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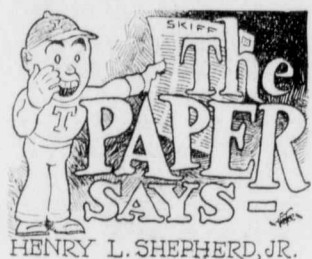
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RIDE THOSE MUSTANGS



HENRY L. SHEPHERD, JR.

IT IS times like these that try men's souls, said some one of the old heads. The trying times that made him walk the floor at night and spill his snuff over his shirt front were mere chicken worries compared with the enigma that runs through every high spirited T.C.U. student's crowded cranial cavity. Even the most garrulous insipient freshman has his brain cavity filled to overflowing with troublesome thoughts.

NIGHT mares of the most virulent and annoying type are common. Live Mustangs, wild, bouncing rocking broncos and untamed Horses trample the overworked brains of poor, down trodden students as they vainly seek their nocturnal quietude.

"SMEAR S.M.U." is on every hand. Car windows are gaily festooned with the all important slogan. Class room portals swing wide with the soul stirring battle cry ringing in every squeak. Text books are marked from cover to cover with "Smear S.M.U."

DOC ROWLAND has begun wearing his plus eights, surely plus fours could not describe them, to class with him, and they save him the price of pajamas at night. The blinding, potent and patriotic stripes running through these pants are heroic. And far be it from Doc to hold out, even on himself.

JUST think! Twelve members of the Horned Frog squad will wear the Purple on the field Thanksgiving Day for the last time. True, some of them are not going to get to play, but among this dozen heroic gridders are counted the cream of the game in the Southwest.

AFTER playing football for three or four years in high school and the same length of time in college, a man faces the realization of playing his last game with a keen and poignant regret that is assuaged only by the knowledge that in that final game he put his best and most effective efforts.

THIS spirit will motivate the Frogs when they battle S.M.U. before the greatest crowd that ever saw a football game in Dallas, at least 20,000 people.

WHETHER they earn the songs of victory or the condoleance of defeat, we know that these Frogs will reap a purple harvest of untold glory. No matter what the result, we're for you Frogs, first, last and always—but Smear S.M.U.

JUNIOR CLASS HAS BANQUET TONIGHT

Buffet-dinner plans were laid by the Junior class at a meeting held Friday, Nov. 19, after the regular chapel service. The dinner was planned to take place Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, November 23, in the cafeteria. This is the first party of the year staged exclusively for Juniors and it is hoped that much enthusiasm will be shown in it. The president, Everett Shipp appointed committees to take charge of the details of the affair and it is promising to be just what the class wishes to make it be.

PURPLE BREAKS ARKANSAS U. TRADITION

SMASHING 28-year records is nothin' afall to the fighting Frogs. When they go out to take a ball game, they take it in, regardless of tradition, perdition or what have you; witness last Saturday when with three minutes to play and the score 7-7, Ray "Bear" Wolfe stepped back, took careful aim, and booted the oval between the bars for three points to defeat the big red Razorbacks, 10 to 7.

It was homecoming day, and from miles and miles around, from all the hollers and hills of Arkansas, from moonshine stills and judges' bench had gathered the illustrious and slightly "lit" alumni of Arkansas University. Everybody had come down to witness the slaughter of the Purple team from Texas in honor of the great reunion. For 28 years, no matter how poor a team the university had, the Red team had always delivered for the crowd on homecoming.

Then came sights unbelievable. The Purple clad warriors were actually holding the Arkansas team! Yea, and more, they were gaining quite a bit of ground on their own part! Then came the thrilling pass from Spick Clark to the Battling Ray Matthews. "Get 31!" came the roar from the stands, but 31 was not to be got. Shifting a hip here, a neck there, a foot yonder, the boy with the beautiful hair dashed the remaining 25 yards over the Red goal line for a touchdown. "Saints and Heaven awaken," pleaded the alumni. But the half ended 7-0, Purple.

