

# G Bat. and E Troop Win First Volleyball

## B Company and B Battery Lead Softball Leagues

### A and G Batteries Lead Tennis League With Perfect Net Record

In the withering heat of the afternoon, summer intramural volleyball and basketball got under way yesterday with two games in each sport.

Opening the volleyball competition were games between G Battery and F Company and between E Troop and F Battery. Both matches were close hard fought sets that required a third game in each to determine the winners. G Battery managed to defeat F Company in the third game by a close score of 15-13. E Troop won out over F Battery by the same close score.

B Battery got off to a nice start in basketball game of the season. According to the cadet officers and the battery athletic officer, the freshmen of B Battery are confident of winning the basketball crown. Time and games will prove or disprove that.

With the softball competition eliminating more and more likely winners by the day, the B Company Bruisers still lead League A with five victories and no defeats to their credit. Running the Bruisers a close second is A Company with four wins and no loses. In League B, none of the teams have a perfect record. B Battery is leading this league with three wins and one defeat to their credit.

Both leagues in tennis are being led by two teams with outstanding records. Walking away with the League B championship is G Battery with a perfect record of six victories. No other team in the league even approaches this excellent record. In League A an

equally as outstanding a record has been set by A Battery. From all indications the finals will be played between these two freshmen teams.

### Aggie Footballers Suspend Workouts

Coach Homer Norton's Aggie footballers were resting now from the grueling workouts they have been going through most of the summer.

The squad will rest three weeks before getting down to the regular fall grind, at which time more men are expected to join in the drills. The Aggies should be in good shape when August 21 rolls around and they start preparation for the coming fall season.

Coach Norton and Lil Dimmitt are now at Tulsa University instructing in the coaching school there.

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Program Office will work with and assist other officials of the college concerned with the care of the buildings on the campus.

The first problem of construction with which the office will deal is the building of the first section of a wind tunnel for the Department of Aeronautical Engineering.

Offices and functions of the college architect are being consolidated with the new program. Phil Norton, college architect, and his staff will move soon into the offices of the Construction Program Offices.

A. A. Jakkula, Professor of Structural Engineering in the Civil Engineering Department, has been named temporary vice director of the Engineering Experiment Station and moved to his new offices Tuesday.

The elephant and the donkey as symbols of political parties were both originated by the cartoonist Thomas Nast. The Democratic donkey was first cartooned by Nast in 1870; the Republican's elephant in 1874.

The United States purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000; and the Louisiana territory from France for \$15,000,000.

Not one of the 8000 newspapers published in Soviet Russia carries crime news, comic strips, or gossip columns.

A little mental exercise will keep you from getting a fat head.

### Loupot's Softball Team Meets BAAF

The Aggie softball team sponsored by J. E. Loupot will meet a team from Bryan Army Air Field under the lights in Bryan Thursday night.

In a previous game, the Aggies were the victors, and this tilt promises to be a good one. All students are invited to attend the game and help cheer the boys on.

We must beware of trying to build a society in which nobody counts for anything except a politician or an official, a society where enterprise gains no reward, and thrift no privileges.—Winston Churchill.

During the British occupation of Philadelphia at the time of the American revolution, the Liberty Bell was hidden beneath the floor of the Zion Reformed Church at Allenton, Pa.

### War Has Curtailed Sports In Small Enrollment Schools

In the past six years 100,000 high school boys have participated in interscholastic league football, according to a recent report given out by Rodney J. Kidd, athletic director of the Texas Interscholastic League. Another 85,000 took part in league basketball.

Of these, Mr. Kidd states that approximately 65,000 participated in both football and basketball.

Since 1938 there were 18,226 football players in the league;

last year 13,848 students participated. The slump has hit the small and middle bracket high schools most noticeably.

Basketball enrollment dropped from 1,213 schools in 1942 to 706 in '43. 1942 figure is about the pre-war average of participating schools. In 1944, the number of participating schools jumped upward to 184.

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