



# The BATTALION



*Have You Helped to Send the Track Team to the Kansas Relays?*

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## GOVERNOR CUTS APPROPRIATION

### SAY AGGIE

For years the Aggies have had the distinction of being called the best or one of the best group of sportsmen in the state. We have treated the visiting athlete as if he were our own representative and in every way possible tried to show the esteem in which any athlete is held at A. and M. But after witnessing the scurry way in which a visiting athlete was treated by the corps last Saturday, a doubt arises in one's mind as to the veracity of the above statements. A repetition of that act will be noticed by sports writers and much unwelcome publicity will result from it.

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The building up of the physical education department has been one of the greatest benefits to the school of the year. The gym is a decided asset to us, and because of it any cadet may receive better physical instruction than ever before. As the gym is kept open at all times and the equipment is available to all students, we should make use of the opportunities offered and at least visit it once in a while to see what is there.

But just because the gym is open nearly all of the time and the equipment out, is no reason that it should be misused. There has been some complaint from those in charge that much of the apparatus has been damaged from time to time by wilful rough usage. The floor has a very smooth surface, but will it keep it if cadets continue to wear hobnails and all kinds of rough heavy shoes while they are on it. Damage of this kind is very noticeable and also very expensive. Do you think that it is good sportsmanship to give the gym equipment such treatment, even though it may be through negligence?

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The Governor evidently doesn't believe that we need a library. Perhaps the impression is that only law students use books very extensively and that engineers work exclusively with a slide rule and the farmers should be plowing anyway. A different

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### QUEEN'S BALL TO FORMALLY BEGIN R. V. FESTIVITIES

Annual Festivities of R. V's Promises to be Premier Event of Social Activities

The Ross Volunteer Festivities will begin on next Thursday night with the coronation of the king and queen of the three-day period and the formal Queen's Ball which follows. Plans for the pageant which includes the king and queen and the royal party have been completed, and it is evident that the festivities are going to be inaugurated in a blaze of splendor and color.

The throne will be placed in the middle of the south side of the mess hall, in front of the main door

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### A. AND M. DEBATORS LOSE TO OKLAHOMA

Sooner Aggies Win Decision Over Their Texas Opponents in Contest.

The A. and M. debate team consisting of Guy Powell of Red Oak, and Arthur Bayless of Hillsboro, met the Oklahoma A. and M. team in a joint debate at Stillwater, Oklahoma, last Saturday, April 4. This was a regular intercollegiate debate and a return engagement, as the Oklahoma team debated here last spring.

The question debated was a very live, real one, and one that should be of interest to every public spirited citizen. It was the question that was injected into the last presidential

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### A. & M. APPROPRIATION BILL CUT \$310,400

Items Vetoed by Governor Ferguson Include \$200,000 for a Library Building.

The recent cut in the educational appropriation bill dealt a severe blow to those who had hoped for A. and M. College in the next two years such improvements as the growth of the school has made almost necessary. It is useless to pretend that the expansion and normal development of the college plant has not been greatly hindered by the cut which the A. and M. budget suffered in the recent curtailment of the appropriation bill at the hands of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, whose policy of tax reduction became very evident when she reduced the bill by \$1,243,560.

A. and M. College suffered a cut of \$314,000. The items vetoed were: Department of Rural Sociology, carrying an appropriation of \$12,700; associate professor of physical education, \$6,000; associate professor of veterinary medicine, \$4,800; director and secretary in publicity office, \$7,900; and the entire contingent item of \$20,000 for additional teachers and adjustments as well as the contingent fund of \$10,000 in vocational teaching. The salary of the band director was also among those not looked upon with favor by the governor. The building program for the College was checked very effectively by the cut in the A. and M. budget. The following items were vetoed: Publications and print shop, \$3,000; library building, \$200,000; test barn in dairy department, \$8,000; and a galvanized iron building to be used as an armory, \$15,000.

The Agricultural Experiment Station did not suffer so heavily through the cuts. The items vetoed in its budget are \$3,600 for ranch economics; \$1,500 for specialist women clubs in the extension service, and \$600 for the expenses of specialist womens clubs.

### Track Men Leave For Kansas Relays Next Week

The Texas Aggies will leave College Station next week for Lawrence Kansas to compete in the Third Annual University of Kansas Relays that will be held on April 18 in the Memorial Stadium at that institution. The dash relay team consisting of Poth, Wilson, Arnold, and Woolridge and Allison, the entry in the javelin throw, will be sent by the Athletic Department.

In view of the fact that there are other men who have shown up exceptionally well in the meets held so far this year, Coach Anderson has expressed a desire to have them enter. In order that these men might make the trip and secure the experience against the best competition in the United States, the cadet corps has taken the matter in their own hands and by means of subscription methods are raising the money to send these athletes to this meet.

The Kansas Relays were established three years ago and have risen in importance until now they hold a place as one of the foremost relay meets held each year. Last year, the second annual holding of the event, there were more than one thousand athletes from more than one hundred institutions from widely scattered parts of the United States, competing in the different events. This year the entry list is even greater and more representative of all sections of the country than in the past years.

There are six different relays in the university class,—the quarter, half, one mile, two mile, and four mile, and the medley race. Last year the University of Texas set a new mark in the medley relay running the course in seven minutes, thirty-eight and two-fifths seconds. Besides the relays there are nine special events that are open to University and College men.