

Now that the Federal Inspection is a thing of the past, and Fish Ball has ended and a short but generally happy Easter Holiday season has left its memorable impressions on Aggies over the campus—intramural enthusiasm is gradually returning to its normal high peak of interest.

Wyble's A Co. has slugged out five consecutive wins over its opponents in League A since the start of intramural basketball competition this semester and it looks as though those A Co. lads have a mighty good chance of taking the basketball title. In piling up this series of wins, A Co. defeated the Band 18 to 6, then eked out a slim 18 to 16 victory over Charley Caraway's stubborn C Battery. Second only to A Co. in this division is C Battery headed by Caraway which has accounted for three wins but has one loss to A Co.

In League C cage competition J. B. Kearley's E Company has plastered out three wins and no losses to reign as tops while Jim Henderson's D Co. Infantrymen are but a shade behind them with three wins and one loss.

League B basketball Bennet's F Battery men have seized a momentary one game lead by dumping the D Troop cavalrymen by the wayside while Stanley Leventhal's B Battery men and Delbert Runyon's G Co. infantrymen are tangled up in a two way tie.

F Battery is setting a pace which will be difficult for its League A handball opponents to catch up with in that it has already batted out four straight wins for itself.

In doing this F Battery has slaughtered D Co. 3 to 0, it has drubbed A Battery 3 to 0, and it has squeezed out a 2 to 1 win over a potent D Troop. Second in League A is B Co. with 2 wins and one loss, while Jim Henderson's D Co., and Boyd's D Troop are neck and neck in third place.

League B handball finds Dorm 6 out in front with 3 wins and no losses followed by McGuyre's C Co. infantrymen, Wyble's A Co. lads, and J. B. Kearley's E Co. boys who are all on the same level with three wins and two losses each.

F. Co. is stalemated in a two-way tie up in the sparsely populated League C handball warfare, sustaining two wins and no losses. G Battery is the outfit of secondary importance in this same league while the hapless H Co. occupies the cellar position with two losses and no wins.

### Mike Cokinos Given Silver Star In Ger.

Lieut. Mike P. Cokinos, all-conference Texas Aggie basketball star and captain of the 1943 Aggie cage team, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action while serving with the 8th armored division, 9th Army in Germany.

Lieut. Cokinos was cited for directing artillery fire on a strong German position that was knocked out by his gun crew, and he also received a battlefield promotion as a first lieutenant for this feat. According to press accounts, Lieut. Cokinos and his forward observer crew fired several rounds at an enemy gun position across a river and failed to knock it out. The "kraut" crew added insult to injury by openly thumbing their nose at the American artillerymen. That was too much and Lieut. Cokinos called for another round and a shell was dropped in the middle of the enemy position.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Cokinos of Beaumont, "Mike" is one of three brothers to graduate from A. & M. College. He was a pre-med graduate from A. & M., receiving his degree prior to entering the armed services in June 1943. A brother, Jimmy, is now a major in the 1st Cavalry. Pete, youngest of the three, at last account was in Beaumont.

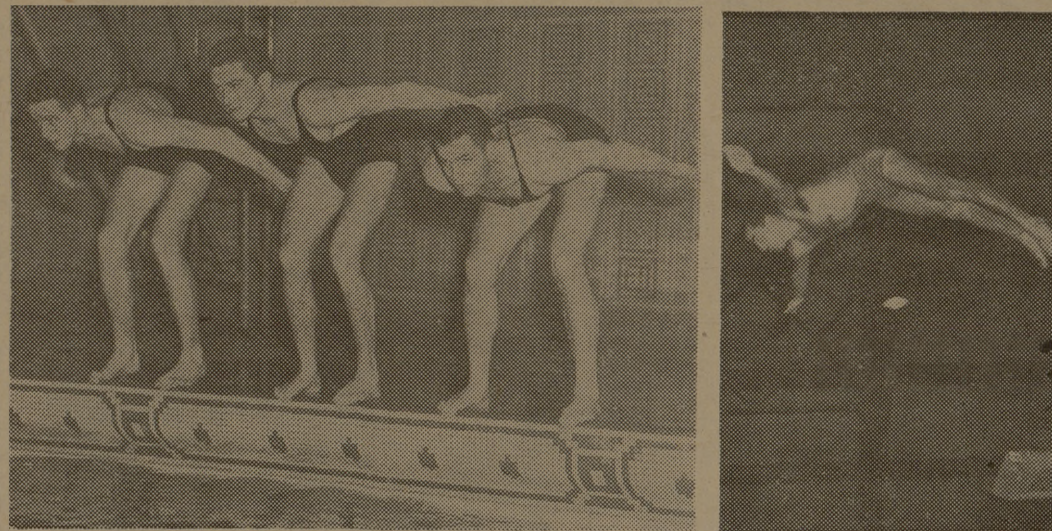
Captain Rob. S. Bailey, stationed with the Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D. C. is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. C. D. Ownby. Formerly of Greenville, Mrs. Bailey has had a year's service overseas with the Red Cross in New Guinea. She arrived Sunday and left Thursday.

