

Heights Obtained by Unscored On '17 Team Since Unequaled by Varsity

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It has become the custom to refer to the "good old days" in sports at A&M as the year, 1939. Granted that the '39 team was great, but if those were the good old days, then 1917 was the good old weeks.

The A&M team of that year ran up a record never equaled since in the Southwest and very few times in the nation. The overall score was A&M 270, all opponents zero.

Here's how it happened. When fall rolled around, only four lettermen reported to Coach D. X. Bible. Newspapers around the familiar theme that the Aggies would take third place honors in the Conference behind Rice and Baylor. The corps wasn't too enthusiastic over the chances of climbing to a higher position, either.

First game of the season was with Austin College. Offense was clicking that day, and the final tally was 66 for the Farmers

and the beginning of a long string of goose eggs for the other team.

Next up was the Dallas University game in that city. The score—98 to 0—speaks for itself. The sports editor of the Dallas News decided A&M might come in second place if they improved their defense before the end of the season.

The following Saturday, the Maroon and White journeyed to San Antonio where they trounced Southwestern 20-0. Now, by all rights the school should be fairly happy over such a resounding win. But were they? They were not. The Longhorn of that year has this to say about the game.

"The corps was disappointed and the team was disgusted with itself. It had shown that even the best of teams can have such utterly bad days that look good only for the junk pile." They won the game 20-0, mind you.

LSU fell before the still underrated eleven with the Aggies running up 27 points. The Tigers? Guess.

The Corps assembled in the old Chapel to hear the play by play returns of this contest and the ancient building shook on its foundations when the news was received of Rip Collins 42 yard field goal, then a Texas record.

The Tulane contest was really a joker. The game being played at College on a Friday, a man named Driver, then Business Manager, scheduled the game for 4 p. m. after classes had let out.

There was some misunderstanding on the part of Clark Shaughnessy, the Green Wave Coach. He thought the kickoff was to be at 2 as his boys had to catch a train.

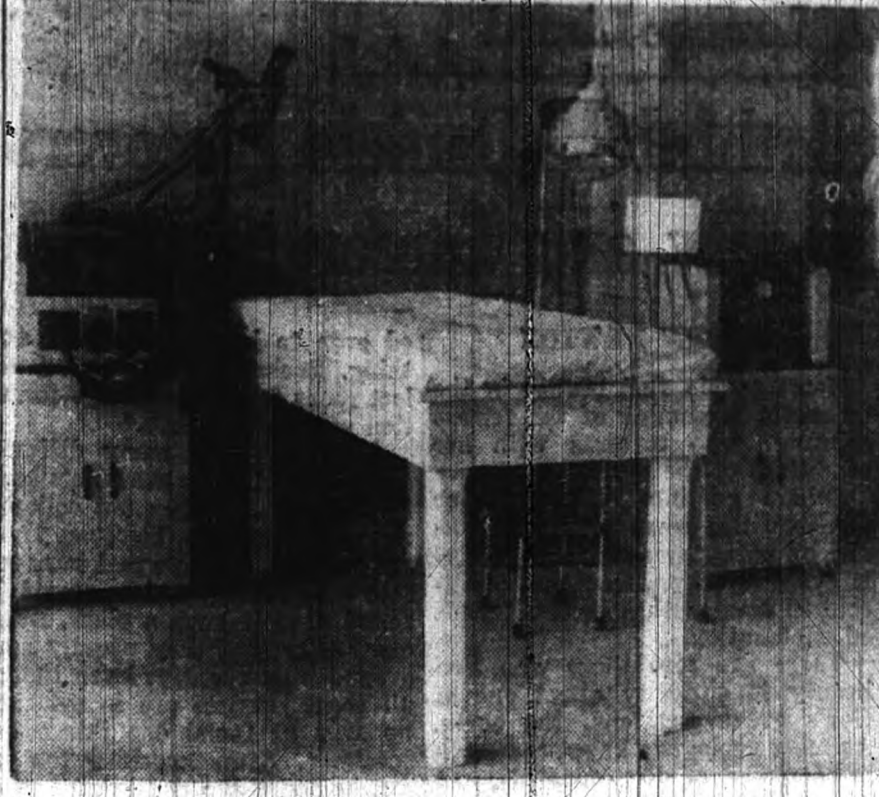
The Tulane team suited out and went rushing on the gridiron expecting to hear the roar of the crowds. The roar that greeted them was one of laughter. The crowd was a caretaker of the field.

They returned to the dressing room where a bitter argument ensued between Shaughnessy and Driver which would have become more physical had not members of the Tulane squad pulled them apart.

When the contest started rolling at 4, the Greenies figured they might as well not have come at all. The underdog Aggies ran up a 35 point win. The closest Farmer goal line was to be crossed came in this game. Tulane made the 2 yard marker.

The Baylor Bear was captured the following week and a 7-0 victory followed. The Longhorn reports this one as another "dismal failure." What did they want, blood?

At this point, the annual classic with T. U. had been riding in Aggie land's favor, the Farmers having won the past 4 out of 6. The Longhorns came south with a "do or die" look in their eyes. Three quarters went by scoreless.



Part of the equipment that is in the new training room underneath the west stands of Kyle Field. The lamps in the background produce rays and heat for certain types of ailments that athletes are subject to.

Then in a Merriweather finale, the last 2 minutes saw the Ags cross Varsity's goal and kick the point. There was no joy in Austin that night.

