

# Swim Team Expects Best Season in Years

The Aggie Swimming Team will be looking forward to one of the best seasons in years next spring as 24 of 1953's 27 varsity members will return.

Starting his nineteenth season directing A&M's mermen will be Coach Arthur (Art) Adamson. An internationally famous amateur swimmer and Aggie-Ex, he began his coaching career here in 1935.

Adamson will receive able assistance from diving coach Emil Mamaliga. This will be Mamaliga's seventh year at A&M.

**Gains Fame**

Born in London, England, Feb. 25, 1905, Adamson began his swimming in Oxbow, Saskatchewan, Canada, but gained fame after he moved to New Zealand with his mother.

He won the 100-yard freestyle

championship of New Zealand in 1925 and held it through 1927, setting records of 57.2 seconds in the 100-yard and 1:03.4 in the 100-meter freestyle events.

Adamson has been a member of the Gulf Coast and National AAU swimming committees for many years, and is well known in swimming circles throughout the country.

**Came to A&M**

Mamaliga came to A&M in the fall of 1947 as both diving coach and physical education instructor. A graduate of Ohio State University, he was named to the All-American swimming team as the university won the Ohio state championship.

Mamaliga specialized in swimming, although he was a participant in tennis, track and golf. The

200-yard breaststroke was his specialty, and he clocked 2:28 in this event.

In his last year in college, the Ohio team won the Big Ten, NCAA meet, the National AAP indoors meet and the AAU outdoors meet. Ohio State is the only team ever to do this, and has repeated the feat four times.

## Texas Tech Tries for Third Aggie Win

Texas Tech will be trying for its third win over the Aggies in 26 years as they meet each other Oct. 10 at Lubbock.

This will be A&M's first game with Tech since the Aggies' 20-7 win in 1951. The two teams had played each other consecutively since 1941-51. A&M's highest win over the Raiders was in 1927 when they won 47-6.

Head Coach Dewitt Weaver is expecting a greatly improved team this year. "Undoubtedly the Raiders will better last year's record," Weaver remarked, "because upward is about the only way they can move from a 3-7-1 mark."

**Banking on Cavazos**

Tech will be banking heavily on speedy Bobby Cavazos, the Raider's 190-pound All-Conference halfback. Cavazos has made All-American honorable mention both seasons, and has been Tech's leading rusher for the past two years.

Also seeing action again this year will be quarterback Jerry Johnson, the Border Conference's Number Two man in total offense. Johnson has picked up poise this year and will be backed by Jack Kirkpatrick whose work was confined to defensive play following an auto accident last fall.

**Consistent Starter**

Sophomore tackle Jerry Walker is Tech's only consistent two-way starter of last year who is returning, although Vic Spooner played some defensive halfback. Walker and senior Jimmie Williams give the Raiders probably the best tackle combination in the Border Conference.

Tech's starting line averages 200 pounds and its backfield, 179.

# Track Season Looks Tough for Aggies

A&M will begin track season with the worst outlook in 13 years.

Gone from last year's championship team are Darrow Hooper, SWC record holder in both the shot put and discus and Olympic runner-up in the shot; Charles Hudgins, distance ace.

Bobby Ragsdale, hurdles; Malcolm Marks, 440; James Baker,

440; Joe Criswell, distance; Roy Dollar, javelin; Carol Libby, 440; Glenn Spradlin, pole vault; Bill Stalter, dashes; Claude Watts, dashes; and Edwin Wilmsen, 880.

**Low Outlook**

Track prospects have not looked so low for A&M since 1940 when the Aggies finished fourth. The lowest the track team has ever placed is fifth in both 1918-19.

Under the direction of Coach Frank G. (Andy) Anderson, the tracksters have compiled during the last seven years one of the most impressive records in the nation.

The team has won the SWC title six times, and finished second to the University of Texas in 1950.

**Called Col. Andy**

Col. Andy, as the Aggies call him, is in his thirty-third year at A&M. During this time, he has been freshmen football coach, track coach, and commandant of the cadet corps.

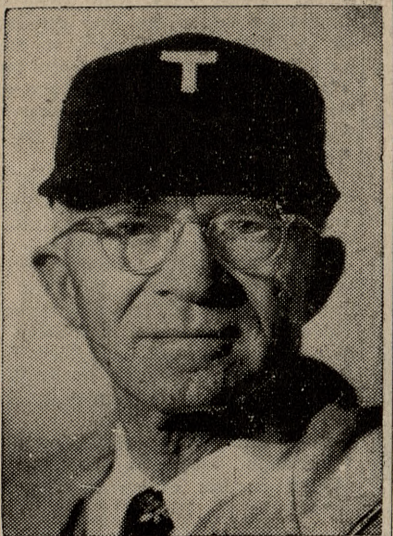
During the 21 years while Anderson has served as track coach, the Aggies have never placed below third in SWC competition, and have captured the crown nine times.

He is noted for developing unknowns into steady performers. Col. Andy claims his greatest thrill was in the 1952 Olympic

games at Helsinki, Finland, when he saw his two proteges, Hooper and Walter (Buddy) Davis, win first and second in the high jump and shot put, respectively.

Born in Sparta, Tenn., in 1891,

Anderson was an outstanding high school performer in the pole vault. He went to Mississippi College after graduating from high school to play football under the direction of Dana X. Bible.



