By Harold Keith

LT. JOHN SHIRK, the University’s Big Six discus champion of 1938 and all-Big Six end of the Sooner football powerhouse of 1939, was liberated from a German prison camp at Luckenwald, 30 miles south of Berlin. Edward Beattie, Jr., United Press war correspondent, wired the good news to Shirk’s mother, Mrs. John Shirk of Oklahoma City. Mrs. Shirk received the message May 13, Mother’s Day. Shirk was captured at Salerno.

SOONER TRACK TEAM STOPS THREATENED AGGIE SPORTS SWEEP...Winning all the track events save the 100 and 220 yard dashes, Coach John Jacobs’ Sooner track team decisively defeated the Oklahoma Aggies at Owen Field May 11 in the 32nd annual dual meet, 80 to 46. The Sooner triumph prevented what would have been the first Oklahoma Aggie sweep of the school year’s entire sports program in 50 years. The Aggie football team had won 28-6, and the national championship Aggie basketball team had also defeated the Sooners twice.

Joe Richardson of Oklahoma won the 440, Homer Sparkman of Oklahoma the 880, Clarence Vicklund of Oklahoma the mile and two-mile, Fred Hawley of Oklahoma the high and low hurdles. Bob Fenimore, the Aggie All-America football player from Woodward, took the 100 and 220 yard dashes in 9.8 and 21.5 seconds and also won the broad jump at 22 feet 8 inches for individual honors.

Bob Kurland, Aggie seven-foot All-America basketball center, won the shot put and was one of three Aggies tying for first in the high jump. Sooner Millard Cummings won the discus and Sooner Bill Wilson tied for first in the pole vault.

COMING TRACK EVENTS...The University track team runs in the Big Six Outdoor meet May 19 at Lincoln, Nebraska, meet the Norman Naval Skyjackets in a dual meet Tuesday May 22 and closes its season in the Oklahoma A.A.U. meet on the night of May 26 at Taft Stadium in Oklahoma City.

INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET Team winners:
Baseball, class A—Putnam City defeated Oklahoma City Central 4-3.
Baseball, class B—Foss defeated Fairview Consolidated, 10-6.
Track, class A—Tulsa Will Rogers won with 33, Tulsa Central second with 27.
Track, class B—Fairview won with 16, Comanche second with 15.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1945...All home games will be played at Norman, says Athletic Director Dale Arbuckle. The announcement was made on V-E day. The football schedule:
Sept. 29—Nebraska at Lincoln.
Oct. 6—Texas Aggies at Norman.
Oct. 13—Texas at Dallas.
Oct. 20—Kansas at Norman.
Oct. 27—Kansas State at Manhattan.
Nov. 3—Texas Christian at Norman.
Nov. 10—Iowa State at Norman (Homecoming).
Nov. 17—Missouri at Columbia.
Nov. 24—Oklahoma Aggies at Norman.

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