Mrs. Scott McNeil, Beeville, Texas, and Mrs. W. D. McNeil, Mathis, Texas, were visitors on the campus over the week-end.

Mr. J. W. Rollins was in San Antonio Tuesday to address the San Antonio A. & M. Mothers Club.

# Battalion Sports

## Lead Aggie Team This Season



These are the boys who will carry the brunt of the attack when the Aggie tankmen invade Austin for the conference swimming meet soon. They are Allan Self, Jack Riley, and Manuel Escobar. The diver is Alvaro Facio, conference champ.

## A Company Leads In Basketball Race F Battery Undeafeated In Handball

### Basketball

#### C CO. TROUNCES H CO.

A well organized C Company cage quintet led by Schaeffer, Foster, Drouet, Gilbert, and Epps, pounded out a 23-15 triumph over an underdog H Company five in Monday afternoon's 5:00 o'clock League A Intramural basketball race.

The towering Drouet, performing in stellar fashion on the hardwood throughout the entire contest, plus the clever play of Gilbert and the slam-bang shooting of Foster and Schaeffer, were just too much for the out-fought H Company infantrymen who were never able to show much prominence in the first half, boasting only one point which came on Henkausk's first quarter foul shot.

Drouet began the scoring parade when he dropped in two points shortly after the opening whistle had sounded—followed shortly thereafter by Foster who quickly juggled through four more points to give the C Company infantrymen a fairly substantial controlling hand in the first period.

In the second quarter, C Company's Gilbert first pounded the hardwood in the scoring race, followed by Schaeffer and Epps who dropped in one shot each, banging the score to 12 to 1 (C Company), as the midway whistle sounded.

However, in third quarter play the H Company lads, led by Turley's 2 points, Hill's 2 points, and Henkausk's 2, made a very desperate bid for victory by piling up a sum total of 8 points for themselves, but by this time the Dorm No. 11 infantrymen's offensive began to roll and with a deceptive bit of floor work plus some nice shooting, the C Company infantrymen bounced out on top of the scrap with a 23 to 15 win.

#### D CO. DRUBS G BATTERY 39-8

Stewart of D Company pounded on G Battery's comparatively helpless goal to the tune of 8 points in the first three minutes of play as D Company began their terrific 39-8 spanking handed G Battery in Friday afternoon's 5:15 League C cage pileup. This had still failed to simmer down as the second quarter got under way and at half time he had polled 20 points for the D Company infantrymen. Together with Newsom and Dowd, who collected a total of four points, the G Battery men were trampled with a 24 to 5 loss as the first half drew to a close. Seyfarth and Smith were the only stockholders in G Battery's first half total, Seyfarth accounting for 3 points and Smith dumping in 2 points for the peashooters.

By now it was simply a scoring parade with Stewart leading G Battery's basket with a continuous rain of points which darkened the battery men's hopes of victory quite a bit.

While numerous examples of creditable cage floormanship came up now and then, throughout this one-sided bit of cage warfare, it was really the manner in which the infantrymen's bag of points was piled up that made the affair interesting from start to finish.

Soon after time-in in the third period the D Company lads who were now 20 points ahead, put in a secondary of Hoover, Knight, Coleman, and Dowd, who together finished up this one-sided affair by handing the hapless G Battery

a 39 to 8 drubbing. In the fouls department the total was fairly sprinkled throughout the roster of participants—no one person making more than one foul.

#### A CO. ROMPS OVER BAND, 18 TO 6

Although the versatile A Company, led by Edwards, Wyble, Latham, and Presnal, remained comparatively rattled throughout the first quarter of Tuesday afternoon's League A intramural cage battle—they increased their hopes for the basketball championship substantially by downing the soundly outplayed Band with an 18 to 6 pounding.

In the first quarter of play Charles' quick two points plus the extreme height of Forste looked as though it might make a big difference for the horn-tooters, but when A Company began to settle down late in the second quarter there was simply not much hope for the outplayed bandmen.