(Col.) Andy Anderson Odds Are Against Him

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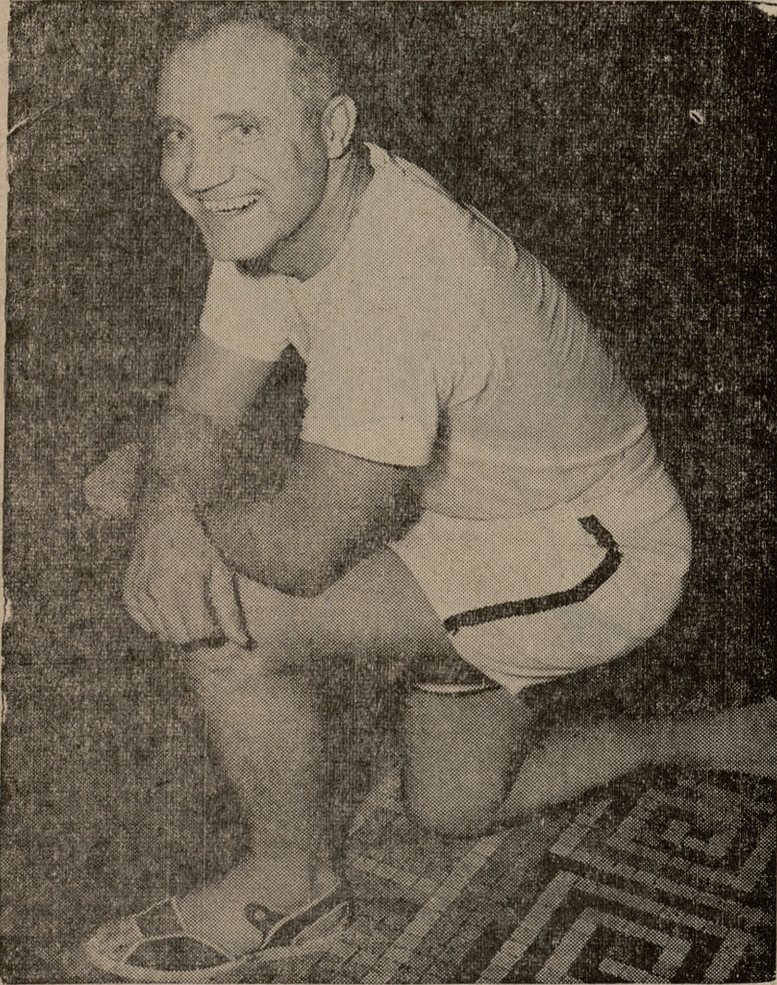
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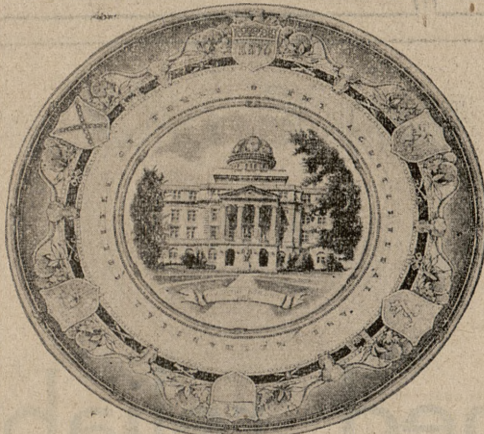
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Art Adamson Puts Mermen Through Paces

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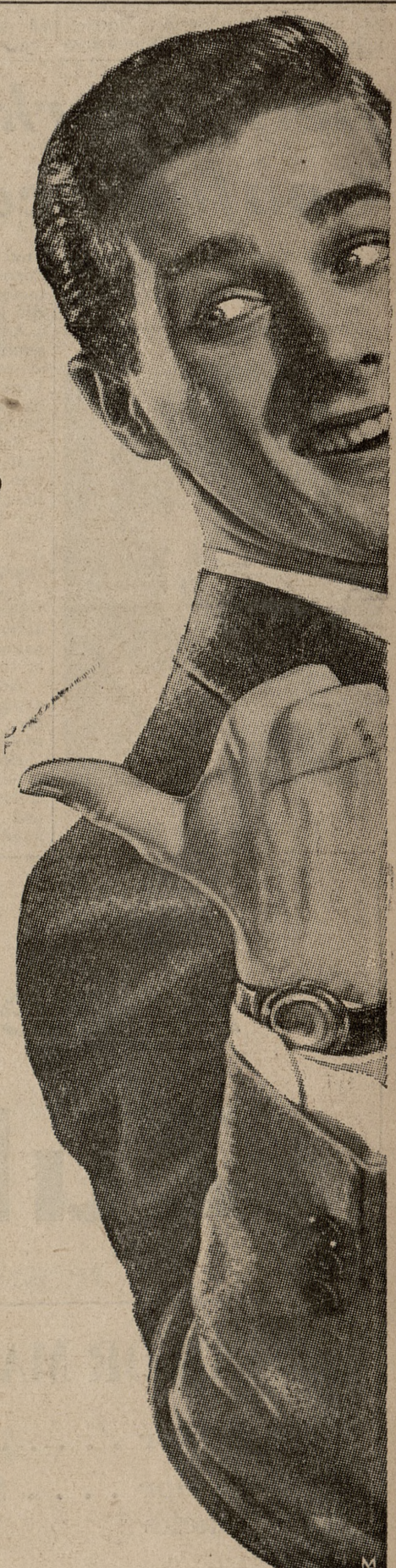
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