

A&M Team of 1919 Scores 270 Points To Go Undefeated, Untied, & Unscored Upon

By CHUCK CABANISS
 Thirteen must have been Coach D. X. Bible's lucky number in 1919. For thirteen fast and brawny football lettermen answered the Aggie coach's first call for fall practice that year, men destined to bring fame to themselves, the coaches, and the College.

Three of the players had already earned two letters in the grid sport at A&M: One of these, E. S. "Woodrow" Wilson, had earned his last letter in 1917 before leaving school for the service and had returned to captain the '19 team. Two other one-letter winners, Gouger and Higginbotham, had missed the '18 season for the reason alone. These precluded the honor were the other two-letter athletes.

Assisting Bible as coach was D. V. "Tubby" Graves who had tutored the 1918 wartime squad through a seven game schedule marred only by a 0-7 loss to Texas. In 1917 these two coaches had turned out the all-time grid wonder for A&M, an undefeated, untied, unscored upon team which tallied 270 points during its march to the Southwest Conference championship.

Even with the death of fine material Coach Bible had at hand, few suspected that the '17 record was to be surpassed, if only by a few points.

The thirteen returning lettermen were strengthened by five additional players who earned T's during the '19 season and a capable squad. In addition to the players already mentioned, Alkey, Carruthers, Davis, Drake, Harrison, Knickerbocker, McNew, Martin, Murrah, Pierce, Scudder, Weiss, Vandervoort, and Harrison were other lettermen who gained the Aggie Hall of Fame for their football prowess.

Five of the ten opponents faced during the '19 campaign were conference schools. Of the five conference teams played, two were defeated by more than four touchdowns and only Texas held the Aggies to as little as a seven point win. Both Howard Payne (12-0) and Southwestern (7-0) gave the Maroon eleven trouble, but it is doubtful if either could have done so at any other specified time.

The 1919 schedule might have been a little less strenuous than the '17 foray, but the '19 combination scored five more points against their foes than did that of '17. Few indeed are the teams which can boast of an all-victorious season during which they have scored 275 points while holding their challengers scoreless.

"The Texas Aggies inaugurated the most successful season of their gridiron career by playing

a double-header against the San Marcos and Sam Houston Normals," a quote from the '28 Longhorn says. Huh, the same old story, a breather for the first game of the season—wait a minute, that statement said "a double-header!" And a double-header it was with two complete Aggie teams trouncing their opponents.

A&M, 28; San Marcos, 0.
 A&M, 77; Sam Houston, 0.

Such a feat as a double-header on the gridiron might lead one to suspect that the physical caliber of the '19 Aggies far surpassed their mental accomplishments. This could hardly be the case as the '20 year-book points out.

"There was a time in the athletic history of this College when the main and almost only qualification necessary to become an athlete was size coupled with brawn. In those ancient days few men conscientiously trained. . . The athlete was regarded as being dead wood in the class room. . .

There is a radical difference today. The athlete has come to be known as the best class of the college. . . Two undefeated football eleven and an undefeated basketball quintet within three years are ample evidence of the success of the new athlete."

A&M, 16; SMU, 0.

"Mahan and Wilson starred, the former in offense and the latter on defense. Harrison also stepped into the limelight by booting over a field goal from the 40 yard line. . . It is interesting to note that this remark was continuously appearing in the '19 Aggie game accounts. It bears looking into."

An enthusiastic A&M reporter wrote of the performances of the first two players in a late-season contest, "Mahan . . . put up one of the most wonderful demonstrations of backfield playing ever seen in the South. . . big 'Woodrow' Wilson . . . was to the line what Mahan was to the backfield."

A&M, 12; Howard Payne, 0.

"The Brownwood boys threw a real scare into the Aggie ranks by proving an unexpectedly hard combination to break." Teh, Ich, could it be that the Maroons mistook Howard Payne for some opponent of latter ranking? The Farmers even waited until the fourth quarter to break the ice and score their points.

A&M, 42; Trinity, 0.

"The team played almost faultless football, and from the first kick-off until the final whistle the Tigers never had a chance." Just in case anyone is hard to convince that the sports writer quoted above knew his business,

please glance at the score again. A&M, 28; Okla. A&M, 0.