During the half, Coach Schmidt, of the Hogs musta said some mean and ungentlemanly things. The Red came back fightin'. Then on the third play of the third, Cole heaved a pass to Scott, who covered the remaining distance to the Frog goal without opposition. Cole added the point. The Saints and Heaven had at last discovered their error in allowing the Purple to score.

Then it was nip and tuck with mostly tuck—tuck the ball under yer arm and scoot. The Purple and Red battled even up until late in the final period. Then with about five minutes to play, Spick Clark, who had been punting on the first down for safety all the last period, called the team together: "Boys," says Spick, "they think I'll kick. Cut down what secondary you can, I'm comin' around left end." And he did. The ball was 30 yards nearer the enemy goal when he was brought down. Blackie Williams, who had substituted for Thompson at the start of the last quarter, dropped back and shot a pass to Carson for 20 yards. T.C.U.'s ball on the 40-yard line. Three plays made eight yards, and the stage was set. The principal actor then stepped back, bowed to the gasping alumni, and proceeded to win the game. Fade out, alumni.

Every man on the Frog lineup played great games, the outstanding stars were: Matthews, Brewster, Evans, Washmon, Wolf, Scarborough, Steadman, H. Clark, Taylor, Toler, Thompson, Acker, B. Williams and Carson.

For Arkansas, Chipman and Rose were perhaps the most outstanding. The former on his brilliant offensive as well as defensive work while the giant Rose did his best work by waiting behind the Red line until the Frog interference had gone by, then reaching forth with his long arms and dragging down the man with the ball. Captain Boozeman at offensive center and defensive guard also looked good.

THERE WILL BE BLOOD ON THE MOON



WHAT THE FRESHMEN THINK OF THE GAME

Editor's Note—A contest was held by all the English Professors holding Freshman sections to determine the three best essays on the subject "The T. C. U.-S. M. U. game." The essays here are the winners of the contest. Read them and if they don't instill spirit into you over the coming game, your case is hopeless, because these freshmen can write, and write well.

FIRST PLACE. CAN THE STUDENT BODY HELP WIN THE GAME?

BY HAZEL DEFFEBACH.

What is more inspiring than an immense grandstand overflowing with a colorful mass of humanity, an enthusiastic mob of football fanatics. The whole presents an exciting picture like a goblet brimming over with bubbling, sparkling, effervescent champagne. A sight of this sort subconsciously affects the already tense players, and works them to a high pitch of frenzy. The roaring, frantically waving ribbons, and pennants, and ringing cowbells, create a pandemonium of noise, and an intriguing variety of colors, and sights that intoxicate the team.

The presence of a large crowd convinces the players that it evidently has implicit faith in their ability. The splendid co-operation of the students with the pep leader in yells and stunts charges the air with an electricity which seems to pass from student body to team, and incites it to further prowess for their school and those who are so nobly "backing" it. This makes each player feel individually responsible for success or failure. Loyalty, pride, and a school spirit wells up in him as the team is cheered by a mighty roar from a thousand throats.

Picture, if possible, an SMU-TCU game, that when the boys walked out on the field there were drab empty grandstands instead of cheering, loyal friends. Then doubt if you can feel that the student body helps win the games.

SECOND PLACE. OUR THANKSGIVING GAME.

By BRIT BISHOP

TCU plays SMU next Thursday—Thanksgiving Day. "Breathes there a man with soul so dead," etc., who does not know that? A visit to TCU might give that information, then, to such a

