

THANKSGIVING HOP BRILLIANT SOCIAL AFFAIR

Many Visitors From Over the State Present To Participate in Festivities

At 9:00 p. m. Friday, the line of the grand march of the 1920 Thanksgiving Hop began to form about Sbisa Hall and more than two hundred couples participated. Immediately afterwards the Louisiana Five crashed out with the first dance and the joy began. All the bitterness of the Thanksgiving defeat was forgotten in the pleasures at hand. Maroon and white lights and streamers decorated the hall and goal posts were erected at the ends. The brown oval of the pigskin was the program design. The musicians were provided a rostrum but were not confined and their renderings would have put the joy, joy, joy, in an undertaker's reunion! The Hop was given in honor of the football men and the majority of the squad were present. Many old timers returned to familiar haunts for the great event. More than two hundred of the most beautiful girls ever gathered together at College Station or any other station, were assembled for the evening. From far and wide they came, even State being strongly represented. At ten-thirty Benny Garrity, yell leader led forth a shirt-tail parade of three hundred stags and "sack-holders" in single file, headed by the band playing "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," "Hail, Hail," and the other songs that form incentives to the A. and M. pep and morale. In pajamas, "nighties," and less than that with brooms as arms, they streamed into the east entrance, down and around the hall and congregating at the center, gave an exhibition of yelling that was heard a mile away. With the strains of grand old "Wildcat" crashing through the night cheers went up that shook the building and it is reported that the windows in Bryan felt the vibration. It is believed that even the drill instructor heard the echoes and the team captain that the student body of A. and M. was proud of them and the desperate fight they made and that the pep and pride of the Aggies was just as great as on Clark Field thirty hours before. Until the streaks of dawn pierced the eastern skies the merry-making continued and with the final soft encore of "Home Sweet Home," the Thanksgiving Hop came to a close amidst the crowing of cocks and honking of horns and purring of motors (Continued on Page 6)

A. AND M. CHESS TEAM LOST TO UNIVERSITY

Other Games To Be Played and Rice May Come In Forming a Triangular Meet

Despite the rather one-sided score, the A. & M. Chess Club is not the least bit discouraged in the showing made by the team at the match played with the University last Thursday. This is the first time A. & M. ever put out a chess team, and since its members only had two weeks practice, the result is not surprising. The fact that our men only so much as put up a hard fight against the veteran Texas team was gratifying. A return match has been arranged, and will probably take place at the time of the basketball games; furthermore Rice Institute has been challenged for a tournament, and a triangular meet between Texas, Rice and A. & M. is being planned. Following are the results of the match:

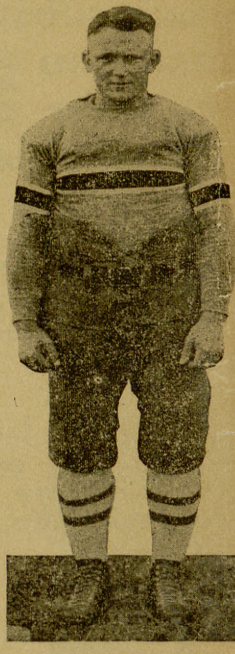
Table with columns for A. & M., Board, and Texas. It lists individual board members and their scores against Texas. Total score for A. & M. is 2, and for Texas is 8.

Each game counts one point; ties 1-2 for each. Umpire: Dr. V. I. Cob, (Texas), and Mr. R. C. Stevenson, (Allen). A. & M. coach: Dr. E. P. Humbert, Manager, Captain A. L. Tuttle. Texas coach: Dr. V. I. Cob; Manager, Mr. P. F. Pozil. Captain of team, A. & M. C. R. Mahan. Captain of team Texas: H. T. McKee. Time: Two hours.

AMPLE REASON "Why don't you keep out of bad company?" asked the physician after he had dressed the wounds of a newlywed. "I surely would like to, Doc, but I ain't got 'nuff money to get a divorce."

A. & M. Loses Championship in Last Period of Game to University Longhorns

PLAYING CIRCLES AROUND THE LONGHORNS DURING THE FIRST HALF, FARMERS WEAKEN ALLOWING LONE TOUCHDOWN WHICH LOST CHAMPIONSHIP BY 7-3. FIRST SCORING ON AGGIES IN TWO SEASONS; BITTER STRUGGLE; PIERCE OUT IN FIRST FEW MINUTES; FARMERS BATTLE DESPERATELY IN LAST QUARTER.



