

Norton Looks at "Dark Side of Ledger" in Estimating '45 Aggies

Coach Homer Norton described himself as "looking on the dark side of the ledger" Tuesday as he presented an informal picture of the 1945 Texas Aggie football team at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club.

A. & M. may be able to throw one team on the field which will compare favorably with last year's Aggies, Norton stated, as he urged the public not to misinterpret the fact that the 1945 Aggies will have a few more letterman back than in recent years. Other Southwest Conference teams are better equipped with manpower than his Aggies, said Norton, due to the training programs in progress at other Conference schools and the longer time required for most Aggies who are commissioned Army officers to obtain discharges.

"We have to remind ourselves that we are dealing with seven-

teen-year-old boys here at A. & M.," Norton remarked. "With only one experienced quarter-back, we can expect some errors in field generalship during the season." He went on to comment that there are few things so disagreeable to a coach or his players as the popular sport of "grandstand quarterbacking" and called attention to the many factors which must enter into a quarterback's choice of plays.

The coach labled as "great prospects" the two new members of his starting backfield, "Pewee" Smith, Bryan High ace of last year, and Robert Goode, of Bastrop, and predicted that these speed merchants will get away for long runs during the coming season of play. Tom Daniels was described as a smart quarterback, and Bob Butchofsky was named as the fourth

member of the probable starting backfield quartet.

Norton also introduced the members of his coaching staff who were present—Holloway Hughes, Bill James, Johnnie Franke, Botchey Koch, Lil Dimmitt, and Frank Anderson—and briefly outlined the duties of each. He pledged the utmost efforts of himself, his staff, and the players to keep A. & M.'s football record fairly successful for another year.

Coach Norton called attention to the fact that he had received a certain amount of criticism for the Athletic Department's policy of emphasizing football above all other sports in past years. The purpose for this policy has been accomplished, the coach stated, and in the future Texas A. & M. intends to place a strong team on the field in all sports.

Seventh Co. Finishes Intramural Track Meet Full 17 Points Ahead

With 49 big points, 7th Co. walked away with 1st place honors in the intramural track and field meet held the week-end of Sept. 8. Not too far behind with 32 points was 1st Co. and next was 5th Co. with 27. Fourth and fifth places went to 3rd Co. with 20 and 4th Co. with 16½.

Jack Simpson won first places in the high jump, pole vault, and 120 yd. low hurdles.

Summary of Events:
300 yd. dash—First, Andrews, 7th Co.; second, Koenig, 4th Co.; third, McKenzie, 2nd Co. Time 34.3.
100 yd. dash—First, Busch, 1st Co.; second, Demopolos, B Co.; third, Russell, 1st Co. Time 11.

880 yd. dash—First, Lomax, 4th Co.; second, Stode, 7th Co.; third, Dibrell, 3rd Co. Time 2.12.6.

120 yd. low hurdles—First, Simpson, 7th Co.; second, Kearby, M Co.; third, Metcalfe, 5th Co. Time 14.3.

440 yd. relay—First, 1st Co.; second, 4th Co.; third, 7th Co. Time 46.5.

1.7 mile run—First, Hayes, 7th Co.; second, Degan, 3rd Co.; third, Groon, 7th Co. Time 9.19.

Mile relay—First, 7th Co.; second, 6th Co.; third, 3rd Co. Time 3.49.

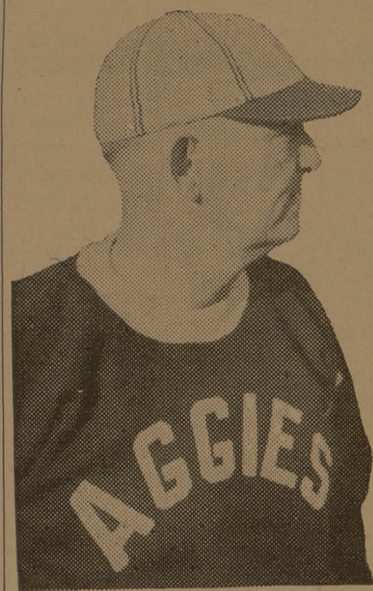
High jump—First, Simpson, 7th Co.; second, Gee and Summers, 5th Co. Height 5.9".

Shot put—First, Bosca, 1st Co.; second, Johnson, A Co.; third, Grossenbacke, 3rd Co. Distance 40' 4½".

Broad jump—First, Marble, M Co.; second, Griffith, 3rd Co.; third, Woods, 6th Co. Distance 18' 5 3/8".

Pole vault—First, Simpson, 7th Co.; second, Sellers, 5th Co.; third, Junda, 6th Co. Height 10' 8".

Dimmitt Placed On Executive Committee Of Baseball Coaches Association



Trainer Dimmitt

Lil Dimmitt, baseball coach for the Texas Aggies, has been named on the executive committee of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches formed recently in New York City.

