

Aggie Nine To Meet Southwestern U. In Opener Friday

First of 2-Game Series Begins 3:30

Purtle to Pitch Friday; Smith to Take Mound Sat.

By Ed Wendt

The Maroon and White will clash with Southwestern University from Georgetown in a two-game series to be played here Friday and Saturday. Friday's game will be the opening game of the season for Pete Jones's Aggie diamondmen and will begin promptly at 3:30. The game Saturday will begin at 2:30.

To hurl for the Farmers in the two games will be Purtle and Smith. Purtle is scheduled to pitch Friday's game and Charlie Smith to pitch Saturday's. Both these men wear the Maroon and White for the first time, neither having had any previous conference experience. Love and Kudera will stand by and may pitch a few innings in either of the games.

Datt will cover catcher's position; whereas, Grant Darnell will also see some play behind the bat. Katt has shown up in intra-squad games as being the strongest batter on the squad. He hails from New Braunfels, Texas, where he has had several years catching experience on league and high school teams.

George Strickhausen will be on hand to handle first base. "Strick" lettered at first base last year. Larry Hamilton will also be ready to cover that position. Strickhausen is from Galveston, and Hamilton is from San Antonio.

A. Abraham will play second base and "Buck" Newsom was on the Cadet 1944 squad on which he played second base.

"Stubby" Matthews has the third base post to fill. Matthews played with the squad also for his first time Friday. He has shown some promise in the batter's box also.

Al Rettig will have the short-stop post all to himself these two games. He lettered at short stop last season and is one of the two lettermen to return. Rettig will be a threat to Southwestern's hurler as he is a heavy hitter.

Left field will be played by Floyd DeLafosse. DeLafosse was on the Aggie 1944 ball club. He hails from Houston, where he has had several years practice at outfield positions. Floyd is another of the Aggie slugging mainstays.

LOUPOT'S
A LITTLE PLACE - - -
- - - A BIG SAVING!

G Company, F Battery Setting Fast Pace In Race For Intramural Pennant

Horseshoes

By Dick Dillingham

A Battery Wins Over B Co.
The peashooters of A and B tangled Friday afternoon, with A Battery proving itself worthy of the win.

Taking a sweep of all the games, they had little trouble except in the last match between Broyles and Gaskell of B Battery and Cecil and Elmendorf of the triumphant Battery. This game ended with a final score of 21-17, but it was a far better game than the score indicates. Elmendorf was in fine form for these games. His first pitch of the last game was a perfect ring-er. Cecil threw frequent leaners in this first game, but in intramurals they only count one point. Broyles and Gaskell settled down to pull in a slight lead in the last game. Then Elmendorf started on a ring-

R. E. Prince returns again this season to play center field for the Farmers. Prince played in the outfield on last season's squad. He is from Orange.

Byrnes will play right field in the two week-end games. He hails from Temple, where several seasons of outfield and infield experience precede his play this year.

Harold Prater, "Hub" Ellis, and A. B. Strange will be ready to go in at any of the outfield positions. They will also probably see some play Friday or Saturday.

Pete Jones has been smoothing out the rough edges of the squad in practice the past few afternoons. Coordination on infield plays has been stressed and practiced effectively in early workouts this week. The group is new and inexperienced; consequently, Pete has emphasized close coordination of relative positions while fielding the ball.

