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Steers Are Favored To Win Over Crippled Cadet Squad

Biblemen Strong on Reserves; Aggies Will Bank On Flashy Ground Attack

By Harold Borofsky

Thursday afternoon the Texas Aggies will meet the University of Texas Longhorns in the fifty-second grid battle of a series that began in 1894 and which, since that time, has provided more thrills, than any other football rivalry in the nation. This will be the day when old timers of both schools will get together and talk over the old days—the days when Dick Todd or John Kimbrough was rambolling for the Aggies, or when Pete Layden or Jack Crain was dealing out misery on behalf of the Longhorns. All through the series it has been a saying that no matter what the records of the two teams were prior to Turkey Day, on that day anything could happen. This year's tilt should live up to that reputation.

The Longhorns, for the first time this season, will be at top strength. Bobby Layne, one of the best passers this conference has ever seen, will be in fine condition and will attempt to spark the Steer aerial attack. Ralph Ellsworth, speed demon who just recently returned from Annapolis, and fleet-footed Byron Gillory will carry the bulk of the running duties. But the Longhorn backfield power goes deeper than that, for Coach Dana Bible's roster is studded with a crop of backs that would make any coach proud. There is Jack Halfpenny, the stalwart first-string linebacker who starred in the Longhorns' goal-line stand against the Aggies last year, Arthur Sweet, George Graham, Guy Nunnelly, C. D. Allen, Joe Baumgardner, Ransom Jackson, and Tom Harrelson—all with lots of experience and each packing plenty of power.

The Longhorn line is again big and rugged in all respects, starring Hubert Bechtel, pass-snatching end and All-America candidate, lanky speedster Charlie Tatum, Peppy Blount, whose last-minute pass-grabbing gave the Longhorns their win over S. M. U. and Dale Schwartzkopf, whose all-around play has stood out all season. Then there will be massive Harlan Wetz and Jim Plyler at the tackle slots, Wetz also handling the kickoffs and Plyler doing the punting. At the guard posts will be Walter Heep and Sam Callan, while Dick Harris will be over the ball at center.

On the other hand, the Aggies' power will be at its lowest ebb, with Bob Butchofsky sidelined with a kidney injury and Tom Daniel out with a broken wrist. The Cadet hopes will be pinned mainly on the running power of the two leading scorers in the conference, Rob Goode and Preston Smith, and the passing of quarterback Lillard Hart, who will take Daniel's place. The blocking back duties will be handled by Bill Engle, who has

East Texas Exes Book Aggieldand Band for Holidays

Featuring music by the Aggieldand Orchestra, the Texas A. & M. Ex-Students East Texas Club will present a dance in Longview during the Christmas holidays, according to plans completed this week.

The Longview dance will be held at the Palm Isle Club on December 27, with music beginning at 9:00 p.m. Aggies who wish to attend can secure tickets and reservations by writing to Ed Caraway, Box 871, Kilgore, Texas or Pete Cashell, Box 2146, Longview, Texas. Admission price is \$2.50 per person, tax included. In order to secure reservations, tickets should be purchased early by Aggies and ex-students.

Other dances are being booked by the Aggieldand Orchestra for the Christmas holiday season, with dates already arranged for Brady, on December 29 and San Angelo on December 28. Open dates are December 26 and 30.

"News and Views With John B. Hughes" Is On Tap for Next Town Hall Attraction



John B. Hughes

One of radio's famous voices, the familiar "News and Views with John B. Hughes", will be featured on Town Hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, it has been announced by Al Prenal, manager. The program is scheduled for 8:00 in Guion Hall.

Recognized as an expert on Far Eastern affairs, Hughes has had wide experience as a war correspondent and observer. He was with the landing party on Leyte Island. He lived with Filipino guerrilla fighters, has flown on bombing expeditions, ridden in PT boats on raids against Jap shipping and survived days of incessant Jap air raids.

More than six months before the fatal Pearl Harbor attack, Hughes predicted that the Japs would provoke war and that their attack would be "relentless and swift". A keen study of the history of Japan and Japanese psychology has given Hughes a splendid background for his Town Hall appearance, the subject of which will be the post-war problems of the Pacific.

Graduating from collegiate journalism to general reporting, Hughes has had a varied career that includes editing a drama page, acting, writing and directing stage productions, and finally radio where he became one of the first to discover the potentialities of news-casting. Hughes' first radio experience was in Tacoma, Washington; and from there he went to Los Angeles and eventual national recognition.

Kiwanis Hear Bell Tuesday

The College Station Kiwanis Club was treated to a very enjoyable program when they held their weekly meeting, on November 27. A new member, "Spike" White was taken into the club and made a standing member. Joanna Wilcox, pianist, and Bill Guthrie, soloist, lent enjoyable aid to the session with the songs, "Old Man River" and "Give a Man a Horse He Can Ride."

