

### RAILROAD STRIKE CANCELLED TODAY

CHICAGO, May 11 (AP)—Operations normal. That was the word from railroad headquarters in the east and central time zones today as the cancelled 11 a. m. (local Standard Time) strike mandarin faded. Leaders of three operating brotherhoods called off their scheduled strike late last night in obedience in a Federal court order.

### RUSSIA WILL TALK "PEACE, COOPERATION"

WASHINGTON, May 11 (AP)—Moscow's response to a plain-spoken American bid for "honest and reasonable" relations with Russia gave a sudden boost today to hopes that the world's two top powers may be able to settle their quarrels. The Soviet Union, Radio Moscow said, is ready to pursue a "policy of peace and cooperation with the United States."

### HOWARD HUGHES BUYS RKO MOVIE STUDIOS

LOS ANGELES, May 11 (AP)—Floyd B. Oillum, head of Atlas Corporation, announced today the sale of the major interest in RKO Studios to pianist Howard Hughes.

### ITALIANS ELECTING PRESIDENT: TOO

ROME, May 11 (AP)—Vice-Premier Luigi Einaudi emerged today as the leading contender for the presidency of the new Italian Republic. Barring unforeseen developments, his election is expected tonight.

## GI's Asked Not To Contact VA On Pay Delays

Veterans under the GI Bill are urged not to write or contact Veterans Administration offices asking how to qualify for increased subsistence benefits due to recent changes authorized by Congress in rates, ceilings, and number of dependents. The higher rates will be paid automatically to those veterans whose existing applications contain the information needed to certify them for increased benefits. The Veterans Administration said.

Adjustments for disabled veterans training under the National Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16) and qualified to receive additional benefits also will be automatic.

When additional information is needed from veterans training under the GI Bill, the veteran will receive a form from the VA asking for the necessary data. The first of these forms are already in the mail. Veterans Administration officials said. Veteran trainees are urged to complete the forms and return them promptly to VA Adjustment Centers. The first adjustments to the GI Bill can be made as early as the first of July. It is more likely that most of the initial payments at the higher rates will not be made before the July 1st date. The increased benefits are retroactive to April 1 in most cases.

