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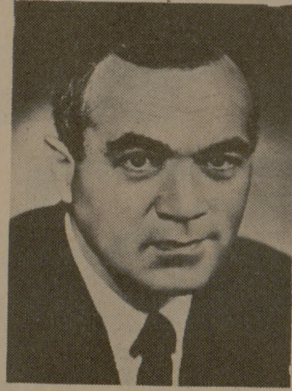
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Aggies with Activity Cards, Free
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(This is the first in a series of articles featuring the wives of A&M's various coaches.)

By VANCY MANNING
Battalion Staff Writer
"Exciting but lonely" is how Mrs. Ruth Ann Stallings, wife of Gene Stallings, describes life as a football coach's wife.

"I have always enjoyed football," she said.

Football has always been a part of her life because she has two older brothers who played college football.

The first time she saw A&M was while she was dating Coach Stallings. "I thought it was one

of the greatest institutions I had ever seen," she said. "Of course Gene looked very impressive in his senior boots," she added smiling.

"All the traditions at A&M make it the unusual place that it is. The Spirit of Aggieland really does mean a great deal to the students," Mrs. Stallings continued.

"I live football," she said.

She and Coach Stallings were married on the Saturday after A&M beat Texas in Memorial Stadium for the first time.

"We had a very happy wedding," she recalled. "Members of

our wedding party included players from the Aggie football team," she added.

Mrs. Stallings attends all home games and travels with the team to many of the out of town games. If she does not go with them, she always listens to the game.

On days of home games, she entertains out-of-town guests and other friends who drop by.

The East Texas State graduate taught school for one year in Bryan before she and Coach Stallings moved to Alabama.

While in Alabama she taught school for one year and was principal of a private school for a year.

"We were very happy to come back to A&M," she recalled. "It was what we had both hoped for."

So far, this season has been a heartbreaker for the Aggies with the last minute losses.

"It really hurts to lose a game in the last minute," Mrs. Stallings said. "If you know earlier in the game that you aren't going to win, it's not so bad," she continued.

"Scoring in the last minute of the Texas Tech game made the win doubly sweet," she added.

Although her husband is a work from about 5 a.m. until 10 p.m., she finds little time to be lonely with four children in the house.

She is active in the Sul Ross PTA and Girl Scouts. She also teaches a class at the A&M Church of Christ.

Her hobbies include reading, collecting first edition books and sewing.



MRS. GENE STALLINGS

Ag Harriers Host Tri-meet

Texas A&M will host Baylor and Texas in a cross country meet at 4 p.m. Friday.

The same three competed last week at Austin with Texas finishing first, A&M second and Baylor third. Texas scored 30, A&M 24 and Baylor 57.

Brian Woolsey of Texas was first in 14:38 while Baylor's Walter Reyna was next in 14:41 followed by Fred Cooper, Texas 14:53, and three Aggies—John Heffner, 14:59; Ed Vezey, 15:08 and Chris Conley, 15:16.

The same three teams—A&M, Baylor and Texas—will wind up their triangular circuit next week at Waco.

This week's meet will be the third of the season for A&M. In their first outing, the Aggies placed Heffner 7th, Vezey 9th and Conley 11th in a five-team meet won by University of Houston. Lamar Tech was second, Southwestern Louisiana third, Houston Track Club fourth and A&M fifth. Only 13 points separated second and fifth.

Giants-Packers Top NFL Stats

NEW YORK (AP)—If statistics tell the story, the best offense in the National Football League will be taking on the best defense in the league Sunday when Fran Tarkenton and his New York Giants mates bump up against Ray Nitschke and friends of the Green Bay Packers.

The Giants' attack, which included some improvisations from the public school No. 97 playbook in a triumph over Pittsburgh, has averaged 407 yards a game, tops in the NFL. The Giants' passing game has averaged 273 yards, second only to Baltimore and their running game is fifth with a 130-yard average. The Los Angeles Rams have the best rushing average of 154 yards.

Green Bay has been so tough to score on that it is difficult to see how the Packers have lost a game. In five games the Packers have given up only 54 points or 10.8 a game. Of the 54 points, 44 have followed Packer mistakes such as pass interceptions or fumbles. Actually, the Green Bay defense has given up only 10 true points and three of those followed an onside kickoff recovery.

The grudging Packer defense has given up only 151 yards a game. The pass defense is so tight that the enemy has averaged just 32.6 yards a game, a shiny target for Tarkenton and Homer Jones. Dallas has the best defense against rushing with an average yield of 73 yards. The Packers are eighth in that category.

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