MAHAN

Captain football star of the 1920 Farmers. Eddie made his debut in college football on the freshman team of '16. He starred with the fish and the next year he opened the eyes of the State by his work at the fullback position. In '18 he did not return to college but went into the service, and did not return to play football until '19. He won an unanimous all-State and all-Southwestern pick. At the end of the season was elected to lead this year's Aggie machine. Eddie has behind him a record that has never before been equalled in the southwest. He has never been knocked out in a game. He has never had a goal and seen that seventh point added. As an athlete and student he has no equal. He has put fear in the heart of the athletes of the west and the slogan of many a team was get Mahan, but he has not been GOT. The cadets are proud to have such a player on their team. No doubt of his football record, Jack would be an all-American pick, if he could have come to the attention of the proper officials.

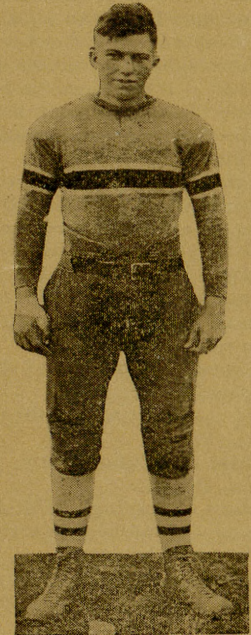
In a game that was hard fought and before the largest crowd that ever witnessed a football struggle in the Southwest, the Texas Aggies met defeat at the hands of the Texas Longhorns by the score of 7 to 3. The field was in perfect condition and the weather just cold enough to give the necessary pep to the opposing teams. Long before the game commenced the crowd began to gather at the field. Every available seat was taken and people were forced to stand up. Before the battle began, the Farmer yelling was the feature of the game, and during the later moments of play when defeat stared the Aggie rooters in the face, they were still behind the team giving it what moral support they could and always with the team with all that they had in them. It is consolation indeed to the old A. and M. Alumnus to know that under the old blouses of khaki, beats the truest hearts ever known and this should be a matter of pride to every Aggie supporter to know that he is connected with a group of men like these. The entire Aggie team fought for every inch of ground that was

made and when the final whistle blew were giving everything that was in them to stop the onslaught of the Texas backs. Mahan and Higginbotham were the stars of the Aggie backfield—while Wilson, Anglin, Drake and Gouger played a star game in the line. Higs punts averaged well above fifty yards and the way he ran around the Texas right end was a feature of the game. The game opened with Texas kicking off to the Aggies. The Farmers kicked on first down. The Longhorns were forced to punt. Then followed three breaks in the game, Texas getting the advantage of all of them. The Longhorns were within the Farmers territory during the first part of the game, but when the Aggies got the ball and started their offensive they carried the ball down to within striking distance of the Texas goal and had the ball on the Longhorns fifteen yard line when the quarter ended. On the second play of the second quarter Morris kicked a perfect goal from placement and the score remain thru out the rest of the half A. & M. 3 Texas 0. The first half belonged to the Aggies, Texas

was unable to do anything against the Aggie defense and the half ended with the ball in about midfield. The second half opened in a rush with the Aggies again using their offense with success on the Texas line. They carried the ball to within fifteen yards of the Longhorns goal line but lost it on downs. The tide of the game than changed in favor of the Longhorns and a recovered fumbled punt by Varsity gave her the ball on the Aggies 30 yard line. A couple of passes were completed and two line bucks gave them the ball on A. & M. 8-yard line with first down and goal to go. Texas made four through the line and had three more chances to take it over but when their last down was spent the ball was still one yard from the Aggie goal line. The quarter ended before the Aggies had time to punt. The fourth quarter opened with Hig punting from behind his own goal line to the middle of the field the ball going out of bounds. The Longhorns took the ball and walked it down to the Aggies 15 yard line. Here the Longhorns completed a (Continued on Page 2)



THE FARMER SQUAD.