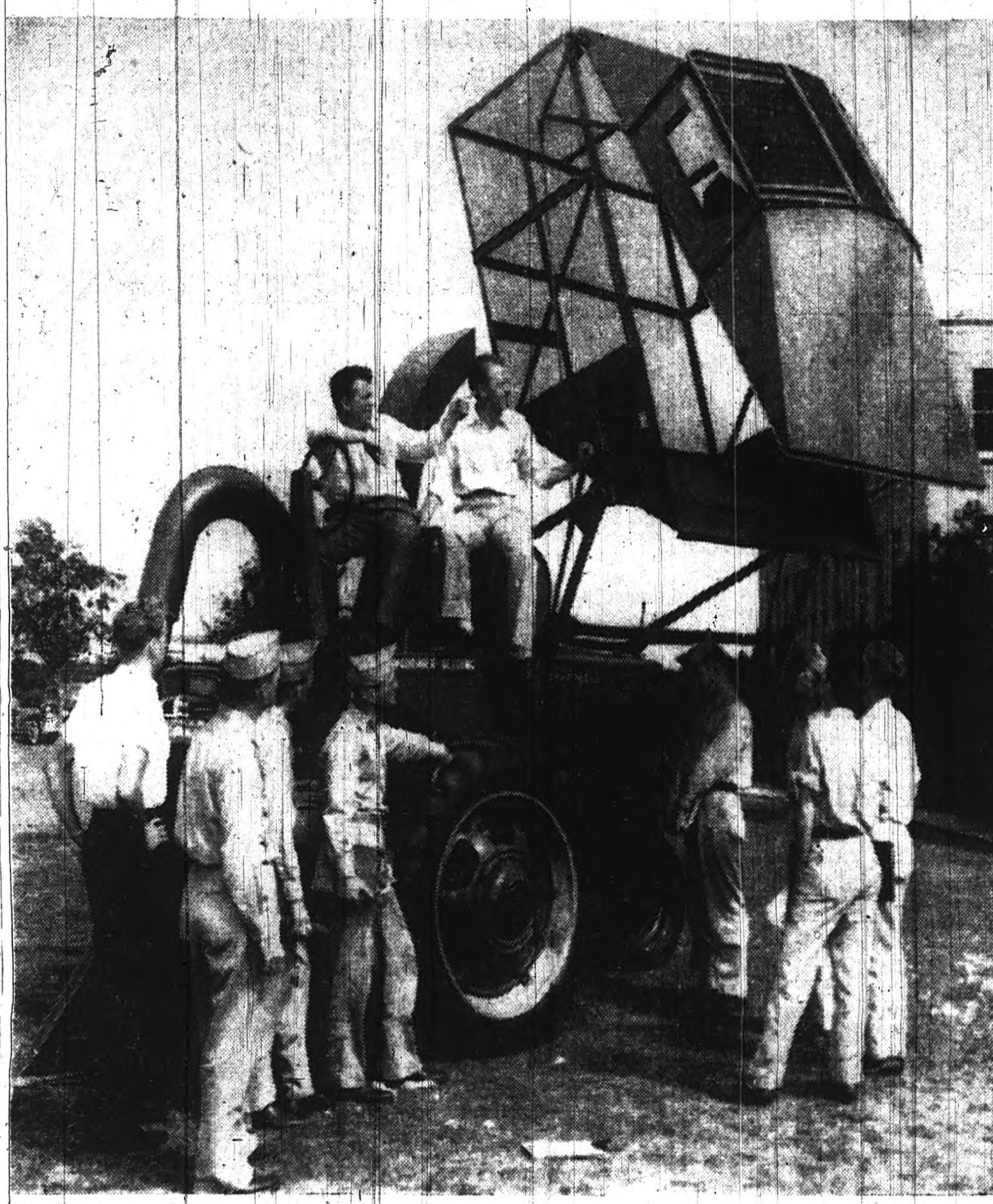
### Salesman Needed

The Battalion needs one advertising salesman who will be in school during the summer months. Applicants may contact Roland Bing, manager of student publications.

## Agriculture Beats All Records With All-College Day Exhibits

One of the largest exhibitions ever staged by the School of Agriculture was displayed by the different departments Saturday. Members of the horticulture department showed the latest equipment available for quick freezing and canning food. The animal and dairy husbandry departments exhibited some of the best purebred animals in the state. Members of the poultry husbandry department had a display of various breeds of fowls. The agronomy department displayed types of seeds, plants and soils. Experiments showing the effects of soils upon plants were displayed by growing plants in large crocks. Wild cotton, sea island cotton, regular cotton, and other growing plants were of particular interest. The process of removing the cotton lint from the cotton seed was demonstrated by means of a miniature gin. Other mechanical equipment for testing and grading seed was also displayed. The entomology department gave its visitors a display of various mounted insects. These included insects of cotton, vegetables, fruits and grains. Animal insecticides for combating these insects were included in the exhibits of the open house. Exhibitions of the agricultural

# Board Approves National Honor Societies



MECHANICAL COTTON PICKER—Pictured above is the one-man tractor-driven mechanical picker which picks cotton by means of rotating fingers mounted on revolving drums. The machine was exhibited by the agricultural engineering department on All-College Day.

## Rodeo Team Beats All Comers In Cowtown, Austin Contests

By C. C. MUNROE  
With another trophy in their saddlebags the A&M rodeo team rode away from the first annual TCU Intercollegiate Rodeo with everything but the Horned Frog Stadium. Sunday afternoon the team did a repeat performance in Austin by repeating a contest with Texas University. At the TCU meet the Aggies met teams from Hardin Simmons, Texas Tech, TCU, NEAC, and John Tarleton, taking three firsts, three seconds, and four thirds. Maxie Overstreet, freshman agronomy major from Haslet, was named the champion cowboy of the TCU contest and received a hand-tooled saddle, a Western outfit, a sombrero, and two pair of handmade cowboy boots. The saddle is identical with the one awarded the champion cowboy at the Madison Square Garden Rodeo in New York. Overstreet placed first in bull riding and bareback riding, qualifying him for the grand champ award. Tom Johnson, junior A. H. major from Beville, took first in saddle bronc riding, being the only man to qualify for the event. The second and third place prizes were won by Loyd Griffith in a drawing held to determine those winners. Johnson won a \$50 pair of handmade cowboy boots and a silver belt buckle set. The boots were donated by the L. White Company of Fort Worth, the same company which donated the saddle. Bill Hoge, junior dairy husbandry major from Mansfield, also won a silver buckle set for taking second place in the calf roping contest. Third place spots were copied by Hub Ellis, Kilgore junior, Bubba Day, Crystal City, A. H. major and Abner Poyner, sophomore AH student from Mason. Day placed third in bull riding and Poyner third in bareback riding with both winning a Stetson hat and pair of Lewis pieces. Ellis won a Stetson for placing third in the bull dogging contest. The team making the Fort Worth trip included Overstreet, Ellis, Day Johnson, Hogg, Bob Woodward, Poyner, Griffith, Lynn Williams, and Tom Roberts. Sunday the team moved to the Buck Steiner arena in Austin to tangle with the Texas University rodeo team. They were joined by C. D. Rankin, Charlie Stone, Bob Moffitt, Charly Fry, Earl Guthrie, Charlie Schmidt and Wilson Gresham. First, second and third place spots for bareback riding at the Austin meet were all taken by A&M and Gresham split with Jim Marr of the University for fourth place. Stone won \$50 and a silver buckle set for the first place victory. Day took the second place spot and Roberts copied third. The rodeo team which is sponsored by the Saddle and Sirolo Club, plans to build its own rodeo arena in the near future and already has a fund of \$4000 to be applied to that project. When the arena is built, the club hopes to initiate annual intercollegiate rodeos here. The trophy won at TCU makes the second for the team, since it also won the first place trophy awarded at the Tucson rodeo earlier this year.

