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## A MAN, HONORED AND ADMIRIED BY HIS FELLOW-MEN, IS DEEMED WORTHY OF THIS TRUST.

Men of history are remembered in posterity for one of two characteristics, their honesty or their dishonesty. A man, placed in a position of high esteem by his friends and acquaintances, naturally becomes subjected to the opposition and unjust criticism thrust in his path by that known element which opposes him because of prejudice on its part.

A man, worthy of such trust and honour, will die a martyr's death rather than disgrace the blood of his ancestral-tree in his becoming the most contemptible creature known to man—A Traitor. He is cursed by those who trusted and relied in his sincerity; painted with the pigment of hatred; pointed to as a Black Sheep; and in his own conscience, tortured by the recollection of his deceitful act.

A man, who by his actions and the never failing test of time, proves himself worthy of supreme leadership should and does hold the confidence of those unprejudiced. The Red Flag of Anarchy, the knife of the cursed traitor, and the scorn and malice of those who oppose his principles will not tempt him to lower his personality into the mire of corruption. His name will live in the memories of his fellow-men, his conscience will be clear and when the days of temptation will have passed he will claim that honour which is highest and most noble, and hear it said,—"Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Procrastination is the thief of time. Keep this old adage in mind in regard to your duties as a student and help the men who have charge of our publications by keeping the appointments they make for you. Now especially is the time for you to have those pictures made for the Longhorn when the photographer can give you some extra time resulting in a better picture. Don't wait until the last minute when everyone will be rushed, then feel hurt that you are not given more attention.

## RESPONSIBILITY OF HOLDING OFFICE.

During the first few weeks of our scholastic year, there has been given to various men on the campus the responsibility of holding office in the numerous enterprises to be found here. Underclassmen are prone to neglect, or to overlook, the honor and responsibilities thrust upon them by the acceptance of an office in student affairs. That this is only too true has been borne out by the clubs that have been organized in past years, and some, even now, after having just met and elected officers are rapidly sliding into obscurity; for no other reason than that the enthusiasm of the members has been dulled by inefficiency and indifference on the part of those who are expected to supply the necessary initiative to carry the activities to a successful conclusion.

It is true in the business world as well as in college, that there are some men who seek honor without responsibility; others are willing and anxious to hold some high position, so that they can see their name in print, or because they fancy some distinction will help their reputation by the mere possession of office; others are very enthusiastic in the inauguration of some new enterprise, but for some reason after election to office fail to show any endeavor whatsoever thereby losing for these really interested any chance of success. We are not in need of such men.

It is befitting, then, at this time, when so many men are assuming the burdens of responsibility of executive office, that they be reminded to do justice both to themselves and to the official capacity they hold by using such judgment and discretion that none can question their actions at any time. One who does not exercise his ability in acting wisely, and making proper decisions when called upon to do so has small chance of realizing marked success in the work he will be engaged upon after leaving the protecting walls of an institution of learning.

It is surprising to know that such a large number of men come to college and do not learn the name of their instructors until the year is well nigh completed. There is some excuse for this at the larger less democratic institutions, but as we are situated we all have the opportunity to know our instructors personally; and they appreciate being a friend as well as being merely one who gives you instruction. Give them a chance to know you, and by all means make an effort to learn who they are.

## FARMERS GIVE OUACHITA TEAM INITIAL DEFEAT

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ter several first downs and a fumble the Aggies lost the ball and Ouachita punted out of bounds on the Farmers' forty-yard line. Two first downs and a second fumble again placed the pig-skin in enemy possession; this time two firsts were made against the Aggies and a punt placed the ball in play on the Farmers' twelve-yard line. A punt by Miller, an intercepted pass by Hardeman, gave the boys from Aggeland the leather on the fifty-yard line or in mid-field. It was here that the battering ram of the Aggie machine began to function for with the completion of a forward pass, Gill to Keene, and a series of line bucks, Ouachita found the ball in scrimmage on her own eighteen-yard line. Here the quarter ended. A first down by Captain Wilson and a beautiful fifteen-yard flank movement by Miller, in which much stiff-arming and side-stepping werenecessary registered the first touchdown of the fray. Goal was kicked by the little half-back, "Bugs" Morris.