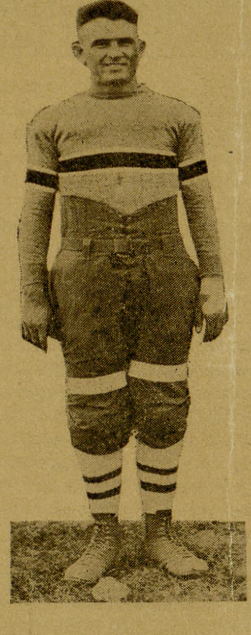
SCUDDER

Carl made his first letter in the days of the S. A. T. C. and saw University beat us for the only defeat of the season. He got revenge in the following season but this year they did it again and we feel with Carl when he will have to sit with the Alumni next year when we have them down in our own backyard where we can chase them for another victory as in '19. Carl has always been a hard worker and has been a pillar of strength in the line. He was in the Thanksgiving game but a short time but made things mighty interesting and dog-gone hot for the man opposite him. It will not be a simple matter to fill his shoes and the man that does do that next year will have to be a good man at the game.



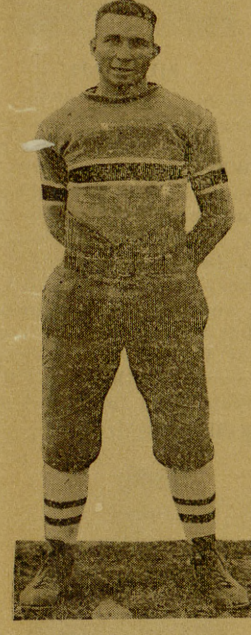
MARTIN

George is another Aggie who is playing his last season but he has made his last season one of huge success. George is one of the best defensive football players in the State. He has knocked down more opponents passes than any other Aggie and when given the chance to advance with the ball always delivers the goods. There is not a player on the Aggie team more consistent in his playing both in the games that he has played and in the scrimmages on Kyle field. George is a good punter and a sure passer.



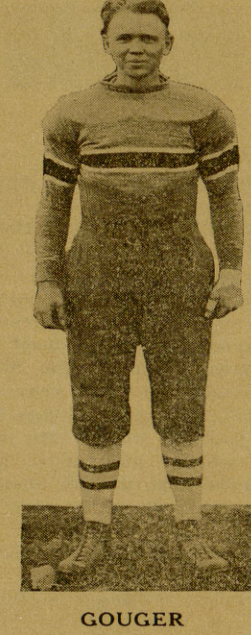
DRAKE

A member of that famed Fish football team of '16. A tackle that has no equal in the southwest. Ruby is playing his last season with the Aggies and he is making for himself a reputation in college football that is to be envied by any follower of the game. Ray has been a terror to the opponents' line and the reason that he has not received as much credit as has been due him is because of the fact that a majority of the spectators who watch a football game never see any one but those in the backfield. We are picking Drake for an all-Southwestern tackle for we know he has no superior and as an aggressive player he has no equal.



PIERCE

There is not in Texas football a more versatile player than Johnnie. He has held down three positions on the Farmer machine in one season. He has played end, quarterback and center and at these positions he has always played a fighting game. He is good at intercepting opponents passes and when he is playing center he gets more tackles than any other man on the team. When playing quarterback he is among the best. Johnnie has played his last season with the Aggies and his absence from the game Thursday was one of the strongest factors pointing toward our defeat.



GOUGER

Bryan is another of the men from the famous Freshman team of '16. He is one that up until this Thanksgiving had never played in a Varsity game in which we have been defeated. He is the lightest man that has played on an A. & M. team in years. Regardless of this disadvantage in weight he has played the devil with the men that have attempted to go around his end. He has been the surest tackler of our teams. The injuries received in former years have showed up on Bryan but in the last game of football that he will ever play for this college, Bryan covered himself with glory, throwing the backfield men from Texas from behind their line for losses every time they came his way, and going out of his way to make them bite the dust. He outplayed the famous all A. E. F. end who was one of the Texas team last Thursday. This is Bryan's last year and we surely hate to lose this nervy little Napoleon.



HIGGINBOTHAM

A team mate of Mahan's who has played along beside him thru out his college career. He is another Aggie that had never seen the Aggie goal line crossed until Thanksgiving and it is because of his remarkable punting ability that this has been made possible. There is no better halfback in the Southwest than Hig. He is fast, aggressive and one of the best passers in the State and as a punter we acknowledge no superior in college football today. Hig gave up his desire to pursue a medical course and returned to A. & M. this fall after the injustice had been done knickerbocker. He has the old A. & M. spirit down deep in his heart and this is why every man in the cadet corps would fight to the last ditch for him. A. & M. is proud to say that Hig belongs to her and we are sure that he will have the same old berth that he has held down so well before as an all-Southwestern half.