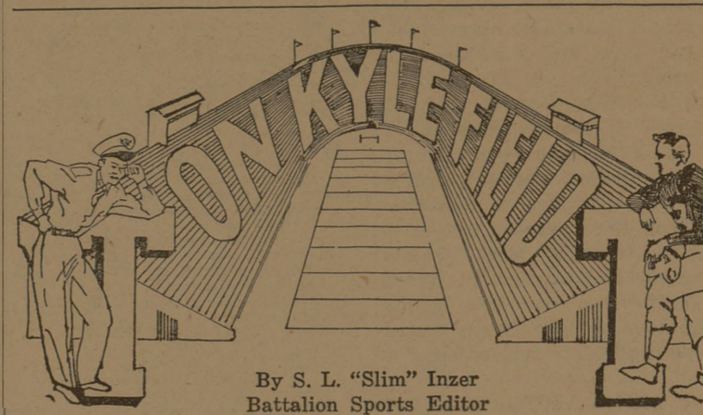
ico State College, and in May 1938, joined the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service as economist in farm management. In March of last year he was called to Washington as consultant in the Office of Price Administration, and in May was appointed agricultural economist for the office of the administrator. Timm is the author of many bulletins and leaflets pertaining to public economic policies and to individual farm business analysis. These include publications on income tax, the dangers of inflation, and war bonds.

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pulling gliders. It has "stretch recovery," like rubber, Miss Dieken said. Civilians cannot expect great quantities of nylon on the market after the end of the war in Europe, since enormous amounts are needed in the South Pacific because this synthetic is practically unaffected by moisture and heat.

Among the synthetic products which may be commonly accepted after the war are nylon curtains which do not have to be ironed, nylon suits for men with indestructible creases in the trousers, outdoor furniture which will not fade or weather, paint brushes with nylon bristles, and transparent food containers which can be vacuum packed like tin cans.

Chemical research, in addition to developing synthetics and plastics, also is working on giving improved characteristics to natural fibers, Miss Dieken said. Junior's cotton coveralls can be treated so they will be unaffected by splashes of mud, spilled orange juice, or upset bottles of ink. In addition, cotton materials can be treated so they are non-flammable, mildew resistant, water repellent, and (by a layering process) as warm as wool, she stated.

BATTALION Sports



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Basketball Outlook Far From Bright

Saturday night will find the Aggies beginning another conference basketball season, and from the pre-conference games the outlook is anything but bright. In ten warm-up games the Aggies have been victorious in only one tilt, dropping the others usually by sizeable margins.

Last year's quintet was the soft touch of the conference, failing to win a game and having the conference scoring record broken against them by both S. M. U. and Texas. Only one member of last year's squad is back for the coming season, he being Charlie Wein-

Aggies Shine in All-Star Games

Although the Aggies failed to get into one of the annual bowl games New Year's Day, they were well represented in the All-Star Games which helped to start football off in 1945.

In the Blue-Gray game played in Montgomery, Alabama last Saturday, Martin Ruby, all-conference tackle in 1941 and a star lineman of the mighty Randolph Field Ramblers for the past two years, started for the victorious Southern team and played fine ball while he was in the contest.

In the East-West game played New Year's Day in San Francisco,

baum who was a reserve guard.

As usual Arkansas and Rice are expected to dominate the race, both teams showing up well in pre-season games. Texas may come through with a better team than is expected, but it looks now as if the Hogs and Owls will fight it out again for the crown.

Although the Cadets are feared when they trot onto the gridiron, they seldom scare anyone when they go on the basketball court. This year seems to be no exception, for Coach Manning Smith is going to have a hard time keeping his boys out of the cellar again.

Monte Moncrief, Cotton Howell, Mann Scott and Goble Bryant were the Aggie representatives who played for Coach Homer Norton's Western eleven. According to all reports, Moncrief was the big gun in the West's line which pushed the favored Easterners all over the field. Howell caught a pass and carried the ball down to the 12 yard line from where the West scored its winning touchdown.

Moncrief received more praise than any other player in this game, being mentioned by both sports writers and broadcasters alike.

interest, including a six-inch-long container of dehydrated compressed cranberries adequate for serving 100 persons.

Miss Dieken told her listeners they couldn't expect overnight a brand new world paved with plastics, but agreed all might share a justifiable thrill in better living which research will assure.