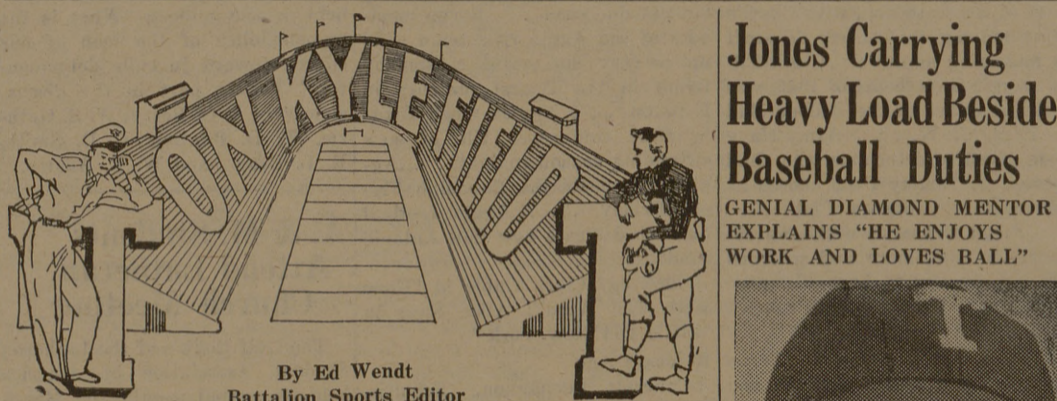
Southwestern University boasts a strong team this season with eight Naval trainees in V-12 program there on their squad. The Aggies split a two-game series with them in Georgetown, last year, each winning a game.

The Aggies will return the game with Southwestern one week after their clash here. The first conference game will be April 6 with Texas in Austin. Several other games are scheduled before the first conference game and they will follow this pattern:

Baseball Schedule
Southwestern (H), March 16.
Southwestern (H), March 17.
Southwestern, March 23.
Southwestern, March 24.

Battalion Sports

Meet Southwestern In Season Opener Friday



By Ed Wendt
Battalion Sports Editor

ABOUT AS EXPECTED

Coach Lil Dimmit's track team showed up at the Border Olympics just about as he expected them to Friday. Holbrook took the 440 yard dash with a beautiful stride finishing in 50.6 sec. He should have little trouble taking that event in future meets. Guy Groves of the Rice Owls will add to Holbrook's competition Saturday, at the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show Track meet. Groves' time in his first workout was 53.4 seconds.

The Mile Relay team showed a winning speed Friday, finishing in 3 min. 36 sec. Alley, Henderson, Mortenson, and Holbrook ushered the Baton to the finish mark.

Tassos was faced with strong-arm competition; in fact, Greek could edge nothing closer than a "fourth" in his event. Evidently, his form and arm were below the expectation level in the "Boundary Upset."

CHANCE TO REDEEM

Although the Maroon and White cindermen will be faced with increased competition at Ft. Worth Saturday, they have a sporting chance in which to show improvement over their initial defeat in the Olympics. Texas, however, will be represented with the same group of spikemen that coming rampage that sea-sawed the lead back to A Battery. Broyles also at the last, hit that streak that everyone likes to ht. He matched practically all of Elmendorf's pitches, but there was no stopping A Battery Friday.

Smokler of A Battery was also "on the beam." He showed perfect accuracy at hitting the pole, but he had trouble making them stick there. Enough of them did though, to give him and his partner, A. F. Johnson, two straight games over Landman and Jagers. This contest was perhaps the most even of the afternoon. Landman and Jagers did a fine job to make the boys from A Battery sweat it out many times.

Asburn of B Battery was in the best of form. These games were frequently tied, but Kelso and Robinwitz always managed to pull ahead at the last to take two straight games. Asburn had an able partner in Parker.

G CO. STOPS D TROOP

Close, exciting games were on the menu Monday for those who attended the contest between G Co. and D Troop. Coming up with such accurate pitchers as Schuler, Backer and Rosé of G Co., and Terrance, Snavelly, and Nelson for D Troop, the games were very full of ringers, leaners, and measurements for points. After a hard battle, G Co. finally carried the contest away in the last game.

Stamas and Findley, of the Jocks downed Young and Adair of G Co. in two straight games, while on another court, Rose and Hutto of the Paddle feet were nudging Slack and Nelson in the same manner. This left the match up to the last game between Terrance and

peted in the Border trials; hence, the outlook is, definitely, not bright. Rice, also, will be trying to eke out a victory in their first trial of the season.

SWIMMERS LEAVE

Coach Art Adamson and his group of tankers left this morning to test their strength against a strongly favored Steer team in Austin tonight. The boys and girls of the "Forty Acres Sparkling Water" are to be hosts to the Aggie tankers in a dual meet.

