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THE FIGHTING AGGIE MACHINE



DROP-KICKS

Well gang, that THOUSAND-MILE WALK has begun. A good start is half the race, so let's get on the line early and knock those Tigers off their perch. The road down Championship Avenue is kinda rough, but if we surmount each obstacle as we come to it, that old championship pennant will be floating over Aggie-land next Thanksgiving.

The Trinity grid warriors are due to arrive at College Station Sept. 23 for a work-out the afternoon of that day on Kyle Field. The game Saturday will be called at 3 o'clock.

With few exceptions, members of the Aggie squad are in fine shape. Those who have been out in uniform during the last few days have been resting from only minor injuries and are expected to be back in the scrimmage within a few days. Among these are Wylie, big guard from Dallas; and Alsabrook, halfback, who are nursing sore muscles. Mortellra, full-back from Houston, is also on the injured list, recuperating from a hurt to a rib. None of the injuries are considered serious, however.

Speed and driving power mark the Aggie backfield which is gradually being narrowed down as the result of the daily showing of the men. It will not be a case this year of having to depend upon virtually one man for each position, a situation that was very nearly true last season with the Aggies.

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AGGIE COACHES

The eyes of all the true football fans of the Southwest are this year focused upon D. X. Bible, the famous Aggie Mentor. He is known to the followers of football as being one of the great coaches of the land. The supporters of the Aggies swear by him and supporters of other colleges recognize him to be an exceptionally able coach whose teams are to be feared at all times.

Bible has the name of being a man who is doing the unexpected at all times, and it is largely because of this fact and the great respect in which he is held as a coach of college football, that the Farmers' supporters are expecting some great play from the Aggie eleven this season.

By his strong personality and splendid football tactics he has captivated the student body of Aggie-land. He has the support of every student and to him they look for the realization of their football dreams.

Coach Bible will be assisted in coach-

ing the Varsity by "Church" Bassett, former Michigan State star. He was an all-around athlete while in school and he has had considerable experience at coaching. He was coach at Flint College and assistant coach at Michigan U. He will serve as line coach in football and also coach the basketball team. Great things are expected of Coach Bassett at Aggie-land.

The only other new member of the coaching staff is Freshman Coach, R. G. (Little Hig) Higginbotham, all-Southwestern halfback on the 1919 and 1920 Aggie elevens. Higginbotham has coached at Sherman High School and Austin College. He has attended Rockne's football coaching school at Notre Dame, Glenn Warner's at Stanford U., and De. Meanwell's basketball school. In addition, he has played baseball in the Texas league and with St. Louis in the National league. Added to all his knowledge is the fact that he is young enough to demonstrate what he is

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FOOTBALL TEAM

Two weeks of intensive training has done much to smooth out the kinks and co-ordinate the work of the huskies that are to make the Aggie football team of 1927. Led by Captain Joel Hunt, that side-stepping, passing, punting, plunging 162-pound bundle of hardened Aggie muscle from Waco, the Aggies have been working hard on the preliminary muscle-loosening processes of passing, punting and light scrimmages with results that have surprised even the most optimistic of the Aggie followers. Competition this year is keener than ever before picking a team from the squad to represent the college is not going to be an easy job by any means. The ten letter men from the last year's team, veteran players that they are, will have dangerous enough competition to keep them working constantly to retain their places in the line-up.

Coach Bible points out the facts that an ideal player must be able to pass, punt, place-kick and tackle hard besides being able to tote the ball, and in Hunt he has all of these qualities. Besides Hunt he has Bartlett, Conover, Sikes, Mills, and Varnell, who are showing up good at punting; Conover, Davis, Dorsey, Ish, Mills, as passers, and Day, Ish, Lister, and Varnell as place-kickers.

Coach Bassett has eight letter men back for the line and the "Fighting Aggie" line of this year should excel any that we have had for years. Siki Sikes, the only three-letter man in college, Red Petty and Deffebach are the letter men back contending for the end positions. Lister, Sprott,

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