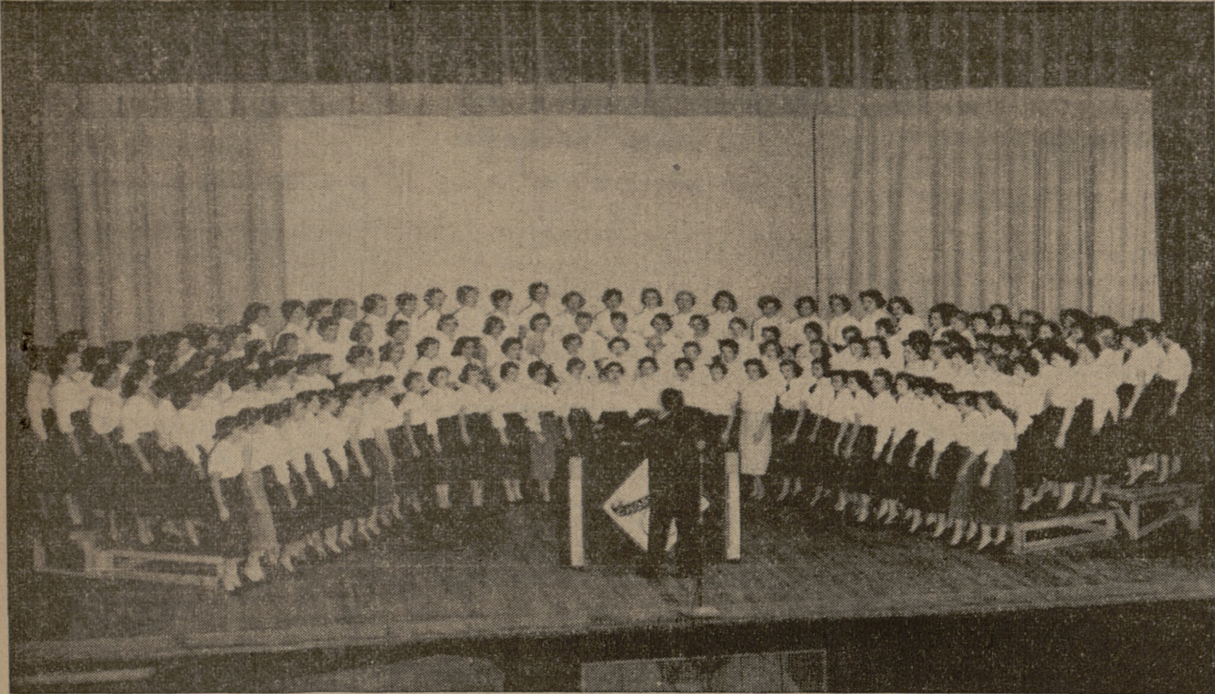


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THE CHORALETES ARE COMING — Lamar high school of Houston will send its 130 member all-girl chorus to the talent-studded variety show, "In the Pink," scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday in the G. Rollie White coliseum. The Lamar Choralettes are under the direction of Lee S. Keding and feature Carol Kinney at the piano. Given in appreciation of P. L. (Pinky) Downs jr., the two hour show will present top-flight talent to the crowd expected to fill the coliseum.

By Next September

Library Change Announced

By next September, the library will be rearranged for the convenience of the students, according to Robert A. Houze, librarian.

The changes are being made gradually, in conjunction with the air conditioning that is being installed, he said.

Lions Sponsor Circus Here Saturday

Hagen Brothers three-ring circus, featuring clowns, acrobats, a band, pretty girls, elephants, lions, apes and chimpanzies, will be here Saturday.

The matinee will start at 3 p.m. in order that A&M students taking part in the Military day parade may attend.

The circus is sponsored here by the College Station Lions club and will be held at the traffic circle on Sulphur Springs Rd. on property donated by J. C. Culpepper, Bryan real estate man.

Admission will be 50 cents for school children and \$1.20 for adults. Tickets may be obtained from any Lions club member.

Profits from the show will go into the club fund for crippled children, boy scout work, school awards, and other Lions club projects.

Clowns featured with the circus include Speed Hart, producing clown; John Maseno, Shorty Blair and Franky King.

The circus will be here one day only, with the afternoon matinee and an evening show starting at 7:30.

stalled, he said. Houze estimated it would be about April 1 before the air conditioning is complete.

One of the changes in the building will be the moving of the reserve and required reading to the first floor. This is where people go the most, Houze said.

