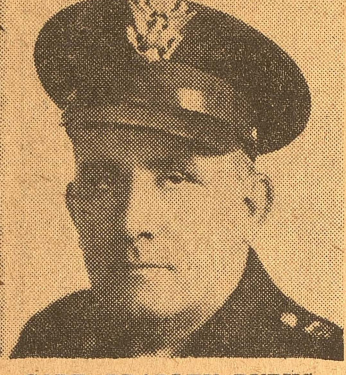


The
**SPORT
TIDE**
by
FLEM R. HALL

Former City Councilman and North Side Auto Dealer Bradley Burks, who is now a captain in the Army Air Forces, is stationed in Chicago. He is head of a radio school that's training 1,000 cadets at the Stevens Hotel, which was taken over by the Army last Summer.

Busy as he is, Captain Burks never missed a night of the Golden



CAPT. BRADLEY BURKS.

Gloves. He and Mrs. Burks and son, Jack, are living in Evanston, Jack, who graduated from North Side a few months ago, is awaiting call within a few weeks to the Army.

Ray and Roy Smith are other former Fort Worthians who are along on hand to cheer the Texans in the Tournament of Champions.

Other Texans Are There

Chief Petty Officer Rusty Cowart, former TCU quarterback, and Sgt. Jim Vinson, former sports editor of the Childress Index, are stationed near Chicago and came around to ask about the folk back home.

Jack Underwood of Lubbock and Athens found time between trains to stop off in Chicago between Washington and Lubbock long enough to get a look at one Golden Gloves show.

Maj. E. D. Rattray, an oil man in Fort Worth during the early thirties, is athletic officer at Camp Breckenridge in Indiana and most of the Evansville team in the Tournament of Champions was from his division—the 98th Infantry. It was a member of the Evansville team, but not a service man, who was found dead in his hotel room bathtub the third day of the tournament. The boy was "Tex" Webster, who formerly lived in Dallas. It was concluded that he met his death accidentally.

Ross Story With Punch in It

We heard an interesting story about Barney Ross while in Chicago last week.

It was about how he happened to get into the thick of the fighting with Japs so quickly. There has been some mystery concerning the matter. You'll recall he was a civilian in Chicago running his own night spot and refereeing Golden Gloves bouts a year ago. Along in the early Summer he enlisted in the Marines and was a corporal in boot camp out in what the Marines call "Dago." The next thing we heard—almost before other such enlisted men had finished training—Ross was in the thick of it in the South Pacific, and as a private. He was made a corporal again when he won decorations for killing 22 Japs and saving four Marines and two soldiers.

So far as we know there has never been an explanation published of how the former welterweight boxing champion transformed himself so quickly from a boot camp corporal to a fighting private. The story we heard may be all wet, but it came from a Marine source that should be reliable. It was to the effect that Barney punched the nose of a Marine officer in "Dago," and that as a matter of regular discipline in such matters Ross was "busted" and shipped forthwith to the fighting zone.

That was all right with Ross. He is a fighting man. He made the most of the opportunity—is now back in the U. S. A. alive and a hero.

Hair Was Turning Gray

Barney's brother, by the way, is running the Chicago spot and it's doing all the business it can handle.

There is a story going around that Barney's experience that one night in a shell hole on Guadalcanal turned his hair gray. That's not altogether true. It might have added some gray hairs, but Ross' black thatch was already streaked with gray a year before he enlisted in the Marines. Night life with the Japs can hold few terrors for a guy who has paddled around in the middle of professional boxing and an all-night bar in the Loop.

Although he reached the top and

**Bond to
Texas-Aggie
Game to Close
SW Cage Race**

**BY RICHARD WEST,
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One of the most hectic races in Southwest Conference basketball history—so close four teams had a chance to win until the last week—ends Wednesday when two bitter rivals, Texas and the Texas Aggies, clash at Austin.

Texas will be shooting at a tie for the title. The Aggies—well, they're playing Texas aren't they?

Should the Longhorns lose, the Rice Owls will be champions after one of the most amazing comebacks ever staged on Southwest hardwoods.

Lost First Three Games.

The Flock lost its first three games of the season and the word went around they'd be pushovers.

Then something happened. Bill Cross, conference scoring leader, teamed with that fine guard, Harold Lambert, and John McDonald to form an unbeatable combination which swept to nine consecutive victories.

Saturday night they whipped the Aggies, 40 to 30, in their finale, clinching at least a tie for the title. At the same time Texas was beating Baylor, 51 to 38.

Should Texas win Wednesday, the title would be shared by two teams who weren't exactly figured to be up there at the end.

Favorites at the start were Texas Christian and Arkansas, both of whom fought to the finals of the Oklahoma City tournament with TCU winning.

Won 5 of 12.

The Christians, for some unknown reason, then faltered. Over the rough Southwest schedule the preseason favorites won only five of 12 games. Arkansas, now in third place, won eight of 12 and will finish in a tie with Texas for second place if Texas loses its final game.

Of all the teams, Texas' showing was the most surprising.

The Steers started with a team that lacked high-quality reserves and with a new coach—Bully Gilstrap. But they clicked from the start and led two-thirds of the way.

Their northern invasion, resulting in losses to TCU and SMU, knocked them out of a clear-cut claim to the crown.

But Wednesday night they go all out for a share of it.

STANDINGS.

Team	W.	L.	Pts.	Op.
Rice	9	3	495	443
Texas	8	3	521	450
Arkansas	8	4	551	474
Texas Christian	5	7	436	507
Texas A. & M.	4	7	526	542
Southern Methodist	4	8	538	545
Baylor	3	9	481	587

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS.

Rice 36, Texas Christian 28.
Southern Methodist 65, Texas 56.
Arkansas 33-54, Texas Christian 23-39.
Rice 40, Texas A. & M. 30.
Texas 51, Baylor 38.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE.

Wednesday—Texas vs. Texas A. & M. at Austin.

LEADING SCORERS.

Player	G.	F.	TP.
Bill Cross, Rice, c.	76	45	197
John Hargis, Texas, g.	61	38	160
Clayton Wynne, Ark., g.	63	34	160
Gordon Carpenter, Ark., c	62	34	158
Leland Huffman, A&M, g	66	16	148
Tommy Tomlinson, SMU, c	53	35	141
Buck Overall, Texas, f.	49	34	132
Pete Watkins, A&M, f.	52	20	124
Frankie Edwards, Baylor, f	42	17	101
Bob McHenry, TCU, g.	38	19	95
Van Sweet, Baylor, f.	44	7	95

**Charley English
to Los Angeles;
Vols Get Oilers**

Charley English, former Fort Worth Texas League star, has moved again in spite of his fat batting average.

He has been sold by Nashville of the Southern Association to Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League.

Last season the veteran infielder, who is known as the "Little Giant," was the batting champion of the Southern Association.

Larry Gilbert, general manager of the Vols, announced the sale Sunday. Cash and players were involved but no details were reported.

He said also he had acquired the contracts of fourteen players from the Tulsa, Okla., team of the now defunct Texas League. Five of these players have been placed on baseball's national defense list, for the duration. Gilbert declared four of the remaining nine were with Tulsa proper during the 1942 season and five were called up from lower classification leagues to play for the Oilers in 1943.

Included in the shipment of Tulsans to the Vols were:

Julian Tubb, Glenn Gardner Dale Anderson and Eugene Jose lane, pitchers; Melvin Hicks, first baseman.

gained both fame and fortune in professional boxing, Ross says he'll never let a son of his fight for money. A little amateur boxing as a matter of physical training and learning self-defense is fine, he says, but that's all. "I'd rather see him locked up than mixed up in the fight mob," he says.