The boys from the Brazos had appeared pretty good to date, but the sports writers groaned that the next and last foe was to be the nemesis. The odds were high on the Rice Owls when it was heard that Collins, called the backbone of the Aggie team, would be out of action.

But the team showed they were no one man aggregation as they pushed Rice around the field for 10 points leaving the boys from Houston with the customary zero.

With a school of only 1000, Coach Bible had pushed the team of four returnees to fourth in the nation. Must have been politics. They should have been first. 10000 statistics for the season: 38 touchdowns, 30 goals, and 4 field goals. A&M 270, also-rans 0. Undoubtedly, untied, unscored upon. How's that for the good old days?

Shaughnessy and Bible had studied the noted Minnesota shift together. Shaughnessy had developed a powerful offense with this style of formation. As the quarterback was calling the play the only man on the line of scrimmage was the center. When the play was called the whole line shifted with a jump and as they hit their places the center would snap the ball, thus giving the line a running start, so to speak, besides making the play hard to see into. But Bible had thought out a defense that he thought would work, and he too pulled his line back about a yard, and had them shift with the Tulane line with a counter run. And this defense worked.

This is Bert LaBrucherie's 20th consecutive year as a football coach. During that time he has coached at only two schools, both his alma maters. LaBrucherie mentored for 16 seasons at Los Angeles high school and is starting his fourth campaign at UCLA.

Texas Nutrition Meet to Convene Here in October

The Texas Nutrition Conference will be held on the campus October 28 and 29 in the auditorium of the YMCA, according to P. B. Pearson, of the nutrition conference committee.

Registration has been set for Thursday, October 28, from 10:00 to 12:00 noon, the registration fee being \$1.00.

Highlight of the conference will be a banquet Thursday evening in Sibia Hall. The guest speaker will be E. J. Kyle, former U. S. Ambassador to Guatemala and Dean of the School of Agriculture here.

Kiwanians to Hold Regional Meeting

The College Station Kiwanis Club will be represented at the 1948 convention of the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis District to be held October 3-5 at Fort Worth, Sidney L. Lovless, club president, announced today.

More than 170 clubs in the district, which embraces a membership of 13,000 business and professional leaders, are expected to send delegates to the three-day meeting, Lovless said.

The speaking program will feature the appearance of J. Hugh Jackson, dean of the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University and treasurer of Kiwanis International.

O. Sam Cummings, prominent Dallas insurance executive and one time president of the community service organization, also will participate in the program.

Short Budget Fails to Stop New Mexico Bound Hitchhikers

Aggie hitchhiking fortunes are not on the downgrade if the experiences of Alan and Lyndon Curry, cousins from Mart, Texas, are an indication. The two Currys, both Agronomy majors in "A" Flight Air Force, hitchhiked all the way from Mart, Texas, to Carlsbad, New Mexico, and back and only spent \$6.64 each.

Leaving Mart, their home town early September 3, they caught a ride to Marlin on their way to College Station where they had planned to pick up some checks and clothes. At Marlin they were picked up by a man in a '47 Pontiac with two negroes in the back seat whose actions seemed rather odd.

The two Aggies learned later that the two "strange passengers" were lunatics and were being transferred from one hospital to another.

After they had "caught out" from Bryan they were lucky in getting good rides. A lady who drove eighty-five miles an hour in a '47 Lincoln Continental

helped them on their way. The Aggies made the complete trip to Carlsbad in thirteen hours.

When they finally arrived in Carlsbad at ten thirty Saturday night, they soon realized that there were no places to spend the night to be found in the city. But across from the hotel was a park and there they stayed until about two o'clock the next morning when a taxi cab driver offered them his room because he would have to work all night.

Waking up the next morning at 3:30 and going to the bus station to pick up their bags, the two Aggies saw two girls from Mart—sponsored by the parents of one. After the reunion of the six Martians, they combined forces and proceeded to the caverns to undergo the tour through the strange rock formations.

The tour took them 820 feet below the earth's surface where the temperature was a cool 7 degrees in a room called the King's Palace, they saw that one of the guards looked familiar. He turned out to be an Aggie in the Class of '49. After spending five hours in the caverns making the complete three-mile tour, the 2 hitchhikers were ready to come home.

On the way back they caught a ride with a friendly couple and their unfriendly dog. The two Aggies were "worse for wear" after that ride. That dog just couldn't leave quiet as he to sleep, but he kept jumping on the two innocent hitchhikers and generally dirtying them up. In nine hours they had reached Fort Worth and in four more hours they were home in Mart.

They had traveled a distance of 1210 miles in three days and by the time they had gotten home they were ready for that week of rest and relaxation before school was to start. For \$6.64, a trip like that isn't so bad—and \$1.50 of it was spent on getting into the caverns.

Film Sponsored By Experiment Group Has Been Inspected

Architectural Forum magazine received "Building for Learning," the 16 mm. color film sponsored by the Engineering Experiment Station, in its September, 1948 issue.

The film, which was produced by A&M's Architecture Department, is designed to aid groups faced with the problem of designing modern schools for their communities.

The film points out the importance of such considerations as air, light, sound, and flexibility of space in making school buildings cheerful and stimulating places of learning.

Since its release in August, the film has been shown in Texas, New York, Oklahoma, California, Connecticut, Washington, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan.

A showing of the film is scheduled for the Royal Institute of Architects in London.

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