Also on the first floor, there will be one large room for popular periodicals, and the newspapers will be left in the lobby, he said.

"There will be all new furniture on the first floor much like the Memorial Student Center," he explained. "We want to make it inviting."

Houze said the worn out furniture in the building will also be replaced, and the total cost of the furniture will be \$23,000.

On the second floor, after the project is completed, will be the main loan desk and the reference room. There will be an annex to the reference room for the scientific and agricultural periodicals, he said.

The third floor will be for the cataloging and order department, and also for the browsing room,

Etiquette Program Is At 7:30 Tonight

The second of the series on etiquette, "Table Manners and Food Techniques," will be given at 7:30 tonight by Mrs. Ross Sherwood of Bryan in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

The program will be a demonstration on a buffet dinner, formal dinner and other occasions which come up when one is a guest.

The etiquette series is presented by the MSC's "Mind Your Manners" committee.

which is there now, Houze said. Study tables and more stuffed chairs will be added to the browsing room, making it into "an air conditioned study hall," according to Houze.

"We have been planning these changes for a number of years," he said. "We are getting them done gradually while things are torn up for the air conditioning installation."

After the project is finished, there will be a seating increase of about 150 chairs for the readers, Houze said.

"And with the air conditioning, we'll need the extra chairs," he added.



SILVER TAPS — Silver Taps was held last night for Billy John Mount, senior accounting major from Crystal City, who was killed Sunday night when he apparently fell asleep at the wheel of his car.

Students Planning Activities For Civilian Weekend In May

Barbecue, Two Contests Included in Festivities

Definite plans were proposed yesterday for the Civilian Student weekend May 12-14 by representatives from each of the civilian dormitories.

The group decided to have two contests during the festivities—an ugly man contest and the beard growing contest. Committees were formed to draw up definite rules for the contests and were instructed to report at the group's next meeting, Tuesday.

The weekend will begin Thursday, May 12, with a "yell practice" which will serve as a kickoff for the other activities. It will be held from 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Hugh Lanktree, chairman of the group, said there was a possibility that a tug-of-war over a mud puddle would be held. Dr. David H. Morgan, president of the college has approved of the idea, according to Lanktree.

CS Kiwanians Hear Choir From Bryan

The Acapella choir from Kemp high school in Bryan entertained the College Station Kiwanis club at their luncheon yesterday in the Memorial Student Center. Songs included "Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord;" "Hallelujah Chorus," from "The Messiah;" "Shortening Bread;" and "Dry Bones."

Next Tuesday, the club will have as its guest the governor of the Texas-Oklahoma district of Kiwanis clubs, J. N. Walker, and the Lieutenant governor of the district, Jess Petty, who is superintendent of schools at Burnet.

For the meeting the local club will host visitors from Kiwanians of Navasota, Conroe, Huntsville, Bryan, Cameron and Temple.

Price for the pancake supper project, jointly sponsored by the College Station Kiwanis club and the Bryan Kiwanians April 16, was announced as 50 cents by W. E. Briles, co-chairman of the supper. The Bryan co-chairman is R. J. Holmgren, with B. J. Lloyd and D. S. Hammonds to assist him.

Tickets will go on sale next Tuesday, and may be bought from any Kiwanian. The supper will be held in the Bryan Country club from 12 noon to 9 p.m.

Barbecue Friday

Friday night, May 13, a civilian barbecue will be held from 6:30 to 7:30. Several groups have agreed to furnish entertainment for the barbecue, Lanktree reported. Also at this time, the beard growing contest will be judged.

Starting date for the beard growing contest was set as April 6.

Dance Saturday

The first Civilian ball will be held Saturday, May 14, in the Grove. This dance, which was proposed by the Civilian Student Council, has been set for 9 p.m. to midnight, and music will be furnished by the Capers Combo.

The ugly man contest will also be judged at the dance, and the committee will select judges. Entrants for the ugly man contest will be selected from each civilian dormitory, and the winner will be picked from the finalists.

Ten Present

Present at the meeting and the dormitory each represented were R. M. Hillman, Hart; H. C. Wilcox, Mitchell; R. M. Putnam, Milner; W. M. Karr, Walton; H. Weaver, Leggett; Stew Coffman, Puryear; and Louis McCarthy, Bizzell.

Also present from the Civilian Student Council besides Lanktree were John Jones, president, and John Cozad, vice-president.