Reverend R. L. Bell, of Bryan, spoke colorfully in support of his campaign for "Friendship Week", this year including November 25 through December 1. Reverend Bell told of his experiences as "Sky Pilot of the Rails", a title which he gained while working in behalf of hoboes and unfortunates who follow the train tracks. Interesting side notes were delivered by Reverend Bell, and many details of the life he led were given. Mr. Bell gave as the topic for his discussion, this serious thought, "A friend is the fellow who stops when the rest of world goes by." Recognized widely for his fine humanitarian work, he has traveled for eleven years through twenty four states, in his attempt to help the hoboes of the nation.

Pet Show Will Be Over In Time to Attend Bonfire

Ticket sales are brisk for the annual Dog and Pet Show sponsored by the A. & M. Consolidated School, it was announced here today.

The show is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. at the Animal Husbandry pavilion and will be over in time for spectators to attend the Aggie bonfire. Entries must be brought to the west entrance of the pavilion not later than 5:30 p.m.

Community Service Is Scheduled for Thanksgiving Day

A special Thanksgiving service has been planned for students and residents of College Station for 8:00 a. m. on Thursday morning at the First Baptist Church. The service is sponsored by all churches of the community, with Rev. R. C. Terry of the A. & M. Methodist Church acting as chairman in charge of arrangements.

A special feature of the program will be two numbers by Aggieldand's own Singing Cadets. Rev. R. B. Sweet, pastor of the Church of Christ, will bring the thanksgiving message, and Rev. R. L. Brown will be in charge of the program.

The complete program is as follows:

- Organ Prelude
- Hymn
- Prayer
- "Blow, Trumpets, Blow" (Rieger)—Singing Cadets
- Scripture Reading—Elmo King
- Prayer
- Postlude—"Grace Be Unto You"—Singing Cadets.

Local Chapter of American Kennel Club Is Formed

An affiliation with the American Kennel Club was formed last Monday night in a meeting at Sbsia Lounge, at which the Brazos County Kennel Club was formed. College Station is soon to be put on the regular dog show circuit, as soon as preliminary provisions of the rules are compiled with. Officers that were elected were: J. A. Gray, president; Mrs. Mary Van Buskirk, secretary; and G. B. Winstead, treasurer. Before qualifying for recognition in the American Kennel Club, the local group must hold a match show of pedigreed dogs.

Pre-Game Festivities Will Include Bonfire and Ball

Great Pile to Be Lit at 7:30; Corps Ball at 10:00 to Be Season's Best

Spirit will reach a high for the year at the annual bonfire tonight at 7:30. The bonfire and yell practice will proceed as in past years, with the band falling out at 7:30, going to the steps of the C. E. Building for a short yell practice, then the Corps will fall in behind the band and circle once around the bonfire. After this the Corps is to take the regular yell practice sections, facing the bonfire. While the yell practice is starting, the junior yell leaders will light the fire. The yell practice at the fire will probably consist of the yell leaders talking, and the coaches and the team saying a few words.

Mayor Asks Help In Reducing City Firefighting Cost

Taxpayers of College Station have paid approximately \$225.00 for fire calls during the past three weeks, according to Mayor Ernest Langford.

Ninety per cent of the calls were the result of carelessness, according to Langford, the chief cause being the accumulation of rubbish in violation of Ordinance No. 67, Section 1 which reads in part: "It shall be unlawful for any owner or lessee, occupant or any person in charge of any premises in the City of College Station to allow trash or rubbish to accumulate to create a fire hazard or to become injurious to health."

The ordinance provides a violation penalty of \$50.00, the cost of a fire call. Violations of the ordinance will be strictly enforced in the future, Langford stated, and investigations will be made in all cases by the fire marshal.

"This is strictly a cooperative matter," Langford stated in appealing to citizens of the city to avoid burning rubbish in places where grass will catch fire and to refrain from turning in alarms on grass fires where property is not endangered. The mayor called attention to the service offered by the city in hauling away rubbish for a charge of \$1.00.

Ashton Assigned to Write History of Livestock Industry

Dr. John Ashton, of the Texas A. & M. College School of Agriculture, will be relieved of all teaching duties at the end of the current semester and will devote his entire time to writing a history of the livestock industry of the Southwest, it was announced today by Dean Charles N. Shepardson.

Dr. Ashton has spent the last fifteen years collecting data and doing research on this project, Dean Shepardson pointed out, and it is believed that the livestock industry will appreciate his contribution of a complete history of the business of furnishing meat to the tables of the nation.

Dr. Ashton, professor of agricultural journalism, has written many articles on agricultural and livestock subjects, and for many years has been closely associated with this type of work, having edited newspapers and magazines prior to his return to A. & M., where he graduated in 1906. Dr. Ashton also served a year as exchange professor to Nicaragua under auspices of the U. S. State Department.

Potter Discusses Atomic Energy

A discussion of atomic energy by Dr. James G. Potter, head of A. & M.'s physics department, featured the November meeting of the Brazos County A. & M. Club last night. The meeting was held at the Bryan Country Club.

