

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COLLEGE

\$1,221,575 ASKED FOR NEXT TWO YEARS.

What the Thirty-third Legislature Will Be Called on to Appro-
pate and Why.

College Station, Jan. 11: The Thirty-Third session of the Legislature of Texas will be called upon to set aside \$1,221,575 for the use of the Agricultural and Mechanical College during the next two fiscal years beginning Sept. 1. This appropriation will provide for the salaries of the faculty and other employes; maintenance and support of the institution, construction of new buildings and purchase of new equipment and necessary repairs to present structures and equipment.

In addition to the appropriation the Legislature will be asked to take up deficiency warrants amounting to \$380,000. That amount will provide for the warrants on the new mess hall for \$100,000; main building \$200,000; and general deficiency \$80,000.

And then there will remain many things for which the College is in sore need. "These are the things we must have if the College is to perform its present functions and continue its usefulness to the citizenship of the State," says Col. R. T. Milner, president. "In this request which we will present to the Legislature we do not enumerate what we ought to have or what we would like to secure, but we have confined ourselves to the very necessities of the institution."

A tabulated list of the amounts needed is given as follows:

Maintenance and Support		
	1913-14	1914-15
Salaries	\$135,000	\$150,000
Dean's Office	1,000	1,000
Publicity Department	1,000	1,000
Chemistry and Chemical Eng.	3,500	3,500
Drawing	1,000	1,000
Physics	2,500	3,000
Student Labor	8,000	8,000
Board Expenses	1,500	1,500
Library	10,000	10,000
President's Contingent	6,000	6,000
History and Economics	500	500
School of Agriculture		
Buildings		
Veterinary Science Building	\$150,000	
Animal Husbandry—Judging Pavilion	38,000	
Horse and Cattle Barn	10,000	
Sheep Barn	1,500	
Hog Barn	1,500	
Hog Cholera Building	4,000	
Maintenance and Support		
Agromony	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000
Animal Husbandry	5,000	5,000
Biology	2,000	2,000
Dairy Husbandry	2,000	2,500
Entomology	4,000	4,000
Extension	20,525	19,900
Visitor of Schools	2,000	2,000
Horticulture	2,500	2,500
Dean's Office—Agriculture	500	500
Veterinary Science	3,000	3,000
Production and Distribution of Se u	2,000	2,000
Equipment		
Agromony	\$ 500	\$ 500
Animal Husbandry	3,000	7,000
Biology	2,500	2,500
Dairy Husbandry	1,000	1,000
Entomology	800	200
Horticulture	500	250
Experiment Station		
Total	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
School of Engineering		
Maintenance and Support		
Architecture	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Civil Engineering	1,000	1,000
Highway Division	6,700	6,700
Electrical Engineering	1,000	1,000
Mechanical Engineering	7,500	9,000
Equipment		
Civil Engineering	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Electrical Engineering	6,500	6,500
New Construction		
Dormitory	\$ 75,000	\$
Electric Light and Power Lines	3,000	
Cottages	20,000	20,000
Campus Streets	10,000	10,000
Inclinator	2,500	
Assembly Hall	150,000	
C. E. Hydraulic Laboratory, to erect and equip	25,000	5,000
Power Plant		
New Air Compressor	\$ 5,000	\$
Ice Machine Repairing	7,000	
New Boiler	4,000	4,000
Operating Expenses	30,000	30,000
Laundry		
Repairing Building	3,000	

Water Works		
New Stand Pipe and Water Mains, complete	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,000
Pumping Machinery and One New Well		
Repair Department		
Buildings	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Summary		
M. & S.	\$170,000	\$185,500
School of Agriculture	257,825	58,850
School of Engineering	26,700	28,200
Experiment Station	20,000	20,000
New Construction	350,500	104,000
	\$825,025	\$936,550

GRAND TOTAL, \$1,221,575.00

The destruction by fire of the mess hall, the temporary kitchen erected after the hall was burned, and the main building left the Board of Directors and the President and faculty with many hard problems to solve. The mess hall was destroyed Nov. 11, 1911. A temporary hall was immediately erected, and one week after mess hall burned the temporary kitchen was destroyed. Gov. Colquitt gave his approval for deficiency warrants for \$100,000 for the construction of a new dining hall and that building is now in course of construction.

The main building was burned May 27, 1912, and the Governor also approved deficiency warrants for \$200,000 for the erection of a new main building. Work is progressing rapidly on that structure, also, and it will be completed by the opening of school next fall.

The provision of temporary quarters after these two disastrous fires is in a large measure responsible for the \$80,000 general deficiency. A temporary mess hall of corrugated iron was built and then when the kitchen was burned it was replaced with a similar structure. Old Gathright hall now being used as an office building had to be repaired and that drained the treasury. Then, too, the appropriation for salaries fell about \$25,000 short and the payment of these increased the deficiency. Repairs were made at the central steam heating plant and overdrafts were given in payment for this work.

For construction of new buildings the Legislature is asked to set aside \$454,500. That budget will include funds for the construction of a dormitory to cost \$75,000; assembly hall to cost \$150,000; cottages for instructors to cost \$40,000; hog cholera building, \$4,000; Veterinary Science building, \$150,000; Judging pavilion, \$38,000; horse and cattle barns, \$10,000; sheep barns, \$1,500; hog barn, \$1,500.

So rapid has been the increase in students that the college authorities have with difficulty afforded comfortable accommodations for the boys. Every available building is crowded now and if the college continues its present expansion within two years students will be forced to occupy tents unless a new dormitory is erected.

In explanation of the request for an appropriation with which to construct a new assembly hall it is but necessary to say that the present structure used as a hall is so small that for the past two years it has been impossible to hold the commencement exercises there. The closing exercises of the college last year were held on the campus. The hall was erected in 1887.

A consistent effort is being made by the authorities to establish a school of veterinary science at the college. There is no such school in the Southwest. The assessed value of live stock in Texas is \$350,000,000 and annually there is a loss of \$7,000,000 by death from preventable causes. With \$150,000 a building where this science should be taught could be erected at the A. and M. college.

The Legislature will be called upon to set aside \$40,000 for the construction of homes for members of the faculty and other employes of the

school. Located five miles from Bryan, the nearest town, capable instructors can not be retained at the college unless suitable homes are provided for them. At present the demand is far in excess of the supply and it is to remedy this condition that the appropriation is asked.

Plans for the construction of improved roadways and good sidewalks for the college grounds are being considered. Constant use of the roads by heavily loaded wagons has resulted in the campus being badly cut up. No sidewalks of a permanent nature have ever been constructed on the grounds and when a heavy precipitation occurs the campus becomes almost impassable.

"We have undergone many severe trials during the past two years," said Col. Milner. "Of course to provide new buildings has got us in debt, but it has been a wise investment. Had it not been that a temporary mess hall was constructed immediately and class work continued after the first fire the school would have suffered a blow from which it would never have fully recovered. The students were loyal and the faculty heroic. We went to work to overcome a bad situation and the return of the larger per cent of our students this last term and the enrollment of many new students is a pretty fair testimonial to how we succeeded."

"I feel that in our petition to the Legislature we have been very considerate. We are asking for things which we must have and I feel that the Legislators, fully cognizant of the importance of agricultural pursuits and aware of the good accomplished by our institution will look with favor upon our behest."

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