



Dr. Ide P. Trotter will serve as Dean of the Graduate School for the college. He formerly was head of the Extension Service, and was named to his new position this year.

## 'Pinky' Is Lively Aggie Personality

By B. F. ROLAND

The barefoot boy who padded his way onto the A&M campus in the fall of 1902 wasn't a character from Whittier, but it was P. L. Downs, Jr., from that day forward known as "Pinky".

Named after his uncle Colonel P. L. Downs who was a member of A&M's first graduating class, Pinky came to A&M in the old tried and true manner, green as a gourd.

Scratch was what he started after and he got what he came for. He graduated in 1906, still with his nickname. Sometime during his four years in school Pinky was instilled with a spirit of loyalty to A&M that has been somewhat of a standard for orientation of new students for years on end.

Pinky did all right in business too. He came from a family of bankers and, before he rededicated his remaining years to Aggies and Aggie land, he served as president of the First National Bank in Temple, Texas, his home town. He was with the Temple bank for 25 years.

Pinky took the big step in 1916 and got married. Since that time he and his wife Molly have led quite a happy existence, blessed in the meantime with a daughter, Grace, who now lives in College Station. He and his wife have often been called Fibber McGee and Molly.

Downs served as a member of the A&M Board of Directors for a period of 10 years. He was first appointed to the board by ex-governor Pat Neff and later was reappointed for another

term by ex-governor Dan Moody.

During the time that he served on the board, 1923 to 1933, A&M went through an era of expansion and construction that has never been surpassed. Pinky was chairman of the building committee during that time.

When Pinky finally returned to College Station to settle down after all his roamings, he brought with him his spirit and untiring devotion to his old school. His interest, as in the days of old, was in the "green as a gourd" youngsters who wanted to get college educations and had to do it the hard way.

Much of Pinky's time was spent with the Aggies in their dormitories, mess halls and bull sessions and he concentrated on finding work for students who needed it. From more than 200 boys that Pinky helped through school, 11 football lettermen emerged.

Organization of the Brazos County A&M Club was due to Pinky's efforts. He also served as president of the Bell County A&M Club for two years.

Aggies know Pinky as a man they never need to avoid and who will always lend an ear to their pains, woes and propositions. He seeks no glory, but always works toward a greater school for the boys of Texas. The Aggies of old say that one of his happiest moments was the completion of the P. L. Downs, Jr. Natatorium, his fondest dream.

Pinky drives an old 1937 Ford coupe, painted snow white. And when he isn't sitting behind his desk in the studios of WTAU, he is ambling around the campus looking like he might be a retired Southern Colonel. But all the time he keeps a watchdog eye on his pride and joy, Aggie land.

He's still not very far away from the days of the barefoot boy. All he wants from life is to help and watch A&M grow.

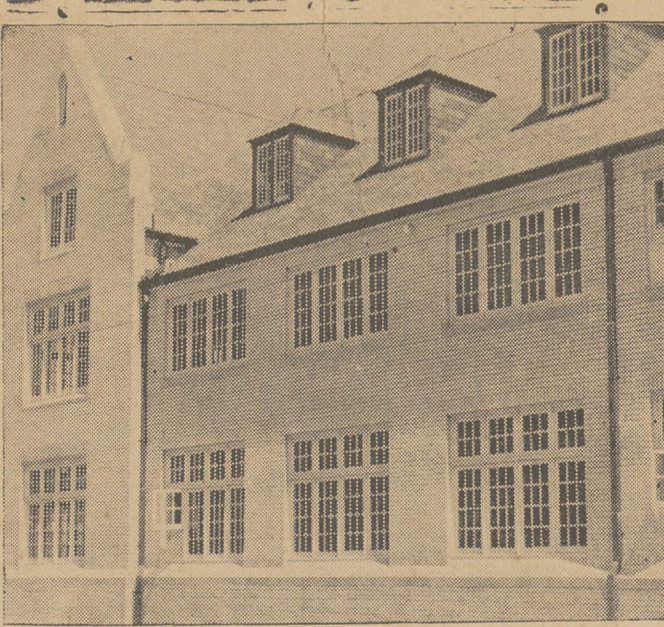
### Costly Kite Flying

Daventry, England—(P)—Peter Cornery, 14, took the policeman's advice and flew a kite. It fell across 11,000 volt power lines and caused:

A breakdown of BBC's overseas broadcasts from Daventry transmitter.

Blacked out all movie houses in the district.

Blocked electricity supplies to forty villages.



This Sunday School building is the first section of the new Methodist Church to be completed. Rev. James F. Jackson is pastor of the North Gate church.

## A&M Chemistry Curriculum Is Approved by ACS in Summer

During the second summer term Dr. F. C. Bolton, president of the college, received a letter from E. M. Billings, secretary of the Committee on Professional Training of the American Chemical Society, informing him that A&M is now included in the list of schools approved by the Society for undergraduate training in chemistry.

The American Chemical Society has not made an evaluation of schools with reference to graduate training. This officially recognizes the instruction at A&M as fully meeting the requirements as set up by the American Chemical Society for the preparation of professional chemists.

Students who complete the required curriculum and receive the bachelor's degree from institutions on the American Chemical Society's list of approved schools for the professional training of chemists are eligible for membership, senior grade, in the Society, following graduation and two years of experience in the field of chemistry or chemical engineering or in post-graduate study.

The American Chemical Society's complete list of approved schools was published in the August 1, 1949 issue of the Chemical and Engineering News.

## New Rule Ends Trail Street Squeeze Plays

Students returning to school this fall who find themselves encumbered with automobiles will also find that a new parking regulation will affect them if they live in the corps area.

Fred Hickman, campus security chief, announced today that parking on Trail Street, which adjoins the line of even numbered dormitories, will be restricted to the west side of the street.