man. Around school we say, "Let's carve SMU on Turkey Day!" Can we? There is the vital question of the football year in two words. Let us take the question impartially and look at the facts in an unprejudiced manner. The Mustangs are already the champs. Is it important, then, for us to win this game? I say it is! We find out that, after all, even if SMU is the conference winner in name, we can be the moral champions. If TCU played through an entirely undefeated season and SMU lost its big game, would not the Frogs be looked upon as the winners? Undoubtedly so! Our schedule was arranged so as to exclude Rice and the University of Texas, two weak teams who would have been easy pickings for the powerful Horned Frogs. It also threw us into a game with the strong Arkansas Razorbacks, which the other teams dared not face. SMU feared the Porkers and left them off of their schedule, yet the Fighting Frogs went to Fayetteville and beat them on their own grounds. Doesn't that look like championship football? TCU had four conference games this year, the four hardest possible. First, the heavy Baylor Bears, who made such a strong bid for the title, next, the champions of last year, the Aggies, who are rarely defeated on their home grounds, third, the much feared Razorbacks, and finally, the champion Ponies. Coming through with an undefeated record shows power, fight, and determination. So much for our schedule.

The old question is, "Can we win?" What are the feelings of SMU about us? Undoubtedly those of fear. I hardly think that anyone would venture to predict an outcome of this Turkey Day game. Neither team has a cinch. TCU cannot expect to go over to Dallas and beat the champions with ease. Neither can SMU expect to wipe out a powerful, undefeated team like the Horned Frogs with a sweep of the hand.

There was telling psychology in that game of Saturday in Fayetteville. The Frogs, playing that game hundreds of miles from home, defeated the powerful Porkers, and, by doing so, instilled fear into the Mustangs and confidence in themselves. We won that game with no sympathizers present, so there is no reason why we could not beat SMU in Dallas when we can all be there. Fellow-students, are we all going to get behind our team and help them. Are we? We certainly are! So we'll

all see one another Thanksgiving Day over there in Dallas when TCU becomes the virtual winner of the Southwestern Conference, the Champion of Champions.

THIRD PLACE. WINNING THAT THANKSGIVING DAY GAME.

BY C. L. RICHART.

Asking an inhabitant of Frogland if it makes any difference whether we win that Thanksgiving Day game from SMU or not probably is not the safest past time to pursue but nevertheless it is a logical conclusion to assume that few citizens of the campus have really given the matter serious thought. The Mustangs have won the championship so, really now, will it make any difference whether we win or lose? Think on the aspects of the situation a moment and your answer doubtlessly will come to you in the form of a forceful "YES, and a big difference."

A victory over SMU will mean that fans and sport critics far and wide will proclaim the Horned Frogs the real champions of the conference. They will be the uncrowned kings. A win would leave TCU the only undefeated eleven in the Southwest.

A victory will mean that TCU teams of the future will have a record to cheer them on. Something to uphold, something to cherish. It will mean that the eleven men who play their last college game Thanksgiving Day will have a pleasant memory of that final performance for the remainder of their lives.

And now that winning that game really means so much to us, how are we going to win it? Will it be left up to the eleven men on the field to do it? Coach Madison Eell will tell you that it is going to take all the forces of TCU to win that game. Let's get the winning spirit. Talk victory, concentrate on winning and it will have its effect. It is going to take the "everlasting teamwork of every bloomin' soul" to win. Every member of the student body and faculty can contribute a part in developing a "winning psychology."

That Thanksgiving Day game is going to be the classic contest of the South. Be on hand when "that TCU team falls in line." Your presence will help and you owe that much to Frogland.

BELL AND KUBALE GET FROGS IN GREAT SHAPE FOR BATTLE WITH CONFERENCE LEADERS

WITH a determination capable of moving the "Rock of Gibraltar" the Horned Frogs are going through their daily grind preparing for the classic game of the season with the Southern Methodist University Mustangs, Thursday, Nov. 25, in Dallas.

1926-7 LECTURE COURSE OPENS TONIGHT

NOMAN ANGELL, the political economist and international lecturer will be the first to appear on the lecture program at Texas Christian University for the year 26-27. Mr. Angell will lecture on a topic of current interest and of vital importance on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at eight o'clock in the auditorium.