Preceded by a series of misfortunes for the Farmers, the meet itself look to be event darker than any held last season. With several lettermen back the "Teahounds" boast a team that should make quite a high score. Remembering the two defeats that were handed them last season, the cadets are expected to put up a strong fight to revenge the losses.

Fairly strong in the diving and sprinting departments, the Aggie team should stack up most of their score in these events. The Orange and White, weakened by the loss of their ace sprinter Ed Seidel, are not due to take these events. Also, the return of Southwest Conference Diving Champion, Alvario Facio, greatly strengthens the diving possibilities for the Aggies. Facio has been handicapped in diving practice by a split diving board at the pool. He commented that he'd probably leave early for the Texas meet in order to get in some practice on the board in Gregory Gym.

DIAMOND NINE READY

In two weeks in which the Aggie diamondmen have had to prep for the season opener, a surprisingly strong ball club has emerged. Spectators are due to see a thrilling series here Friday and Saturday when the Farmers meet the Southwestern University baseballers.

Pete Jones has selected a squad that is due to make a good showing in their initial clashes. Southwestern, incidentally, has scrapped together a good club from Navy V-12 Trainees stationed there.

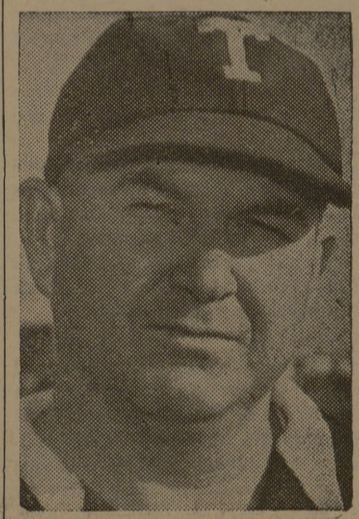
Intra-squad games last week proved the Aggies ready to play both offensive and defensive ball games. Hurling for the Maroon and White will be Purtle and Smith; Love will be a standby.

G. BATTERY TOPS B CO

Meanwhile, G Battery was taking it pretty easy in its matches with B Co. Taking all the matches but one, G Battery was showing very classy teamwork. Swatzell and Wiley won the only game for the Infantrymen when they defeated Withers and Weinbalm. Showing brightly for the Peashooters were Nixon, Withers and Weinbalm,

Jones Carrying Heavy Load Besides Baseball Duties

GENIAL DIAMOND MENTOR EXPLAINS "HE ENJOYS WORK AND LOVES BALL"



A. E. (PETE) JONES

By Ed Wendt

Pete Jones, coach of the Aggie baseball squad this spring, is backed by many years of experience in the field of sports, most outstanding of which is the twelve years during which he coached football for Bryan High School.

Pete was born in Palmer, Texas, where he went to high school and graduated. He played baseball in high school for four years, and graduated in 1920.

In 1925 Pete entered Baylor University where he received most of his playing experience. He lettered on the varsity team his last two years and was captain of the Baylor Bear squad his graduating year. Pete also played baseball for Baylor the four years during which he was enrolled there. He made the varsity teams his last three years and lettered at outfield positions.

While at Baylor, Pete majored in Business Administration and graduated in 1931. He dropped out two years, 1926-27, to work and returned again in 1928.

In 1931 Pete accepted the responsibilities of coaching the Bryan High School football teams. Considering that he was handicapped all through his time at Bryan High by lack of grid talent and excessive competition, Pete has produced several championship teams.

During the spring and summer months of 1937-40, Pete worked on his M.A., here at A. & M., and completed his work on it in 1940.