In the remainder of the second quarter, line plays, a few incompleting passes, and a series of punts placed the ball on the Ouachita twenty-three yard mark from which position the opponents' field general elected to try a place kick. It went too low and Morris received the ball on the Aggie's two-yard line; he, on a pretty end run, put the leather in play on his own 27 yard line. The fast work of Captain Wilson in getting down under punts, his tackling, and the force with which he played the line, showed him as he played against the Centre team last January, a true bid for the All-Conference this season. In the final few minutes of the second quarter, Morris received an injury and Neeley, who won a name, not soon to be forgotten in last week's engagement, relieved him. It seemed to instill more fight in the Aggies as this flying back skirted the ends for fifteen and twenty yards at the clip. Knickerbocker relieved McMillan at quarter and the march to the goal began in earnest. An on-side kick with Neely on-side delivered the ball to the opponent's fifteen yard mark, where after a line buck by Gill and an off-tackle play by Miller, the second touchdowns of the afternoon was made by the Aggies. Goal was missed and the score was Aggies 13, Ouachita 0. The half ended with the ball on the fifty-yard line or in mid-field, in A. and M.'s possession.

The second period witnessed the entrance of Coach Bible's non-letter team onto the field. Throughout the third quarter they hit the line, played the ends for several long gains, passed infrequently with minor success, punted to their advantage, fumbled but once, and most thrilling of all, held the opponent and advanced the ball to the enemy ten-yard mark. The final quarter opened with Neeley clipping six yards around left end but the Aggies were off-side, the ball being returned to the eleven-yard line. The following play, Crass over left guard, proved the jinx for the third touchdown of the game had been

credited to the Farmers. Goal was missed and the score was Aggies 19, Ouachita 0.

It was at this instance that the Aggie "Young Blood" was to be forced beneath its own goal posts for in a punt exchange and a quick recovery of a seemingly dead ball, Terbeville raced to his twenty-yard chalk line before an Aggie nailed him. A line buck and a pass, for eleven yards, put the pig-skin on the Farmers' nine-yard mark where, after three off-tackle and over guard plays, Ouachita was in possession of the ball on A. and M.'s five-yard line. A somewhat unexpected pass to an uncovered end scored the opponent's only touchdown; goal being missed, the score was Aggies 19, Ouachita 6.

The following two plays, a kick-off to Allison with a return of twenty yards, and an end run by Neeley for twenty-five placed the ball in Aggie possession on her own forty-five yard line. Line bucks by Neeley, Crass, Poth, and Miller in which Neeley proved himself the greatest ground gainer by many yards, a penalty of fifteen counts administered the Aggies, an incompleting pass, deliverance to Ouachita, and opponent pass intercepted by Miller, an end run for fifteen yards by Poth, a loss of ten by the same half, and an eight-yard off-tackle play by Miller, found the ball touching the Ouachita last chalk mark, the shrill cry of the referee's whistle and the game was over. The box score was Aggies 19, Ouachita 6.

The Aggies, in this encounter played their stellar game of the season, few fumbles being made by those who were more prone to lose the ball at critical instances earlier in the year. The line functioned well even though more first downs were made through it in this game than in any other thus far; on the offense only time and more practice will be required to make it more nearly perfect. The back field worked with precision, speed and effectiveness seldom excelled. Every man was in the fight and better playing could hardly be expected prior to the tilt with the "NEWSPAPER" champions, the Baylor Bears.

Captain Wilson seemed to have hit his stride in that he played a great game at his end of the line while Neeley, Miller, and Morris clipped long yardages time and again. Allison will no doubt develop into a second "Puny" at his end of the line ere the season of 1922 sees its close Turkey day. As the little poster in the Bear's dressing rooms read, "Keene is his name, play him hard, Blalock, lest he shall wrest from you your honors as All-Conference tackle," no doubt if this self same "Tiny" continues in his improvement as he thus far has, this position on the mythical eleven will go to him without reserve.

It was a great day for the Farmers indeed, but the next greatest of the season is only eight days in the future, the day when Bradshaw and his colleagues shall turn the sod with the implements of soil cultivation employed at Aggeland by the Texas Aggies of 1922.

Preserve these words in your thoughts and actions, "THERE SHALL BE NO REGRETS."