This organization was formed after a questionnaire sent to some 600 colleges and universities fielding baseball teams showed almost unanimous desire for organizing baseball directors for the general welfare of the game, not only in institutions of higher education but also protecting the high school level, Dimmitt said.

President of the baseball coaches' association is Epp Barnes, coach at Colgate; Ray Fisher, University of Michigan; Clinton Evans, University of California, and Red Rolfe, Yale, are vice-presidents, and Lefty James, coach at Cornell, is secretary-treasurer.

Admission Is Free to All Students For Opening Game With Ellington

Admission to the first football game of the season, Ellington Field versus the Fighting Aggies on September 22, will be granted all Aggies who presently are enrolled in school, or who present evidence of having attended during the school year 1944-45 or who can show evidence of intentions of entering A. & M. for the fall semester, according to an announcement from the athletic office.

This arrangement is being made to accommodate those who ordinarily would have student coupon books for the first game. The athletic department hopes thereby to insure that no Aggie who normally will purchase the full season's coupon book will be penalized by having to pay extra for the first game of the season.

All Aggies and dates should use the student gate, it was stated,

where gatemen will be able to identify them. This will also prevent confusion at the main gate, it was stated.

Regular coupon books will be on sale during registration and can be obtained by all those who pay the Student Activities fee which includes both athletic coupon book and the student publication-activities fee, it was stated.

Tickets for the A. & M.-Texas Tech game in San Antonio on September 29th can now be purchased at the athletic office, according to an announcement by Pete Jones, business manager of athletics, who urged Aggies to purchase their tickets here in order to avoid rush and confusion at the heavily attended game in the Alamo City.

The price to Texas Aggies will be 60¢, Jones stated. A limited number of seats are available, he said.

Ho Hum - Third Co. Wins Again

This intramural competition is getting monotonous. Third Company won its fourth championship of the summer last week when Luker, Presival, Busch, Fergus, Hodges, and Golden coasted to a 16-11 win over B Company in the basketball playoff.

Third Company has won championships previously in softball, tennis, and volleyball, and is far ahead in points on the intramural pennant.

B Company was represented in the basketball playoff by Bell, Webber, Hawes, LaRue, and Becker.

A&M Consolidated Schools Opens for 1945-46 Session

The 1945-46 session of the A. & M. Consolidated Schools opened Monday with an enrollment of 514 students. 368 pupils were enrolled in the elementary school and 146 in the high school.

The school has four new teachers: Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, a B. A. graduate of North Texas State Teachers College, who will teach fifth-grade work; Miss Gloria Neely, a B. S. graduate of Texas State College for Women, who will teach in the elementary grades; Miss Betty Nelson, a B. A. graduate of East Texas State Teachers College, slated for English and social studies in the high school; and Mrs. Jack Hudson, who will do elementary teaching.

Football practice at the Consolidated School has also gotten under way, with coaching being furnished by Daniel Crum and R. B. Riddle, who are attending Texas A. & M. under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act. The Tiger squad has seven lettermen including four linemen and three backfield players. The first scheduled game is with the Brenham Cubs on Sept. 21.

Aggie of the Week . . .

Fount Ray, of Brownsville

By Clyde C. Crittenden

A native of Alexandria, Louisiana is Charles Fontaine Ray, the choice of this week's Aggie. Born on May 13, 1927, Fount, as he is labeled, was not long in moving to Texas to make his home.

Graduating from grade school with honors, Fount continued with his good scholastic standards and became prominent in high school in the sports of baseball and football. He likewise shone in other fields, being editor of his high-school paper and president of the Junior Class.

Fount considers himself an old Cavalry man, although this semester he is second in command of Second Company, which is the band organization.

Along musical lines, Fount prefers Tommy Dorsey to all other name bands. His T. Dorsey favorite is "Begin the Beguine". Fount declares that it is especially fitting when applied to a certain brunette Houstonian.



Charles Fontaine Ray
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Upon his graduation from A. & M. in the school of economics, Fount plans to enter medical school somewhere in the Southwest.

A&M Staff Lists Many Newcomers

The growing A. & M. family has seen several new additions, a report from the college administration reveals.

Newcomers on the college staff include: Roy E. Bueck, assistant director, Student Affairs; Mary Lou Falschinsky, secretary, Construction Office; Betty Nell Adkinson, Francis Amerlia Barton, Lena Emagene Sansom, Mary Kathryn Cook, Vineta H. Fitts, Mrs. Rose Allie McCleery, and Reece Mell Wilson, assistant home demonstration agents; Laura O. Underwood and Dawn Delight Neal, home demonstration agents; Ethelene Brown, stenographer Pet. Eng. Department; Sybil Smith, cashier, Student Activities; Coleman A. O'Brien, acting instructor, AH Department; Mrs. Mildred H. Ferreri, secretary Aero. Eng. Department; Mrs. Gloria Busey, stenographer, Experiment Station; Dr. George T. Dugan (effective October) instructor in Vet. Hygiene and meat inspection at Meats Lab; Betty Ann McCartney, stenographer M. & S. E. Dept.; Melba Ruth White, stenographer, Extension Service; R. A. Bartlett, acting instructor in History; Mrs. Evelyn Bukowski, supervisor in laundry; Edgar Al-

fred Guest, Extension Service; H. K. Buechner, Biology; Mrs. Jessie K. Bodenhamer, Extension Service; Robert M. Smith, Fish and Game Dept. as Associate Professor; Cyril M. Sykes, assistant Manager of Aggeland Inn; Robert E. Roach, assistant forest engineer, Texas Forest Service.