House Passes Bill For Building Fund

The proposed constitutional amendment that would give A&M and the University of Texas more building money passed the Texas house yesterday with flying colors—a vote of 136 to 6.

The proposed amendment, which will now go to state senate, calls for broadening the base on investment for the permanent fund. The income from the permanent fund is used for buildings for the two schools, one-third of it going to A&M and two-thirds to the university.

E. L. Angell, system vice-chancellor, said that the senate would probably consider the proposal in about 10 days.

The amendment, if passed by the senate then the people of the state, would allow 50 per cent of the permanent fund to be invested in corporate stocks, as it is now, and the other 50 per cent in specified stocks of other types, with a higher interest rate.

The increase in interest is estimated at about 1 per cent, or about \$2 million a year.

The amendment also calls for A&M and the university taking over support of the four schools in their systems, instead of these schools being supported by the 5 cent ad valorem tax. Then two schools would be added to the ad valorem tax supported group, making 12 schools there instead of the present 14.

The higher education institutions, who proposed the amendment, believe it would provide increased support for all colleges.

Combat Ball Slates Invasion Of Sbsisa Hall

A force of about 800 A&M students, their dates, and Military day guests will invade Sbsisa hall Friday night for the fourth annual Combat Ball.

The Aggieband orchestra, featuring Rocky Arnold as vocalist, will play for the dance from 8 a.m. until 12.

Admission to the dance will be free to all members of the combat arms.

Air force and service seniors may get passes to the dance outside Duncan and Sbsisa halls after Wednesday evening meal formation for a \$1 contribution to the combat arms fund, said Dave Williams, ticket chairman.

The program committee will select a group from the artillery, armor, infantry, and engineer units to perform for a 40-minute intermission show starting at 9 p.m.

Military guests will dress as prisoners of war, and civilian guests as displaced persons. Cadets will wear fatigues and helmet liners. Combat and jump boots are optional. Their dates will dress as French peasants.

Soph Sweetheart Deadline Nears

Friday is the last day that sophomore's can turn in pictures for Sophomore Sweetheart. They should be turned into student activities office, second floor of Goodwin hall, before 5 p.m.

Pictures may be any size, and all will be returned. Five finalists will be picked from the group, and the sweetheart will be chosen at the dance.

All sophomores who have not made their class donation of \$1 should do so, said Durward Thompson, general chairman for the dance. Seniors with dates who wish to attend may donate \$1 to the class fund at the student activities office, he said.

The dance will be in the Grove, April 2 and Buddy Brock's orchestra from Houston will play from 8 p.m. to 12.

Chairmen for the dance and their committees are Jack Steele and Carl Wagner, sweetheart; Glen Chandler, ticket; Leon Curtis, program; L. E. Sheppard, guest; Jon Cobb and Bob Yeager, decorations; and Buck Williams, publicity.

News of the World

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW—The Soviet government named Vassily Kuznetsov as replacement for the late Andre Vishinsky as first deputy foreign minister. Kuznetsov worked at the Ford plant in the Detroit area in the early thirties as one of thousands of exchange students.

HAWAII—A big navy transport plane ferrying passengers from Japan to California crashed in Hawaii, killing all aboard—66 persons—including a woman and a child.

LONDON—British Prime Minister Winston Churchill has described as "chatter in the press" reports that he is being urged to retire by his fellow conservatives.

To Be Honored Tomorrow

No Aggie Will Ever Forget 'Pinky'

By HARRI BAKER
Battalion Co-Editor

No Aggie will ever forget him at All-College nights—the big white hat, the bright red shirt, and the tie torn off and thrown out to the crowd.

Then he starts talking about A&M, and no one has a doubt that the Aggies are indeed going to win the next one, and all the following ones.

That's Pinky—P. L. Downs jr., official greeter, former member of the board of directors, and the man to be honored tomorrow night by the "In the Pink" variety show at 8 p.m. in the White coliseum.

Pinky has been called "the most enthusiastic Aggie of them all," and he will talk about A&M at the drop of a hat. Besides being the main speaker at All-College nights and the annual Thanksgiving bonfire, he has spoken to countless A&M club meetings throughout the

state. "Just get me there," he says, brushing aside any prepared talk.

He once spoke over a national broadcast hookup—on the spirit of Aggieband, of course—and he received \$83.33 a minute for the talk.

Pinky also does many good deeds out of the public light. Each year he collects fruit from the students and faculty and sends it to the patients at the Temple veterans hospital. He also is responsible for bringing as many of these veterans as possible to A&M football games.

