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THE COMING TRACK MEET.

A. & M. College cadets will have the
privilege this year again of entertain-
ing representatives of various Texas
high schools and academies at the an-
nual interscholastic track meet to be
held at Kyle Field April 23 and 24.
It might be well for the high school
and academy men, who, by the way,
are the college men of the future, to
know that the cadet corps of the col-
lege was a unit in inviting them here.

It always is a pleasure for us to
take these men from our home schools
into our rooms with us and to show
them all courtesies within our power.
Their coming recalls to our mind our
own high school days, and further-
more these clean-limbed young fellows
have a wholesome air of determination
that is refreshing. We are strong for
the Texas high school boy as an in-
stitution and it is our frank boast that

his peer cannot be found in any other
State.

We hope every high school and
academy in the State sends a full rep-
resentation to the coming event and
that it may be our privilege to assist
in making these young fellows have
a good time.

When thinking in terms of a great
convention, words seem to fail to ex-
press thoughts and there seems to be
no adequate means of expressing anti-
cipation of so great an event. Who
can measure the effect of strong per-
sonalities upon our lives, or who can
explain the mutual benefits that come
from a great gathering of men with
a common purpose?

On the floor of the Y. M. C. A. con-
vention at Waxahachie last year, stu-
dent representatives of the local asso-
ciation won many friends when they
presented their claims for the State
convention in 1915. Prof. R. O. Allen
of Allen Academy also strengthened
our case. Thru Dr. Charles Puryear,
president pro tempore, and Colonel

E. B. Cushing, president of the board
of directors, invitations were sent
from the faculty and board of direc-
tors to the State Y. M. C. A. commit-
tee. Early this fall the State commit-
tee accepted our invitation.

This convention will be great only
in terms of its results. About 300
visitors from college, city and railroad
Y. M. C. A.'s of the State will partici-
pate in this convention. This oppor-
tunity for A. & M. men to show our
visitors the time of their lives may
not come again in many years. Let
every cadet remember that he is a
host to the visiting Y. M. C. A. men
and let us make this convention a
memorable one.

The knowledge that we are to have
concrete walks is one of the most
satisfying bits of information that has
come to us since our connection with
the college. Lack of good walks has
caused more dissatisfaction than any
other one thing, and it is the cause
of much happiness on the part of the
cadets that this condition is to be

corrected, even though, at first, on a
small scale. President Bizzell says
that a walk, eight feet in width, will
be laid from the chapel to Gathright.
This will relieve the worst trouble.
Later if funds can be obtained it is
his hope to pave the street from the
chapel to the mess hall. But anyhow
we are glad that we are to have "some
concrete walk."

Ever think about it, there's always
something doing in college? Football,
basketball, track, then comes baseball,
and there's always tennis. And this
might be a good time to make the
statement, editorially, that things are
looking bright for dear old A. & M.
in an athletic way. So far the basket-
ball squad has vanquished all foes.
From this angle it looks like we might
put a State championship track team
in the field, and we are willing to
wager our "cush" for the remainder
of the mess hall year that Captain
Cherry's A. & M. baseball wonders
bring home the grapes.

When this issue of The Battalion
comes off the press some of us will
be happy over exams we passed that
we never hoped to pass, while others
will be grieving over those we
flunked when we had hopes of making
more than the inevitable "66." What-
ever the result, the new term is
opening now. It might be a good time
for New Year's resolutions. Anyhow
some resolutions might be made that
would have a definite bearing on the
results of the second-term exams.

One thing that should be stopped
is the promiscuous driving over the
campus. Express wagon and laundry
wagon drivers have the habit of cut-
ting across the campus at will, driving
from one building to another. They
do this even in wet weather and as a
result parts of the college grounds
which once were well sodded with Ber-
muda have been cut up into roadways.

BEAUTIFYING GROUNDS.

August Thomsen, caretaker of the
campus, has begun planting flowers
on the campus. Mr. Thomsen always
has made a fine showing for the
money he had at hand, and with the
little sum allowed by the Legislature
for campus improvements he probably
will have the campus in pretty condi-
tion by the April festivities.

The grounds around the Y. M. C. A.
building are being leveled and flowers
will be planted along the foundation
of the building.



Lieut. James R. Hill, Commandant.

Lieut. Hill, of the Thirteenth Cav-
alry, U. S. A., came to A. & M. from
El Paso, where he has been guarding
the Mexican border. Lieut. Hill, who
is a graduate of West Point, is at the
head of the military system at A.
& M.