His lecture experience has been extensive. Having spent part of the youth in America, been a frequent visitor to this country, a constant contributor to the American press, he is able to grasp the American point of view and render the treatment of the subjects with which he deals interesting to an American audience. That treatment of course gains also from Mr. Angell's rather unique background of English birth, French education, American experience, business association for many years with men like the late Lord Northcliffe, and the friendship of men of letters and political leaders of all parties in both France and England.

It should be added that Mr. Angell has an unusual aptitude for answering questions, clearly and informatively. His ideal of a lecture is "a conversation with the audience."

Mr. Angell does not challenge democracy, on the contrary, he regards it as inevitable. But he urges that it will become tyrannical or incompetent or both unless we change its methods and certain ideas that we have concerning it. He declares it is not undemocratic to recognize that the voice of the people is usually the voice of Satan. On the contrary the only hope of making democracy successful is to recognize the fact that the people are apt to be guided by panic, emotionalism, the superficial aspect of things, unintelligence. We can then do something about those failings; so devise our machinery that they do as little damage as possible. He shows that our present notion of democratic method—everybody voting about everything—is not the only or best method of democracy; that we have not turned our attention sufficiently to the possibilities of principles which we apply in the jury system and the commission form of city government, of occupational or "function" representation, or the deliberate training in education for a better social or civic judgment. We never shall do this until we realize more vividly than we have done how completely democracy is breaking down, not merely in Europe with its Mussolinis and other dictators, but in America itself, where political failure has not so far mattered much because the captain of industry has been so successful. But the magnificent industrial structure itself, despite the great capacity of the business man, may be put in jeopardy unless the defects of an outgrown political system can be corrected.

The season tickets for the five lectures are on sale now by members of the B. B. A. department. The tickets are priced at \$1.50 and the sale is a speedy one.

S. M. U. has the championship cinched as far as percentage is concerned, but a Frog victory over the powerful Mustang machine would put a terrible dent in that title and in reality the Frogs would be the only undefeated team in the conference. This would, in the minds of many football followers make the Frogs the real Champions.

At present there are many men on the Horned Frog squad that are likely candidates for all-conference material. The Turkey Day classic at Dallas will decide for all time to come who will be the men that are thus honored.

Herman Clark has been shining at quarterback for the Frogs for the past four years and will get his supreme test when he goes up against Gerald Mann in the game that will hold the spotlight in the Southwest. At present Mann is considered to have an edge on Clark but the one that turns in the best brand of play next Thursday will in all probability be the one selected for all conference quarter.

The are other stars, too. Carson, Taylor, Williams, Toler and Thompson who have been raging demons in the backfield and who have been tearing opponents' defense to pieces. The starters are uncertain but Clark, Taylor, Carson and Williams will probably get the call.

There is Matthews, Steadman and Acker on ends who have been bearing the bulk of work in that position, this year. Matthews is the outstanding end in the conference and his smashing, charging style of play will probably be rewarded with a birth on the Mythical team. Steadman will probably start at the other end with Acker held in reserve. Brewster, Scarborough, Wolfe and Evans have been taking care of the mid-wall in grand style and the Ponies will have a hard time penetrating the Frog forward defense. Jake Williams may start at any of the positions if he brings up his scholastic standing. This would add a great deal of strength to the Frogs and would give the Coaches one more dependable man to rely on.

Johnnie Washmon, Captain and last year all-conference center will be at his usual place in the center of the line. He, too, will get his greatest test in the coming game.

Coach Morrison of the Ponies realizes the power of the Frogs and is doing his best to keep his club from becoming over-confident. At the start of the season Morrison predicted that the Horned Frogs would win the championship. Tie games have knocked the Frogs out of a chance at the title but the Pony coach wants an unblemished record and is putting his charges through hard work and is priming them for this game. The game of the year.

Once more the Frogs will be the under-dogs. In nearly every game this year the Purple and White have been doped to lose but have managed to come through undefeated. It is not impossible to beat the Mustangs and the club that has the most determination and the most fight will probably come out on the long end of the score. The Purple and White have been named the "Fighting Frogs" and will go on the field to uphold this name.



