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### OUR GUESTS.

Friday noon a special train will arrive at College Station bringing approximately one thousand supporters of Heisman's sensational and powerful Owls of Rice Institute. These fans of football will be extended the hospitality of Aggieland. Will we live up to our reputation of being a perfect host?

If these fans have read the Baylor Lariat of November 3, perhaps they will expect to be met at the train by a band of ruffians who will immediately attack them and scatter their numbers to the four winds. But Rice knows from previous visits that such is not the case. They know that Aggies are, and always will be worthy of the name of gentlemen.

However, in all schools there are some few who think that the only proper treatment for rivals is a scuffle to see who may emerge with the greatest number of souvenirs. Baylor had such, and it is likely that some of this type are clothed in the uniform of Texas Aggies. If such misdirected would-be Aggies conduct themselves contrary to the standards of Aggieland, let all condemn not only by word but by action. RICE IS OUR GUEST—let's treat them as such.

### SHALL WE FORGET?

When Abraham Lincoln stood on the battlefield of Gettysburg and delivered the speech that has now become a classic, he stated once and for all the real purpose of Armistice Day and the abiding lesson that should be taught on that day when we honor those who have died for the stars and stripes. Those few plain words, fraught with the humility and simplicity of a truly great man, made great in tribulation and agony of spirit, have come down to us and will go down through the ages as the true definition of the only living memorial that can ever be erected to those we love and honor.

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from those honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of their devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain!"

Think! When those few straggling remnants of General Pershing's once gallant army—say fifty years hence—stumble through our streets, bravely trying to pull back bent shoulders and to hold on high white heads, will we who respectfully remove our hats as the flag goes by, do so only because of courtesy and out of consideration for convention, or will we, too, fiercely resolve that these dead will not have died in vain? Will we remember that these men met problems their fathers did not know, and recognized their duty, through tradition had not pointed it out?

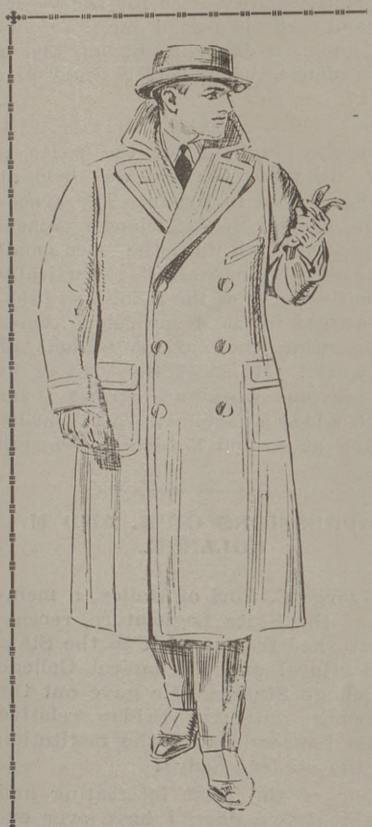
The message of Armistice Day is that "This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom"—this year, and next year, and through the years to come, just as much as in the year 1917.

### BLACK JERSIES.

Just as an army is trained for battle by frequent maneuvers and combat problems, so is a football team trained for its battles. An army is a large organization and can be divided within itself for training. A football squad is small and can not be effectively divided for this essential training. This training is essential; how, then, can it be obtained?

The question is answered by the formation of the freshman and the reserve football squads. Although both squads are used for this purpose, the primary aim of the freshman squad is to select men of high calibre from the vast array of high school football players to replenish the ranks of the varsity squad which is each year riddled at commencement. There is not a

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man on the freshman squad who does not hope that some day he will be rewarded by being placed on the varsity team. It is with this in view that fish go out to practice under all circumstances, good or bad.

Do not the members of the Reserves also cherish this same desire? It is true that they do, and frequently some of them maintain this desire. But to many of its members the sad and disheartening realization comes that they will never make a letter on the varsity squad. The casual observer would think that upon this realization a man would drop from the squad and devote his time and efforts to other endeavors wherein he might be more successful. Some, especially seniors, find that it is necessary for them to drop reserve football in order to graduate. To them honor is due; they are not quitters, they would have gladly given all to the squad if they had been needed. But to all of the men who come out day after day regardless of sweltering heat, driving rain, or chilling, cold northerns, and don the black sweaters, which are significant of the "scrubs" fighting qualities, and scrimmage against superior players hour after hour in order that that great Aggie team might become a little nearer perfect—to these MEN we pay tribute.

### A WONDERFUL SCHOOL.

(Palestine Herald)

A. and M. College is a wonderful school. This fact impresses itself on the visitor at every turn and from every angle. And there is manifested there a wonderful school spirit. The writer never saw a body of men happier or more contented; and as to loyalty to the school—well, there is nothing quite to equal it.

The writer spent two days in the grounds of this school and saw (not all of it, of course, because that would be impossible in the limited time) the school in its various branches and engaged in its various activities from books to athletics, including all sorts of play. And he became wonderfully impressed with it all and now realizes more than ever what such a great school means to the future manhood of Texas.

The boys are comfortably housed, are well fed, and practically all of them looked to be contented and happy. In talks with numerous students

in the school he was informed as to the hazing proposition. It was admitted there is some hazing, but nothing like that that is sometimes falsely reported to the outside world. And the student body upholds the hazing that is done, and commends it as part of the necessary training of the student. It is the testing out of the man; and if he finds it unsuited to him, why it is generally conceded the student who is thus so unfortunate is not suited to the school.

The equipment of the school is good and many other things are to be added to the school, which is now conceded to be the largest and best agricultural and mechanical college in the United States.

Texas people should see to it that nothing is done, through political trickery or otherwise, to cripple this wonderful school.

Walk into our parlor said the spider to the fly.

Parlor nothing, get a flivver, was our modern fly's reply.