Also appearing on the conference program was J. A. Gray of A. and M.'s animal husbandry department. He displayed treated shearlings which have been treated to simulate beaver and other furs.

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"folks" as here, he said.

Thanking each and every one for his loyalty and devotion to the College, President Gilchrist wished they each would have the best and happiest Christmas possible under the circumstances which he described as the grimmest since 1776, even including the season of 1941 following the debacle at Pearl Harbor.

W. R. Horsley, director of Student Placement, presided at the dinner, which was opened by everyone joining in singing "Jingle Bells." The Singing Cadets, under direction of W. M. Turner, rendered several selections appropriate to the season, accompanied on the piano by James Oates. Chairman Horsley thanked Mrs. Al Nelson and members of the Garden Club committee for table and hall decorations.

As a finale all stood and sang, "Auld Lang Syne."

Davis Studies Wool Processing

Studies being made in the East by Stanley P. Davis, wool and mohair specialist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, will result in increased efficiency in the operation of the Wool Scouring Plant at the Texas A. & M. College, according to J. M. Jones, chief of the Station's Division of Range Animal Industry.

Mr. Davis left College Station December 26 for a month's trip to Washington and wool textile manufacturing centers around Philadelphia, New York and Boston. In the nation's capital he will confer with officials of the wool division of the USDA on the coring method of taking samples of wool for scouring to determine the shrinkage, on which experiments have been run the past two years at the Texas A. & M. College plant. He also will secure information on the progress of various investigations being made by officials of the animal fiber investigation bureau and the bureau of standards of the USDA with wool and mohair.

The latter part of Davis' studies will be in woolen manufacturing centers, contacting manufacturers of wool scouring and wool textile machinery and wool and mohair textile plants. He will be particu-

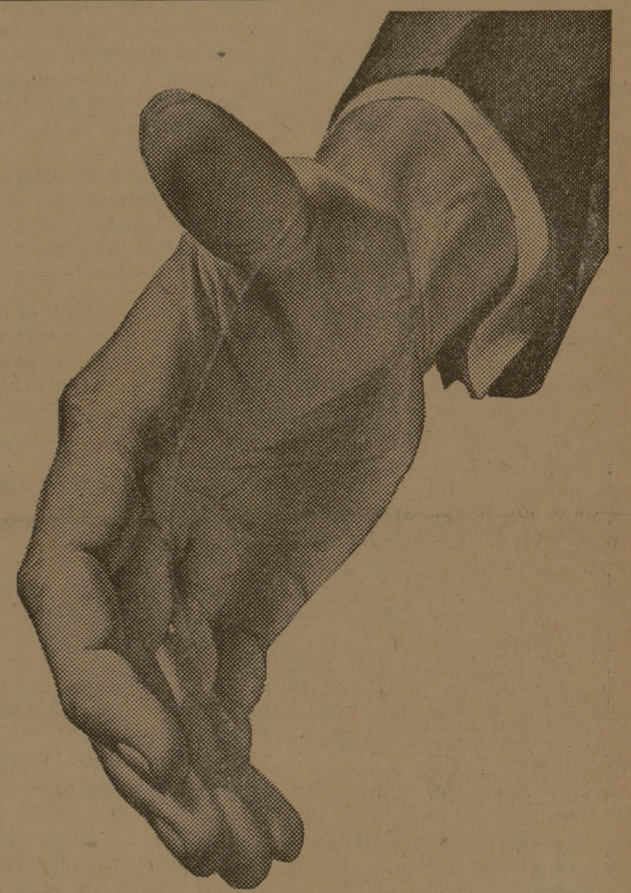
larly interested in research and late developments in methods of shrinkage determinations in wool and mohair.

Davis came to the Texas A. & M. College in 1928 as superintendent of the Wool Scouring Plant. Prior to that time he had had several years experience in the wool manufacturing business in Massachusetts and other states in that section.

The Wool Scouring Plant was established in 1919 by the Texas Legislature at the insistence of sheep and goat raisers of Texas. It is now the most complete wool and mohair scouring laboratory of an land grant college in the United States. Since its establishment the plant has been instrumental in lowering by several points the estimated shrinkage of Texas wools, and this has resulted in a material dollars and cents gain to every Texas wool grower.

Sixteen years of night class attendance earned a bachelor of business administration degree at Cleveland college of Western Reserve university for Mrs. Millicent C. Bening.

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