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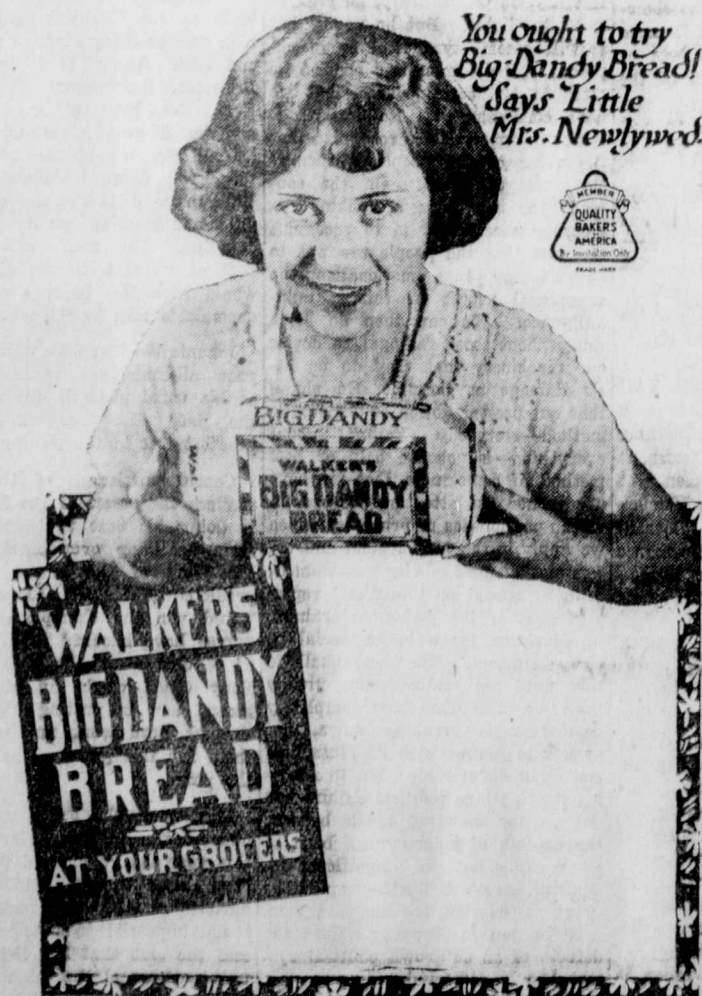
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SPORTS

SMEAR S.M.U.

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Beating champs, and breaking records is Purple meat anyhow this year.

The trip to Arkansas was fine (not including certain tales of baseball, duck hunting, etc., expounded by one center on the club whose nose has a tendency to proclaim him far from Irish.

Cheese Stuart, picture of energy, started out to scale one of the mountains near by, but desisted with the claim that the top was too far away from the bottom. "Anyhow," says Cheese, "what's the use of walking straight up? You don't get any further from where you was."

You will have to hand it to Cheese though; he almost ran once while in Arkansas.

Blackie Williams surprised us by purchasing a dainty gold, lace handkerchief for his "mama." Such tenderness toward a parent should be applauded.

Odie Thompson dicited some apprehension by expressing himself verbally while deep in sleep the night before the game. He kept insisting that he was some kind of lower animal which is very hard to catch (rabbit, to be plain), and was daring the whole Arkansas University to turn out and stop him.

The whole gang turned out Friday night to inhale one movie entitled "Love at the Cannon's Mouth," with Dead Eye Dick and Sure-shot Baker. In the midst of the performance while the hero was riding hard and shooting fast, Hobo Carson rushed from the show with the explanation, (later gained in confidence) that the dust from the horses' mud flight was settling in his eyes and that one bullet from the villain's vile pistol had clipped off a lock of his curly hair.—No Matty wouldn't let us drink.

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