"The heavier Oklahomans gained quite a little ground through our line, but whenever the ball came near the untouched goal line, our defense tightened, and the visitors were helpless." What's this—untouched goal line—sixth game and still unscored on, eh? Shades of 1917! Incidentally, the Stillwater-Cowpokes from Sooner A&M were members of the Southwest Conference brethren until 1922.

A&M, 10; Baylor, 0.

Not content with a double-header during the campaign, the Aggies offered more proof of their stamina. . . the Aggies made no substitutions, keeping the same eleven upon the field for the whole game." Higginbotham was the spark in this fray, kicking a 30-yard field goal and passing for the touchdown.

A&M, 48; TCU, 0.

Surely you've heard of glory beckoning. Well . . . In the absence of Mahan, the doctory Higginbotham felt called upon to star and the A&M speed merchant proceeded to score three touchdowns and kick six out of seven goals." See what I mean?

A&M, 7; Southwestern, 0.

"In the poorest game of the season, the Southwestern Pirates were barely defeated." The Aggie coaches may have been holding out on the Pirates, however. A candid remark is made by the yearbook historian, "A certain Texas coach who also watched the game smiled, and incidentally that was the

last smile the Aggies gave him." A&M, 7; Texas U. O.

The final game of the fall warfare found the Farmers' bard waxing eloquent as he remarked, "The backfield of Knickerbocker, Alexander, Mahan, and Higginbotham was the best ever seen upon Kyle Field."

It was this last game which brought the highest tribute to Mahan and the team captain, E. S. "Woodrow" Wilson.

Student relations with the Steers, though fired with school spirit, were not too searing to blind the sense of values of the Aggie writer. "The Texas eleven fought as gamely as only a Longhorn team can and lost in the highest spirit of sportsmanship that the Aggies have learned to associate with the Orange and White."

The roar from the Corps must have rocked even the quiet of central Texas as they yelled the 1919 version of Farmers Fight (shucks, I thought we still were using the original in that, too).

Farmers Fight! Farmers Fight! Fight! Fight! Fight! Fight! Fight! Fight! Fight! Fight!

Farmers, Farmers, Fight!!!

Undefeated, untied, unscored upon; 275 points scored to 0 for ten opponents. So ends the chronicle of the 1919 Maroon and White eleven. . . IN WHICH IS RELATED HOW THE AGGIES CAME TO BE SOUTHWESTERN CHAMPIONS."



90th Infantry Enlists Over 1000 Reserves

The "Texas Own" 90th Infantry Division has passed another milestone in its Organized Reserve program by assigning over a thousand enlisted reservists to its various units in Texas, General Arthur P. Watson, acting commander, announced today. Actual figures reveal that 1,043 ERC's are now assigned to the division.

According to General Watson, practically all of the enlisted reservists that have joined the 90th are veterans of the second world war. These men will form the cadre of non-commissioned officer corps in the division.

At the present time the division is authorized a total of 1,971 enlisted men to form the nucleus of the division's strength. The 928 vacancies will undoubtedly be filled by former veterans in the near future if volunteering continues, the general said. The remaining men to total the full strength of 1,971 will be obtained from drafts after the unit receives orders to mobilize.

When asked what caused the sudden flurry of reserve enlistments in the 90th, General Watson said that undoubtedly it was caused by recent legislation that permitted reservists to obtain time for retirement by being active in a reserve unit.

The general continued that by getting in on the ground floor in the organization of the 90th many enlisted reservists will receive promotions as are now allowed under the table of organization that the unit follows.

Major Harry K. Heuge, organized reserve corps instructor for the Austin Area, said that two units of the 90th are located in Austin.

Alcie Green, wife of John Green, end for the Detroit Lions of the National Football League, is a practicing corporation attorney in Detroit.

Perfect for Politics . . .

Defense of Democrats' Donkey Definitely Desired; Stop Slandering Steadfast Symbol

(Ed. Note: An article on the Republican elephant will be published soon.)

By FRANK CUSHING
 Republicans are quick to tell the public that the Democrats have selected the Donkey symbol for one reason alone. These prejudiced observers state that the animal was chosen because his intelligence level is on a par with the party's.