Plans were completed for the annual Christmas party to be held next month.

Following the bonfire, there will be a Corps Ball in the main hall of Sbsia. The dance will be informal, and the price is \$1.50, stag or drag.

This is expected to be the largest dance ever held at Aggieldand because of the large numbers of visitors that will be present on the campus, including exes, returnees, and T. u. visitors.

The Aggieldand Orchestra will play for the dance.

Utah Prof to Head New Department of Range Management

The growing demand in Texas for range management specialists will be met by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, it was announced today by Dean Charles N. Shepardson of the School of Agriculture.

Dean Shepardson announced that Dr. L. A. Stoddart, head of the department of range management at the Utah State Agricultural College, has accepted headship of a Department of Range Management at Texas A. & M. College.

Dr. Stoddart will arrive January 1, and will organize and direct the teaching work in this field, and get research projects lined up immediately. The course in range management will be available to A. & M. students in September, 1946, Dean Shepardson announced.

Dr. Stoddart took his bachelor's degree in range and forestry at Colorado A. & M. College as well as his master's degree in range management. His doctorate was completed in 1934 at the University of Nebraska. A year was spent in Washington as range agent for the Soil Conservation Service, following which he joined the faculty of Utah State as professor of range management and soil conservation, heading that department. He held that position for 10 years prior to his acceptance of the Texas A. & M. post.

Author of numerous articles and research reports, Dr. Stoddart also has written a textbook on range management which is used in eight of the twelve colleges teaching the course. In two years during which Federal Civil Service examination records have been studied by three Society of American Foresters, Utah men have surpassed those from any other school in all phases.

Dr. Stoddart is 36 years of age, is married and has three children. He is chairman of the Interagency Range Committee and vice-chairman of the Society of American Foresters section, as well as a member of numerous professional societies and fraternities for research scientists.

Creation of the department of range management, Dean Shepardson said, is in line with the policy of A. & M. College to provide instruction in any field where there is a definite demand for graduates with specific knowledge and training.

Handling 40,000 Customers Is Quite a Job . . .

Cooperation of Visitors and Corps Requested Tomorrow

The task of caring for forty thousand football fans on the A. & M. campus is an operation carried out by a small army of behind-the-scenes workers to whom Turkey Day spells labor instead of pleasure.

The job this year will be greater than ever before, college officials realize, because no special trains or buses are available and consequently every man, woman and child who comes from out of town will travel by private automobile. Figuring an average of six persons to the car, that will mean about 6,000 automobiles to handle during the day. Then, besides the problems of traffic and parking, there are arrangements to be made for alumni meetings, meals, first-aid stations, rest rooms, drinking water, parcel checking, and a host of other problems, some of which will probably not become apparent until the big day.

Long years of experience at handling the Thanksgiving Day crowds have given college authorities a wealth of experience along these lines, and arrangements have already been made which, with the cooperation of the Aggie corps and the general public, will permit an orderly handling of the huge pleasure-bent crowd.

Here are the instructions for the day:

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGGIES FOR THE THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL GAME

1. Get to the stadium early, preferably as soon after 1:00 P. M. as possible.
2. Aggies and their dates will enter through one ramp only. This is Ramp P and is for sections 129, 130, 131 and 132, which will be roped off. Student O.D.s and state police will be posted on the ropes and also at the ramp entrance.
3. Persons entering the Aggie section must have either a coupon book or a ticket with that section number. However, any Aggie in uniform who has coupon book may take his date into the section no matter where her ticket is located.
4. Class sections will be strictly observed.

day. So, park your car in one of the three FREE parking lots as soon as you reach College Station, and walk to the game or to any of the other places on the campus you may wish to visit. This rule will be enforced strictly. In case of rain tractors will be stationed at each parking lot, and every visitor may rest assured that he will be given help in reaching a hard-surfaced highway after the game

2. Visitors will be fed in both Duncan and Sbsia dining halls, at 75¢ per person beginning at 12:15 p. m. Other places of business on and off the campus will be equipped to feed visitors. The student body will be fed at 11 a. m. in order to give visitors plenty of time to eat.
3. Guion Hall is designated as headquarters for Texas University alumni and friends. The College Y. M. C. A. will be Texas A. & M. headquarters for the day.
4. Numerous campus buildings will be open and maids will be in attendance at rest rooms for ladies in the following: Kiest Lounge, Bizzell Hall, basement of Academic building, Leggett and Mitchell halls, Cushing Library, Dormitories 1, 3, and 5 in the new campus area, and in the row of project houses nearest parking area No. 2. FOLLOW THE SIGNS.
4. A first aid station will be established on Clark Street leading to the main entrance to the football field.
5. Parking areas are designated as follows:
No. 1—Old drill field south of Law and Puryear halls, including area west of Law hall and old residence area south of drill field. This area is in the center of the campus and probably will be the last emptied after the game.
No. 2—Playing field area south of stadium and north of project

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