## Scouters to Meet Wednesday Night

Students interested in advanced Scouting work will meet at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday in Room 301, Goodwin Hall. Jack Linn, field representative of the Sam Houston Area Council, which includes Bryan and College Station, will be on hand to discuss Scouting and answer questions related to that work. Purpose of the proposed organization, according to Grady Elms, club advisor, is to allow A&M students to complete advanced work in Scouting.

## NOTICE VETERANS

Mr. W. W. Woolverton, Registration Section, Veterans Administration, Regional Office, Waco, Texas, will be in B Ramp, Hart Hall, from 8:30 a. m. until 4:00 p. m. Thursday, May 13, 1948. To interview those veterans who have had trouble with their subsistence checks or who did not receive their increase as expected. Veterans who have had any trouble whatsoever should see Mr. Woolverton personally, or call 4-9314, regardless of any previous action taken. Towering red-and-white rods, used in surveying, were erected in

## Honorary Frats Is Subject Of April Engineer

By JOHN HALICK  
Should chapters of national honorary societies be established here at A&M? The discussion of this timely question is one of the features appearing in the April issue of The Engineer. From its distinctive, though not impressive, cover to its back, the magazine is filled with timely and interesting articles. The question of honorary fraternities at A&M, which would affect the entire student body, is discussed from every aspect. It should benefit everyone connected with the school, from the chairman of the board of directors to the lowliest freshmen, to read this article. Other articles include a detailed account of a visit on a Russian freighter, construction of the wind tunnel, plans for a "super slide rule," and the operation of certain measuring apparatus. The editorial page was devoted to an account of the advantages of the teaching profession for the young engineer.

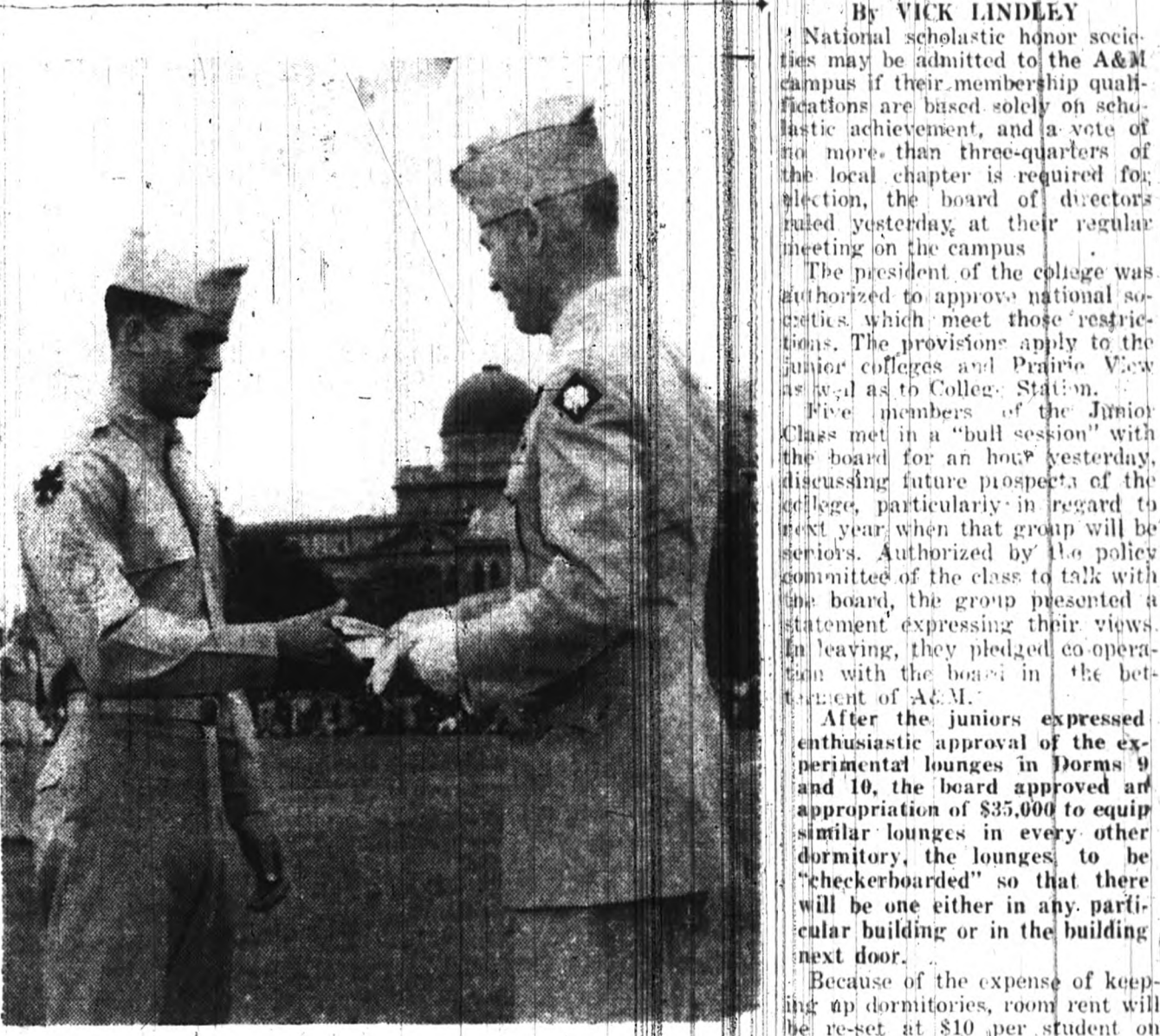
## Save the Children Federation Honors 2 A&M Professors

