

# Norton Says First String Gridders Will Get Rest Periods This Fall

With 1946 Spring football training at Texas A. & M. College a thing of the past, Head Coach Homer Norton and his staff sat down to figure out what they can expect to have as material next September.

They wound up the 30-day training period and found approximately 80 candidates on hand, but they also found that a total of 22 out of the 50 or so on the A Squad are subject to decisions of their local draft boards before the next football season opens. Several of these are counted upon as members of the first team of that squad and potential starters for the 1946 Aggie grid team.

Coach Norton and his staff were well pleased with the work accomplished in the few hours they had to work with the gigantic squad. "Right now the team is better fixed for reserve material than since 1941. On the face of that it looks like all jobs are filled but that is not so. Anyone, high school graduate or letterman, will have an equal chance to make the team next Fall.

Asked about the formations to be used next Fall, Norton explained that he "intends to use the T formation plus." Asked to explain that "plus", he said that while the T would be the basic formation he and the staff have worked out several other plays which will call for a different formation when they are used. Asked if he intended to go back to his double-wing and box formation of pre-war days, he answered that such plays could be included in that "plus" but right now they are not planning such a



Head Coach Homer Norton

move. He added that with 1941 and 1942 backs in the game he would "not be too surprised if they come out of a huddle some time and line up in almost anything."

At the close of training, Norton's first Texas Aggie team lined up as follows: LE-Clarence (Cotton) Howell, Nacogdoches, 1944 letterman; LT-Leonard Dickey, Alto, 1941-45 letterman; LG-Odel Stautzenberger, San Antonio, NTAC letterman 1942; C-Herbert Ellis, Kilgore, letterman 1944-45; RG-Jim Winkler, Temple, letterman 1945; RT-Monte Moncrief, Dallas, letterman, 1943-44-45; RE-Walter Higgins, Galveston, letterman 1944-45; QB-James (Babe) Hallmark, Kilgore, letterman 1943; LHB-Rob Goode, Bastrop, letterman 1945; RHB-Julian Pressly, Fort Worth,

Allen Academy, letterman 1941; FB-Willie Zapalac, Bellville, Letterman 1941-42. Of those, Howell, Ellis, Winkler, Moncrief, Higgins and Goode have not been in the armed services as yet.

Second team lineup included: LE-Charles Yeargain or Dan Foldberg, Dallas; LT-Bob Tulis, Fort Worth; LG-Bill Hart, Beaumont; C-Bill Yeoman, Glendale, Ariz.; RG-Johnnie Davis, Vernon; RT-Bill Juett, Amarillo; RE-Dick Avery, Dallas; QB-Earl Beesley, Dallas; LHB-Preston Smith, Bryan; RHB-Ed Dusek or Tom Pickett, Temple; FB-Dennis Andricks, Houston. Of those Yeargain, Foldberg, Yeoman, Juett and Smith could be lost to the services before Fall.

Asked about who might be expected back from the service, Norton said he had heard from Burl Baty, Paris; George Wilde, Graham; Marion Flanagan, Sweetwater; Don Luethy, Monahans; and Barney Welch, Stephenville. All except Luethy, a tackle, are letterman backs of better than ordinary calibre. (Welch is the only Aggie ever to carry the ball across the goal line in Austin against the Longhorns on Memorial Field and he did that in 1942.)

Norton said his A squad teams were about of equal ability and proved his point by recalling that in the only game scrimmage held the second and fourth teams had defeated the first and third, 14-13. The Aggie mentor would not point out any player as a "find" of the training season but when new men like Stautzenberger and Pressly move in over lettermen then he must have found something. Both are good players and should see a lot of service next Fall," was Norton's only comment on them.

## :: On Kyle Field ::

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**PORTRAIT OF A FOOTBALL**  
To homecoming Texas Aggies athletes of bygone years and to the mighty Twelfth Man which accompanies them back to Aggieland for the 1946 Muster, Kyle Field extends a hearty "WELCOME BACK".

For our contribution to the spirit of this special edition of The Battalion and the 1946 Muster, we can offer no more fitting tribute than the story of a football which was passed on to us back in March 1 of this year.

Last March, Bill Duncan, who played end on that '39 team, and is at present head coach at Belton High School, was visiting the campus. Bill and I were watching the spring drills on Kyle field, and naturally the conversation drifted around to that 1939 ball club. We were discussing the different men who played, where they were, what they were doing, etc.

Bill said, "I have a story that would interest you for it made me stop and think, and wonder about many things." His story went something like this: "You remem-

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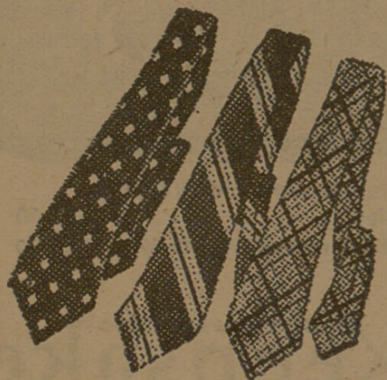
homecoming, and twelve have assured college authorities they will be on hand. They are: Brigadier General O. B. Abbott, George H. T. Knickerbocker, Nat John L. Pierce, John A. Warden, Jerome J. Waters, and Major Generals Andrew D. Bruce, Howard C. Davidson, O. P. Weyland, and Robert B. Williams.

Degrees will be conferred on those who cannot attend as soon as they return to the A. & M. campus.

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