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THE THANKSGIVING HOP.

When the final whistle blows on November 29 the Aggie football season of 1923 will have terminated in all its glory.

The many sacrifices, which each member of the team had to make, will have reaped their reward. The heart-and-body-breaking toil; the sacrifices, in many cases, of scholastic standing; the unending selfdenial of the training period, all will have fulfilled their purpose.

The person who sits on the sidelines and enjoys the games knows practically nothing of the hardships which the team undergoes to insure the many victories. It is only when one considers the time which they spend on the field—not only during the day but also after dark—slaving, fighting, suffering, that one can get a clear idea of what the student body owes to these men. This is not a debt which can be paid in terms of money. In fact it can never be paid in full but the corps will wish to show its appreciation in some way and that is the "why" of the Thanksgiving Hop.

This annual dance is as much a tradition of the school as the Aggies' love for clean sports. No student could ever forgive the insult if he should not be asked to participate in some small way in the preparation for or execution of this event in the history of the College. It would be the same as not allowing him to go to the Texas-A. and M. game. Of course we can't all be chairmen of the various committees and many of us will not even be on a committee, unless it be a self appointed committee of one. That is exactly what every student should do—appoint himself as a committee of one to see that this dance is the most successful one ever given at A. and M.

To do this it is only necessary to cooperate with the dance committees. When the committee on finance sends out its call for funds to finance the dance just think of the honor the team has brought to your school and you and then let your conscience be your guide.

....Remember that this dance is given in honor of the football team by the student body. The corps always supports the team; will the corps back itself? Let's see your answer.

GET TOGETHER.

The campaign of the Ex-Students' Association for funds and for members is giving many of the old Aggies a chance to show some more of that old Aggie fight. The object of the campaign as outlined by Mr. M. S. Church, President of the Association is to bring about an efficient organization that will be capable of combating the ever-growing menace to higher education in general and more particularly the enemies of A. and M. College. They also propose to use any surplus funds as a loan fund for the needy students of the college.

The enormity of the enterprise is hard to realize, but when we find that only two hundred of the ex-students have come across, we can begin to get some idea of the task confronting these loyal sons of Aggieland. We should also realize that these men need help, and that it is within our power to lighten their burdens.

One way that we can help is by conducting ourselves in the ways of a gentleman, and never give cause for criticism. Another way is by sending in the name of some old Aggie who has lost his enthusiasm. Tell them of A. and M. and rekindle that old fire that lies dormant in their soul. Be thoughtful of A. and M. and of those men who are fighting to perpetuate the customs and tradition of Aggieland.

The goldfish lays a million eggs,
While the lazy hen lays one;
But the poor old fish don't cackle
To inform us what he's done.
So the obscure fish we overlook,
While the useful hen we prize;
Which evidence, we believe,
That it pays to advertise.

Why They Missed Fame.

Lots of men leave their footprints
Time's eternal sands to grace
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—Atlanta Constitution.

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