Experiment Station
The following additions have been reported recently in the Experiment Station: Marjorie A. Davidson, stenographer; J. D. Bankston, resident assistant; Alice Klinworth, lab assistant; Mrs. Bessie Lou Smith, lab assistant; Frank Varva, grass nurseryman; Betty Ruth Haskel, stenographer; Charles Powell, clerk; Jesse W. Collier, agronomist; Mrs. Lelia E. Sproles, lab assistant; Helen L. Merka, clerk; Mima Leah Curry, clerk; Rachel Reyes, clerk; Mary Ruth Thompson, stenographer; Betty Butler, lab assistant; Olive Mosely, assistant; Esther M. Dilcaver, assistant; Douglas R. Royder, field assistant.

So great is the wheat production in the Russian Ukraine that the region is called the "bread-basket" of Europe.

PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

As we go through life I am afraid that too often we are prone to magnify and criticize the shortcomings of our fellowmen while his good deeds go unnoticed or we just don't get around to giving him the much deserved "pat on the back". Before I let myself be guilty of such an oversight I want to give some "flowers to the living".

In the small amount of space available I want to express my appreciation to each of you for your splendid attitude, fine cooperation and sportsmanlike participation in

the intramural sports program sponsored during the current semester. You men who have served your organizations as athletic officers have done a grand job, and we hope that the experience gained will prove of value to you now and in later life. You who have assisted the program in the way of reporting and officiating have also done much to insure its success. You who have been spectators have conducted yourselves as gentlemen and you who have participated have certainly made the jobs of those of us responsible for the conducting of the program a very enjoyable one.

In 1870, Baron Perre de Courbetin, founder of the Modern Olympics made the statement that "the important thing is not winning but taking part . . . the essential thing is not conquering, but fighting well". We have adopted this as our slogan and you men, by your life conduct, have carried it out because, although you played to win, by your every action you put the playing above the winning. It has been a real privilege and pleasure to work with you and we hope you will always have the same fine attitude you now have. We also hope that as you think back over this summer the thing that will linger in your memory is not that you won or lost but that you took part.

Extension Service Issues Bulletin On Farm Purchases

A new bulletin "Buying a Texas Farm" has been issued by the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service for the benefit of prospective purchasers of farms and ranches. Authors of the bulletin are Joe Matthews, Extension assistant in agricultural planning, and Dr. H. E. Hampton, associate professor of agronomy for the college. The publication should be especially helpful to war veterans who expect to buy farm and ranch properties within the next few years, they believe.

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Conversion of Walton Hall into apartments for returned service men and their families.

Erection of two duplex apartment houses at Prairie View University, and plans for a new girls' dormitory at that branch institution.

Application for Frequency Modulation broadcast license, looking toward establishment of a statewide radio educational network which will enable greatly expanded radio education facilities of the college and its branches.

The next meeting of the board will be a joint meeting with the University of Texas regents on November 28, 1945.

Coincident with the creation of the new post of Dean of Men, the Board of Directors announced a new basic policy governing student life and staff-student relationships on the campus. The full text of this policy is printed elsewhere in the Battalion together with a declaration unanimously passed by the Board, implementing the basic policy.

Highlights of the basic policy include: extending the term "college" to include not only the administration but the student body, the former students, and the worthy traditions of the institution; providing a statement of a student's basic responsibilities and his basic rights; and making it the duty of every person employed by Texas A. & M. to conform to the policy and cooperate in carrying out its provisions.

The declaration sets forth the findings of the Board of Directors that "the system of student control that has been practiced over a number of years has been investigated by the Board of Directors and found unsatisfactory and not in the best interest of the College."

The basic policy was ordered put into effect immediately and all persons connected with A. & M. including faculty, staff, and student body, were enjoined to give it obedience.

The action of the Board, coming after a study by a committee, members of which are all Ex-Aggies, and adopted by a unanimous vote with all members present, places student welfare and life on a plane of equal importance with the direction of his scholastic affairs.

That cadet officers will carry great responsibilities in the future of the College was emphasized in the statement of the Board that "the cadet system has many desirable advantages . . . it cannot be successful unless the responsibility is accepted by every person connected with the A. & M. College and the entire student body." Cadet officers will be carefully chosen on the basis of scholarship, ability, leadership and loyalty. They will execute an oath of office pledging faithful performance of duty.

The sum of \$70,000 was set aside by the Board for immediate needs in the way of recreation and entertainment facilities and on an expanded program of leisure time attractions for the cadets.

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