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Last year when the rumor was circulated on the campus that the Baylor "cheer leaders" intended to use a parody on "The Old Gray Mare" at the Waco game, substituting Texas A. and M. for the unfortunate equus, righteous indignation reigned supreme in Aggieland. Loud and long was the cry that the Aggie spirit was not only as strong as, but stronger than it used to be. To prove this, the entire student body elected itself as the twelfth man on the team and the well known Texas Longhorn was branded on its home range.

The year of 1922-23 was a great year for the Aggies.

We are now breaking trail for that long thousand-mile hike, and, if we are going to make the year of 1923-24 compare favorably with the previous ones, we must not get weak and fall by the wayside. No matter what the "dope" says or what we hear about the other schools, we must hold up our end of the line and look straight ahead to the finish. The finish! That is what we all look forward to, and remember "Old Army", an Aggie always stays until the finish, and sees that the thing has been well done.

It has been brought to our ears that a few pessimists are again starting the cry that A. and M. isn't "what she used to be." We aren't saying anything, for actions speak louder than words; also, we believe in that motto "D. X" gave us. Proof of our belief is exhibited at each yell practice and at the games. Never have we heard a better drilled or louder yelling corps this early in the season.

At yell practice the old spirit is shown by the way in which the yells are snapped out. The heart of Aggieland is thrown into each yell and they carry more meaning than words can express. We believe that the moral of the student body was never better, and look forward to having the best yelling corps in the world this year, as we always have had. But a word of caution—don't get overconfident. We have a hard year ahead of us; also, several examples of overconfidence. Let us profit by both.

We believe in giving credit where the credit is due; therefore we do not hesitate to compliment the student body of A. and M. upon having such an efficient yelling staff, and upon the rapid advancement made under their able leadership and training.

With the start which we now have we should be yelling them off their feet by the time we trek to Waco, and I'll leave it to your imagination to picture Turkey Day. Stay behind the yelling staff, "gang", and you can't go wrong, for it is supporting everything on the campus which is worth supporting. Don't slack up one minute, "Old Army," and we will make this year go down in the annals of Aggie history as the best year ever known since the year one. WHAT DO YOU SAY, "GANG?"

On account of the fact that many of the students have asked for time to pay for their extra subscriptions to The Battalion, the staff has decided to extend the campaign for one more week. This was made necessary by the need of money for the Dallas trip. Many boys will return with enough money to make the payment in favor of that girl you met while you were in Dallas or Mesquite of Forney. Remember that by sending in an extra subscription you are not only endearing yourself to the little lady at home or elsewhere, but you are helping to maintain the quality and interest of the paper. We want to give some of the lowest companies a chance to bring up their percentage. We would hate to print some of the percentages this week for they are surprisingly low. In fact, they are disgracefully low.

Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Fairman of the Queen and Dixie shows we are able to present to the First Sergeant of the company with the highest percentage, a pass to these two shows for the entire year. Topkicks, get busy and bring in a large number of extra subscriptions, and then enjoy the beauties of the screen for the entire year Free.

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"Well, Smarty, why don't you?"

Ernest—"Trouble is, I don't know how to play Golf."

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