Such a lie cannot continue. Now the Democrats must defend their proudest possession—their beloved donkey. His reputation has been dragged through the mud too long. His bad qualities are known by all, his good by only a limited few.

Consulting Webster (as all good reporters do when stuck for copy) we find Noah literally dripping with adjectives to describe this noble beast. Noah appears to be well acquainted with the donkey. He familiarly refers to the animal as the sturdy of the "Long-eared quadruped of the equine branch of the family."

Now to objectively examine the laudable features of our friend the donkey. No one can refute that the donkey's voice is ideally suited for a politician and therefore for a political party. His powerful, if somewhat coarse, tone could well summon attention to the statement he wishes to make.

Perhaps the donkey says little when he is braying, but that should not be held against him. Since when have the voters of this country attempted to make sense of political speeches?

The animal's hide is very symbolic too. It represents the impenetrable exterior one needs. This protection makes it possible for opponent's jibes and sneers to be ignored while the politician happily goes on his blundering way.

Long ears are a conspicuous characteristic of the Democrat's emblem. No party could function without its listening posts of which the ears are symbolic. Without knowing of what the other party's campaign platform consisted a politician would be lost. He might even have to decide for himself what he should be "for."

Loan Funds Available to Help Students Found Short of Cash

By H. C. MICHALAK
 "There is no doubt about the student loan funds being a very good thing," said G. A. Long, administrator, for the Lucy Jane Breazeale and the Ernestine Gaber Loan Funds.

"We attempt," Long said, "to make as many small, short term loans as we possibly can in order to aid as many students as possible. And during the year that I have been on the job, we have not lost a penny."

Two sources of loans for students are available. The first is the fund administered by Long and the other is the Ex-Student Association loan fund administered by L. B. Leppe.

The Lucy Jane Breazeale Loan Fund was originated in April 1948, by Breezy Breazeale, class of '35, employed by the Dean of Men's Office. When his mother's death seemed evident, he requested that the department not send flowers when she passed away, but take the intended contribution for flowers and initiate a student loan fund in her memory. That was the foundation on which this fund was built for the benefit of A&M students.

During last August, 109 loans were made, without interest, from the Breazeale fund. The loans averaged about \$17.44 each. Donations from 24 persons, benefited by the loans, amounted to \$18.85.

The Ernestine Gaber Loan Fund originated when the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation turned over to the College, thru Mrs. Esther Taubenhaus, \$401.47. Since that time this fund has been sponsored mainly by Leo Gaber of Houston for the benefit of A&M students. At present, the fund totals \$1935.25.

The Davis "Buck" Fund was originated in 1943 with a \$5 dollar donation by W. K. Davis, class of '16, for the benefit of A&M students. Donations have brought the fund up to a total of \$439.10.

The Davis Buck Fund is used for students at the Annex, and is administered through the Dean of Men's office.

Each month all money in these funds is loaned out and it is usually repaid within less than 30 days.

Last year the students of Bizzell Hall and the students of Dorm 7 gave the profits from the Coke machines, amounting to \$344.22, to the Breazeale Fund which now has \$408.90.

The second source of loans to students is through the Ex-student Loan Association, which has about \$250,000 accumulated over the years since 1922. These funds have been received from many sources including contributions from individuals, A&M Mother's Clubs, Sears & Roebuck Company, graduating classes, clubs, and friends of A&M College.

Regulations of the Former Students' Association require that a student, to be eligible for a loan from their funds, must have been in school for at least one semester and have maintained a grade point average of 1.5 or higher.

The reason for this is to prove that a student is really deserving of financial aid. An interest rate of 4% is charged for these loans, but they are usually larger than those made from the other loan funds, and extend for longer periods.

"After years of experience in handling student loans," Locke concluded, "it is the conviction of the Former Students' Association that a student should resort to the use of borrowed money only after exhausting all other sources, such as family aid or student earnings at some job."



MAJOR J. L. WILSON, JR., 1924 graduate of A&M who has recently been assigned as Chief of the Engineering Branch of A-4 Division of Far East Air Forces in Tokyo.