Cars may be parked pointing in either direction, Hickman said, but the west side of the street is the only side which may be used for parking.

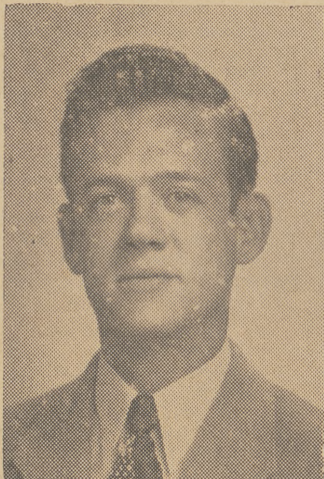
This move was taken, Hickman continued, to help eliminate the dangerous situation which existed when double parking was permitted. In past years, with cars parked on both sides of Trail Street, traffic moving along the street was badly congested.

Pedestrians crossing Trail Street when this congested condition existed were exposed to the danger of being struck by cars moving along the street.

This move restricting parking to the west side of Trail Street is one of the first of several proposed changes designed to eliminate traffic hazards in the cadet dormitory area, Hickman said.

A proposal to reroute the busses which now pick up passengers in front of George's is also under consideration.

No definite area where the busses may pick up passengers has been designated, but it was learned that three possible locations are being studied.



Frank D. Welch, senior architecture student from Sherman, will serve as co-editor of The Commentator for the 1949-1950 school year. He has been active with student publications since 1947.

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# College Bank Gets New Building Over Summer

The College Station State Bank opened its new building at the corner of Sulphur Springs Road and Tauber street, during the summer. An estimated crowd of about 3,000 were on hand at the official dedication ceremonies.

Congratulatory telegrams were received from the late Governor Beauford Jester, Ronald C. Irvine, vice president of the Chase National Bank, New York, Ferris Campbell, vice president of the National City Bank of New York, and many other well wishers.

The College Station Bank first opened for business on July 1, 1946 in a prefabricated wooden building measuring 32 x 32 feet. Business was conducted in this building until February, 1949, when the new building was started.

Norton & Mayfield, Architects of Bryan, designed the new building. An undreamed foundation sunk to a depth of 18 feet will make possible the addition of another story when necessary in the future. L. V. Haltom of Bryan was the contractor for the job.

### Mezzanine

Located on the mezzanine floor are employee's lounge, dining tables for employees, directors' quarters, and a storage and supply room, in which the air-conditioning unit is housed. The air-conditioning system is also adaptable for heating the building during winter months.

The mezzanine ground floor working space is of asphalt tile, with terrace floor in the lobby and officers' quarters. The roof is built up on steel bar joists.

The interior walls are done in pastel green, with metal venetian blinds to match. The spacious lobby has two enlarged counters for customer use. The fixtures are of walnut.

There are four paying and receiving teller cages, and one note and collection cage, the upper portion of the fixtures being encased in low glass panels. Lighting is indirect throughout. There are separate sound-proof offices adjacent for private conferences.

The bank has modern office equipment throughout, and is equipped with Recordak for recording on film all transactions processed through the bank.

### Opened in 1946

The bank was originally opened for business July 1, 1946. At the close of business on that day deposits were \$67,713.29.

After less than three years of operation, present deposits exceed \$1,350,000. Since December 31, 1948 alone the bank has had an increase of \$232,982.93 in deposits, which has made necessary the new building.

The building committee was composed of George E. Potter, chairman, H. E. Burgess, E. B. Butler, Coulter Hoppess, Harold Sullivan, L. G. Jones, T. W. Lealand, S. A. Lipscomb, W. M. Potts, and M. C. Hughes.

### Directors and Officers

Directors of the bank are S. A. Lipscomb, H. E. Burgess, Harold Sullivan, George E. Potter, Ralph W. Steen, Luther G. Jones, of College Station, and Coulter Hoppess and R. B. Butler, of Bryan, Texas.

Officers are S. A. Lipscomb, president, Harold Sullivan, executive vice-president, H. E. Burgess, vice-president, and Thomas W. Leo, cashier. Mr. Sullivan was formerly connected with the Centerville State Bank, Centerville, Texas, and Mr. Leo with First National Bank and Harrisburg National Bank, Houston, Texas.

S. A. "Doc" Lipscomb, president and chairman of the board of directors, is an A&M graduate of the class of 1907 and is the owner of Lipscomb Pharmacy at North Gate.

H. E. Burgess, who received a BS degree from A&M in 1929, lettered in track and football here. He was a member of the Southwest Conference Championship team of 1927 and was All-Conference fullback in 1928.

Harold Sullivan, executive vice-president and director of the bank, is an ex-student of A&M, having left A&M in 1918 for service in the Army in World War 1.

Dr. Luther G. Jones, professor of agronomy, Dr. George E. Potter, professor of zoology, and Dr. Ralph W. Steen, professor of history, members of the A&M faculty, are on the board of directors.

Opening Ceremonies Mrs. L. C. Patranello, Mrs. C. N. Shepardson, Mrs. Pat McNew, and Mrs. Dona Carnes were hostesses for the formal opening.

Radio broadcasts of the ceremonies were made over radio stations WTAU in College Station and KORA in Bryan.

## Short Courses Held on Campus

Two short courses were held on the campus over the break between the final summer semester and the beginning of the fall semester.

The Artificial Breeding and DHIA Conference was held here on September 5 and 6, under the sponsorship of the Dairy Husbandry Department. Approximately 100 people attended the 2 day meet.

A Pest Control Operators Short Course, under the sponsorship of the Entomology Department, was held here from September 8 thru 10.

Sixty five men and fifteen women registered for the lectures and classes of that course.

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