Professors Daniel Russell and Dan R. Davis, both of the Rural Sociology staff, have been awarded certificates of merit by the Save the Children Federation of America in recognition of distinguished service rendered to children. During the seven years the Texas Branch of the Save the Children Federation has operated in Texas, both Russell and Davis have been active in the organization, having been instrumental in bringing the organization to Texas. Out of the 27 certificates of merit awarded in the United States, six went to Texas. Out of the six Texas awards, two went to A&M professors, Russell and Davis, and one went to an A&M graduate, R. T. Shiels, state chairman of the Texas branch. Other Texans receiving the awards of merit included Warren P. Andrews, Dallas, treasurer of the Texas branch for the last seven years; Mrs. Percy Penningbacker, Austin club woman and civic leader; and Dr. Richard M. Smith, Dallas physician. Russell is project chairman of the Texas branch and Davis is state consultant. The letter accompanying the certificates read: "By vote of our board of directors it is a pleasure to send you this certificate of merit awarded for valuable services to the Federation in its work on behalf of children in need."

## Owners Can Reclaim Vanity Fair Pictures

All seniors who submitted pictures for the Vanity Fair section of the 1948 Longhorn can pick up the photos in Room 328, Dorm 10.

## KAMT Discontinued; Lounge In Every Other Dorm Okayed



CALDWELL TROPHY—Cadet Master Sergeant MARVIN R. McCLURE is shown above receiving the CALDWELL TROPHY from COLONEL G. S. MELOY JR., Commandant and PMS&T. In receiving the award, McCLURE was designated the outstanding non-commissioned officer of the Cadet Corps for 1947-48.

## Wholesalers to Buy Textbooks At Exchange Store, June 1 - 2

A wholesale book buyer will be at the Exchange Store June 1 and 2 to buy old editions of textbooks and new editions of texts discontinued here. Carl Birdwell, Exchange Store Manager, announced today. The YMCA Cabinet is sponsoring the sale, and will receive 5 percent of the buyer's receipts. "This plan affords us the opportunity to create a badly needed fund to supplement our present activities," M. G. Cashin, secretary of the YMCA said. The YMCA will accept donations of old books from students, Cashin added, and the entire proceeds from the sale of these books will go into the proposed fund. Wholesale prices for old editions vary from 10 to 25 percent of list price with current editions commanding slightly higher prices. The Exchange Store will buy editions still used on the campus for 50 percent of list price before the wholesale buyer arrives, Birdwell said. Plans for the resale project were made by the Exchange Store Student Advisory Committee and submitted to the Student Senate. The Senate approved the plans and recommended that the proceeds be turned over to the YMCA. "The Exchange Store is providing space and facilities for the buyer but will receive no payment preferring that all commissions go to a student organization," Birdwell said.