Bugler Sounds Taps to Begin Corps' Battle of The Benches

By T. G. SMITH
 Life for the student body has begun to assume its old familiar pattern at last. In the corps, Call to Quarters has stamped a firm hand on much of the night life so much in evidence at the beginning of the semester. Naturally, the Juniors and Seniors, wise in the ways of higher learning, need no prompting to hit their books at every opportunity. "Conscientious application" is their motto. (Boy, this sure sounds good at this rate.)

The night life AFTER Call to Quarters seems to be picking up, however. It seems that some of the benches in the New Area were unduly congregated in front of Dorm 2. It was just a short time ago that several hundred Aggies fell out of their dorms before the notes of Taps had scarcely died away, and set out to "liberate" their respective benches.

The resulting confusion was indeed a thing of wonderment. The OD and the OG, amid the unsympathetic cries of "OD, save my child" and "Help, OD, I'm drowning in the showers" sought to bring peace and serenity to the scene, but it was not until after the arrival of Capt. Stiles that things really got ridiculous. However, the cool work of the OD and OG finally restored order and quiet to the area.

The final outcome, on morning's examination, showed that all but three or four of the benches had been returned to their "rightful" places. The dead had been removed during the night.

The most pronounced change rendered in the last two weeks, however, has come about through the issuance of those form-fitting "Sahara Tan" (twill uniforms. Of course, only those in the Corps have been fortunate enough to benefit in such a manner.

It is indeed an inspiring sight to see the Corps marching by resplendent in their full uniforms. Of course, there are the few individuals tripping and stumbling around in ranks, but after all, a 130 lb. man wearing a 13-35 shirt and 32-34 pair of pants is apt to have a few difficulties getting all of his uniform to move at the same time in the same direction.

It might be noted also that the new seniors keep their caps carefully tucked in their belts as long as they are outdoors, but cram them over their heads the minute they cross the door into the mess hall. Oh well, after all, that's a senior privilege. (No offense meant, men).

Reclamation Dept. Needs Soil Expert

There is a position open with the Bureau of Reclamation as Soil Scientist, according to Paul H. Figg, regional director of the United States Civil Service Commission.

Examinations for this position are to be given at some future date. The entrance salary for this position varies from \$3727 to \$6,235.

The states in which the position will be open are Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Application forms and additional information may be obtained from Roger W. Jackson, Post Office, College Station, Texas.

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ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash in Banks.....	\$ 71,180.74
U. S. War Savings Bond.....	740.00
Accounts Receivable—General, Water, Sewer & Elec.....	8,168.27
Inventories — at cost.....	8,598.97
Advance Payment — Dale Construction Company.....	6,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....	\$ 94,688.98
OTHER ASSETS:	
Taxes Receivable—less reserve.....	1,437.75
Deposit and unexpired insurance.....	580.17
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS.....	2,017.92
FIXED ASSETS:	
Work in Progress.....	\$ 1,354.37
City Hall Warehouse and Equipment.....	40,723.84
Electrical Equipment.....	24,458.08
Water and Sewer System.....	108,153.92
Cemetery—Office Equipment.....	90.50
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS.....	\$174,780.51
Less—Reserve for depreciation.....	34,032.06
TOTAL NET FIXED ASSETS.....	\$140,748.45
Land and development expenses.....	16,273.89
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$255,737.61
LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Notes, Lands and Warrants Payable.....	\$ 19,508.00
Interest Payable.....	1,949.99
Taxes overpaid.....	133.25
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES.....	\$ 20,691.24
FIXED LIABILITIES—Long Term:	
Customers and other deposits.....	\$ 3,253.00
Notes, Bonds and Warrants Payable.....	127,577.57
SURPLUS — EARNED.....	102,415.80
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS.....	\$255,737.61

The above Condensed Statement of the Assets and Liabilities (that which the City owns and that which the City owes) was prepared from our detail audit report on file with the Councilmen as of June 30, 1948, and is available to the citizens and taxpayers of the City of College Station. The City's financial position is sound and reflects careful and conservative management on the behalf of the Mayor and Councilmen.

MATTISON, DAVEY & RADER
 Accountants & Auditors
 By (Signed) D. P. McALPINE
 Resident Manager