Only a few months ago, June, 1944, Pete was employed by the Athletic Department of the college. During that time he has been handling the business end of things in the Department. Two weeks ago Pete took over the responsibilities of coaching varsity baseball on his own time. Right now, he is carrying an overload of eight hours with the Athletic Department and two hours with the baseball squad every afternoon. In answer to the question, "How do you do it?" Pete smiled and said, "because I enjoy my work here and love baseball."

ably assisted by Garrison, Ellis and Groves. B Co. showed their top stob-hitters in Swatzell, Wiley and Denton. F. E. Williams, throwing for B Co., might have been hampered slightly by his Vet-robe, but he still put in his part of the points.

Handball

G CO. TAKES D TROOPERS

By R. L. Bynes

G Company scrapped their way to victory over a fighting but outplayed D Troop in Friday afternoon's 4:15 League A handball tussle. The Infantrymen and Cavalry men were all tied up after two of the three games wound up—the G Company doubles team of Crochet and Brown overwhelming the D Troop doubles team of Slack and Swartzberg with a 15 to 3, 15 to 0 score, and Boyd of the Cavalrymen defeating McCormick of the Infantrymen.

In the game mentioned above, Boyd of the Cavalrymen—giving no quarter and asking none—trounced the comparatively dimute McCormick 15 to 3, 15 to 0, to bring the Cavalrymen back into the running again.

Now the third game of the match was really a back-forth, see-saw contest. Russell of the Infantrymen grabbed the first game with a 15 to 9 win—then Nelson of the Cavalrymen came back in the second game of the tussle and laid Russell away with a 15 to 4 pounding. However, the third scrap was the most characteristic of the see-saw singles match. Most of the time Nelson maintained the necessary lead to take the game in the third round, but he faltered on the serve returns and thereby allowed Russell to bring up his score.

Playing without a stop, the game was so close that just a few seconds before its close, the score stood 15 to 15. Since the first player to total 15 points for himself wins the game, it took but two more serves for Russell of G Co. to eke out a win over Nelson. G Co. thereby won the match with two wins and one loss to their credit.

F C. TROUNCES H CO.

Dan McGuirk and C. F. Crabtree iced the H Company—F Company handball doubles game away for the evening when they snowed B. M. Kirk and R. Griffin of H Company away by taking the second and third rounds 15 to 6, and 15 to 5. Kirk and Griffin took the first scramble however, 15 to 11.

Harold "Blotto" Borofsky upheld H Company's honor when he won over F Company's J. D. Reitz 15 to 11, and 15 to 13 in a very close match.

In the third well balanced singles match, showing much experience in both players, Banker of F Co. rolled ahead in the second and (See HANDBALL, Page 5)

Basketball

TURLEY, SIDES, SPARKLE AS C BATTERY TOPS H COMPANY

Turley dropped in a free shot and Caraway and Sides rolled up 4 points for C Battery with two field goals as the first period opened in Monday afternoon's 4:15 cage play which ended in and decided victory for the batteryman over H Co. with a final count of 18 to 9.

In the second quarter it was all Sides and Libsom of the batterymen, scoring 2 crisp shots each, which was almost entirely responsible for running the first period score to 15 to 4 for the peashooters. The batteryman seemed to have indescribable control with the oval—several times in the second quarter it looked as though the peashooters might lose the ball, but they managed to fumble it down the hardwood and score against the infantrymen. Schmidt and Turley were the only infantrymen who kept the H Company's hopes alive in the first period, Schmidt chalking up three points with a foul shot and a crisp shot, and Turley making one lone foul shot.

Moss who subbed in for Fallas at the midway point of the one-sided affair, threw in the first and second basketfuls of leather in the fourth period to improve the infantrymen's hopes, but at this point in the game it was just too much C Battery, who went on to win by a margin of 18 to 9.

Sides turned a great game for the batteryman, emerging as high point man for the peashooters with 6 points, and also showing up well on the hardwood and under the basket. High point man in the fouls department for the peashooters was Caraway with three, while Libsom was second highest for C Battery with five points. Libsom turned in a stellar performance although he only remained in the game a comparatively short while.

Even though none of the H Company lads showed up noticeably in floor work, they did sport Moss as their high man with 4 points. Henkhaus led in the fouls department with three piled up against him.

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