## Ex-Naval Officer To Address County Reserve Officers

Captain D. E. Carlson, USN Retired, will speak on "The Armed Forces Civilian Component" at the May meeting of the Brazos County Chapter of the Reserve Officers' Association. The meeting will be held in the Petroleum Lecture Room at 7:30 tonight. Carlson is presently serving as an associate professor of management engineering, having been retired from active service with the Navy in January, 1947. He graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1921 and was later sent to Columbia University by the Navy, where he received his MS degree in 1930. He will discuss the work accomplished by the armed forces by its large number of Civil Service employees. A special meeting of the reserve officers of the Naval Service will be held in conjunction with the ROA meeting. In this way, Naval, Marine Corps, Army, and Nurse Corps reserve officers will be together to hear Carlson's address.

## Methodist Supper Wednesday Night

A covered dish supper will be given at the weekly meeting of members of the A&M Methodist Church at 6:30 Wednesday evening, May 12. All church school superintendents, teachers, and workers are urged to be present. The Wesley Foundation council will also meet. Families attending the meeting are asked to bring food for one extra person.

## Geology Club To Elect Officers

Geology Club officers for the next term will be elected at a meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Petroleum Lecture Room, Bill Davis, club president has announced. Plans for a picnic to be held before the end of the semester will be discussed.

## Fish Themes to Atomic Fission Seen in A&S Displays Saturday

Exhibits ranging from freshman themes to demonstrations of atomic bomb principles were featured in the School of Arts and Sciences' contribution to All-College Day. Although every department was not represented with exhibits and some did not measure up to their full potentiality, the material which was presented was practical and enlightening. In the liberal arts field the English department with its display of student compositions was far ahead of its contemporaries. The improvement made during elementary English courses was graphically pointed out by displays of freshman themes showing "before" and "after" specimens. Work done in more advanced courses was shown with several technical reports. There were also exhibits of student publications and one showing the stages in the evolution of a story from first draft to final publication. Coffee and cookies were served visiting parents in the department office. None of the other liberal arts departments had displays, but the staffs of the business and accounting and modern language depart-

By VICK LINDLEY  
National scholastic honor societies may be admitted to the A&M campus if their membership qualifications are based solely on scholastic achievement, and a vote of no more than three-quarters of the local chapter is required for election, the board of directors ruled yesterday at their regular meeting on the campus. The president of the college was authorized to approve national societies which meet those restrictions. The provisions apply to the junior colleges and Prairie View as well as to College Station. Five members of the Junior Class met in a "hall session" with the board for an hour yesterday, discussing future prospects of the college, particularly in regard to next year when that group will be seniors. Authorized by the policy committee of the class to talk with the board, the group presented a statement expressing their views. In leaving, they pledged cooperation with the board in the betterment of A&M. After the juniors expressed enthusiastic approval of the experimental lounges in Dorms 9 and 10, the board approved an appropriation of \$35,000 to equip similar lounges in every other dormitory, the lounges to be "checkerboarded" so that there will be one either in any particular building or in the building next door. Because of the expense of keeping up dormitories, room rent will be set at \$10 per student on the main campus. That rate was charged from June, 1945, to February, 1946, at which time it was lowered to \$7.50. T. Rocky Spence, supervisor of construction, testified that it was impossible to meet all expenses of the dormitories and still keep them in repair on the lower fee. "We have just reconditioned the central area dormitories at a considerable expense after years of neglect," Spence said. "We don't want them to become run-down again." Annex rental will go up from \$600 to \$7.50 a month. Advertising for bids for construction of the Student Memorial Center was authorized by the board. Final plans for the building are now being completed. Carlton Adams, system architect, exhibited a scale model of the building, to be erected on the south side of the main drill field. Bids will be asked by sections, the building being divided into seven units, of which three are to be constructed as soon as possible. These three units include lounges, hall rooms, post office, dining and coffee rooms, game rooms, 68 guest rooms, bowling and billiard rooms, in addition to many minor features. The board also authorized the advertising of bids for purchasing and removing seven college residences now on the Memorial Center site. Bryan field freshmen have had to live out of foot-lockers this year. Next year they will have metal chests of drawers, which will be moved to Hart and Walton when the Annex closes. Altogether, \$80,000 will be spent on repairs, improvements and equipment for Little Aggeland. KAMT, the college frequency-modulated radio station, which has been operating as a stablemate to WTAW, will be shut down, due to the expense of operation and small number of listeners. (See BOARD, Page 3)