Weather Today CLEAR and COOL

The weather outlook for today is continued fair with little change in temperature.

Yesterday's high was 59, low 39. The temperature at 11 this morning was 61.

And he has quietly helped a lot of Aggies stay in school.

A descendant of the pioneer Downs family of Temple, Pinky entered A&M in 1902. After four years here, he went back to Temple to work in his uncle's bank.

He was a member of the board of directors from 1923 to 1932. The present board passed a resolution honoring him on his 71st birthday, Feb. 26, 1955.

On the campus, he has worked for the fiscal department, the athletic department, and the information and publications department. His present job is official greeter.

Legends about Pinky are—there's the one about the marmoset and white radishes he grows in the garden behind his house, just a stone's throw from the campus.

Then there's the story about the state's largest indoor swimming pool, the P. L. Downs jr. natatorium.

It was originally planned to be 100 feet long, but Pinky heard that the pool at the University of Texas was 100 feet long. So he had the blueprints of A&M's pool changed to make it 101 feet long.

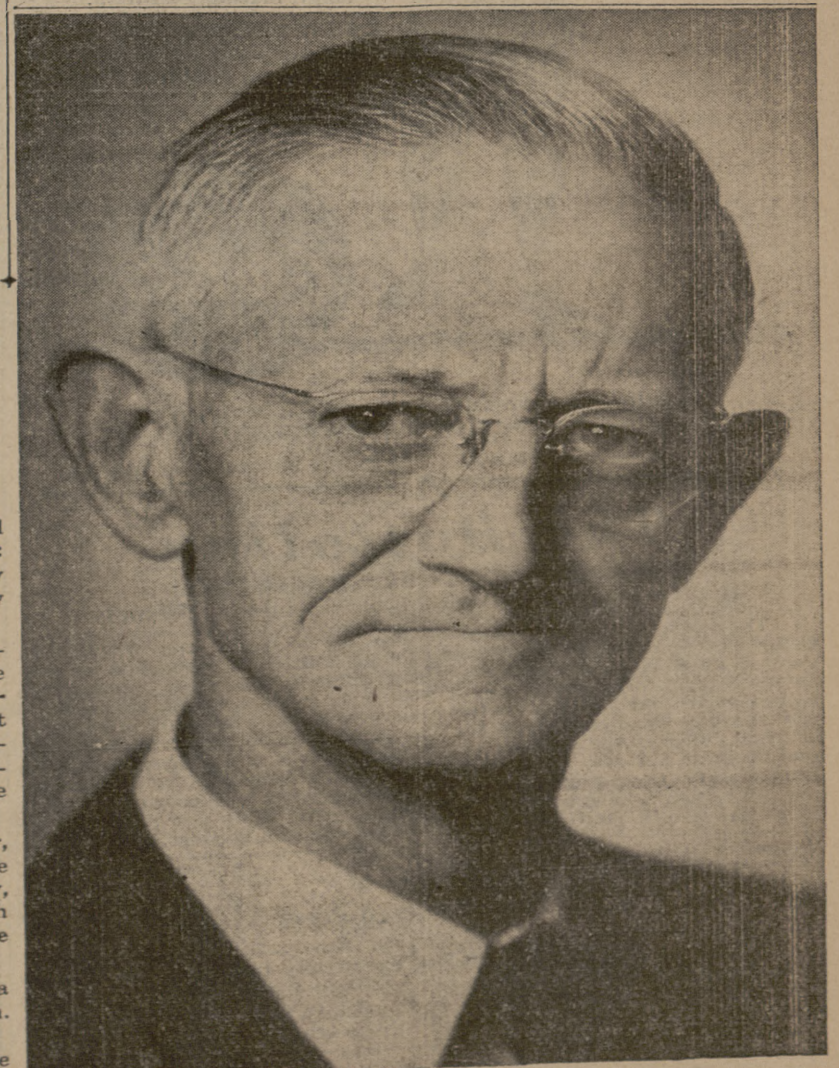
And the time he was attending a funeral. "Does anyone have anything to say about the deceased?"

Sigma Xi To Have Lecturer Thursday

Sigma Xi will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Biological Sciences lecture room.

Daniel Mazia of the University of California will discuss "The Life History of the Cell." He is a national lecturer for the society, and is on a lecture tour of a number of colleges and universities.

All faculty members, staff and graduate students are urged to attend. The meeting is open to the public.



P. L. (Pinky) Downs jr.
"Most Enthusiastic of All"