The first half scoring for the infantrymen was entirely in the hands of Presnal, Kobs, and Charles as they stacked up a total of six points as against the horn-tooters' total of 4 which were supplied by Averett and La Roach. The by-now peaceful performance became a wild and woolly affair shortly after the beginning of the third period when Presnal, Wyble,

and Latham of A Company showed plenty of spark and power for the fighting infantrymen.

The fourth stanza was loaded with much swift action which found both the entire amount of players and the ball on a constant rebound from one end of the hardwood to the other. If you happened to see a pair of orange trunks toppling upon the hardwood, it was simply A Company's hard-playing Presnal attempting to steal the ball from someone.

Harrison of the bandmen was highest in the horn-tooters' foul tabulation with two, followed by La Roach and Charles who ran a close second with one each. Wyble, Latham, and Presnal each emerged with one foul apiece for the A Company infantrymen.

#### D CO. PLASTERS E TROOP 16-5

A hard driving D Company held the hypnotized E Troop cavalrymen scoreless in the first quarter of a 16 to 5 pounding handed them in Tuesday afternoon's 4:15 League C cage fight with a stubborn defense. The hapless cavalrymen were not able to score until McCoy brightened their hopes with a lone foul shot after a minute and a half had run out in the second quarter. In the meantime the infantrymen had chalked up a five-point lead for themselves.

### Handball

#### D CO. TOPS A BATTERY, SCORE 3-0

D Company whitewashed their pride with an uninterupting 3-0 pasting over the A Battery peashooters in Monday's League A 5 o'clock handball performance.

Although both of the singles games and also the doubles games began at the same time, Wilson, one of the two singlests who represented D Company, lost no time in disposing of Harold Allbright of A Battery 15 to 7, 15 to 4 in a game in which the score might indicate was more or less a one-sided affair, but on the other hand a game which was featured by many tough breaks for both players.

The second match of the game wound up in a doubles victory for the infantrymen when Walker and Meadows of D Company tumbled Jim Vela and S. Shulman of the battery men into a 15 to 9, 15 to 4 defeat. In the first of the two games played, the battery men made a desperate effort to overcome a 14 to 6 lead with their stout serve returns, but Walker came through for the infantry when, with the score almost tied he batted out a 15 to 9 win which put the D Company lads ahead. In the second game, which emerged as a 15 to 4

In the third period Howard and McCoy tried repeatedly to puncture the infantrymen's basket, but fumbled away their chances on bad passing attempts. It looked as though this quarter would emerge scoreless, but a last-minute offensive staged by Stewart, Dowd, Crowder and Stockton, broke up a fine cavalry defense and enabled Stockton to drop in a much needed 4 points for the infantrymen. Dowd again paved the way for the infantrymen with a fighting 2 points midway of the last quarter, followed by Stewart—D Company's hopeful scoring ace—who finally came to life after a quarter of idleness.

With forty-five seconds of action left, a D Company quartet of Crowder, Dowd, Stockton, and Threadgill, hammered time and time again to try and fill the cavalrymen's goal with a point or two, but the time element simmered out on them and the scrap finally wound up in their favor, 16 to 5. (See BASKETBALL, Page 5)

## Aggie Tankmen Meet Dallas Team On Saturday

Coach Art Adamson is preparing a 12-man squad of tankers for a dual meet this Saturday night with the Dallas YMCA, in Dallas. Little is known about the "Y" splashers, except that they have a couple of sprint men slated to give the Aggies stiff competition in the individual events.

Probable entries are: 220 yd freestyle—Riley and Escobar.

50 yd freestyle—Syfan and Thomas.

100 yd. freestyle—Self and Syfan.

100 yd. breaststroke—Lea and Geer.

100 yd. backstroke—Riley and Sawyer.

440 yd. freestyle—Escobar and Heeman.

400 yd. freestyle relay team—Thomas, Riley, Syfan, and Self.

victory for the infantrymen, the opponents were not so lucky in this case and were forced to drop this game by even a more slim margin than before.

By now the infantrymen had already stepped into the win column but it seemed that this was not enough so Davis of D Company then made it a complete victory by dumping Smith of A Battery by the wayside with a 15 to 11, 15 to 7 licking.

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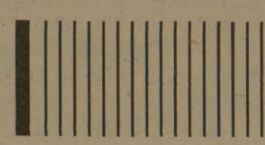
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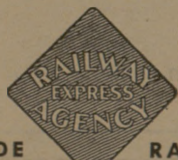
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