

Mayor Ernest Langford  
His Hobby Is College Station

For 11 Years

## Mayor Has Hobby In Governing City

Everyone has to have a hobby, it seems, but Ernest Langford, head of the architecture department, has one of the strangest hobbies of all . . . College Station.

"College Station is my hobby," said Mayor Langford, who has held

the highest civic post in College Station for the past 11 years.

Mayor Langford was elected to his present post in 1942, but he had been on the city council since it was first organized in 1938. That was the year College Station was incorporated.

### Heads Department 25 Years

He has been head of the department of architecture since 1929, but the people of this community think of him as a civic leader.

Evidently he has a split personality then, because many A&M graduates say he is a great teacher. Langford says teaching is the fulfillment of a dream. As a boy in Bertram he "never knew anything but a hammer and saw," but from that beginning he has established an architectural knowledge which he has been able to pass on to his students.

Possibly because his father was a building contractor, Langford was a competent carpenter as a boy even before he entered A&M in 1909.

Langford did routine work in an architect's office in Austin after he was graduated.

He began teaching at A&M in 1915. His classes were drawing and architecture.

### Masters From Illinois

In 1919 he went to the University of Illinois, where he received his masters degree in 1924. He returned to A&M the following year, and took over as head of the department four years later.

The quality of Langford's teaching is measured by the fact that he has many students in his classes who are not architecture majors. They take courses such as the History of Architecture for their electives.

Langford believes that everyone should know something about architecture, if only to develop an ability to appreciate life.

He also believes in helping his students to grow up as men with an eagerness to accept life and its responsibilities.

And as to the future of College Station and himself, Langford says, "The town will grow, but I personally would like to see it stay a college town, with the restful atmosphere that only a college town can have."

## Population Totals 4,500

# A&M Causes Town's Growth

Generally, when a college is to be built, it is located in or near a city. Not so with A&M. A college was founded, and the city grew up around it.

College Station came to have a separate identity from the college and now calls itself "the home of Texas A&M." The city's population is approximately 4,500, excluding students residing on the campus.

The city almost completely surrounds the island of state property that is A&M. Each of the city's three main sections are on a different side of the college.

The oldest section is to the south, past the new area dormitories. This area has four subdivisions, College Park, the oldest, Breezy Heights, West Park, and Oakwood.

Across Highway 6 from East Gate is the largest section of the city. College Hills, Woodland,

Ringhoffer, Kelley, and Cooner. Additions are in this area. The streets in this section are named for well-known men of the college: Walton, Puryear, Kyle, Miller, Foster, and others.

The third section is behind North Gate. Composed of Boyett and Tauber, this section has most of the city's churches. It is also the location of the City Hall.

The new subdivision near the circle, which is partly in Bryan and partly in College Station, is limited to personnel from Bryan Air Force Base.

### Each Has Shopping Area

Each section of the city has its own business district and shopping center, and each is a city ward.

The city was incorporated in October, 1938. A city manager type of government was adopted in 1944. A mayor and a six-man

council form the legislative branch of the city.

Property is assessed at 50 per cent of value and the tax rate is \$1 per one hundred dollars valuation. The fire insurance key rate is 30 cents. A 16-man volunteer fire department serves the city. The city police officers work in conjunction with the A&M Campus Security Office, Bryan police, and county and state officers.

### City Officials

Ernest Langford is mayor. The city council includes Marion C. Pugh, Joe Sorrels, A. P. Boyett,

J. A. Orr, G. W. Black, and Ernest Seeger. The mayor and one councilman from each of the city's three wards are elected every two years.

N. M. McGinnis is city secretary; J. W. Barger, city attorney; Fred J. Benson, city engineer; and Philip Goode is city judge.

Ran Boswell, a veteran of seven years in various capacities with the city, was hired as city manager last year.

The city limits of Bryan and College Station meet off the north boundary of College Station.

## Scholarship Award Donor Is Honored

James (Rich) Richardson, editor of last year's "Engineer", presented recently in Lufkin a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. S. W. Henderson at an Aggie-ex luncheon in honor of the work she has done for A&M.

Richardson was the first boy of 10 who Mrs. Henderson sent or is sending on an Opportunity Award Scholarship. Richardson graduated this past summer.

Approximately 150 Aggie-exes and their guests attended the meeting. Ex-Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist made the principal address.

Mr. and Mrs. John Redditt and Mrs. Durham were honored for their contributions to the scholarship cause in Angelina County. Both couples have given two award scholarships.

## Three Academic Clubs Provide for Freshmen

Phi Eta Sigma, national scholastic honor society for freshman men, is one of the three academic honors open to A&M Basic Division students.

The purpose of this fraternity is to encourage and reward scholarship among freshmen. A grade point ratio of 2.5 in either the first semester or the entire first year of college work is required.

### Life Membership

Although membership is for life, the active Phi Eta Sigma chapter is composed of sophomore members only. At the present, members at A&M number more than 200.

Other scholastic honors open to freshmen are the Alpha Zeta Freshman Award and Distinguished Student classification.

In order to qualify as a distinguished student, a person must have no grade below C at the end of each semester, have completed at least 16 semester hours, and have a grade point ratio of not less than 2.25.

A distinguished student receives a card from the Registrar's Office which entitles him to miss any class in which an announced quiz has not been scheduled.

Alpha Zeta, national honorary agricultural fraternity, recognizes the five highest freshman agricultural majors. A special award is presented at the school's spring banquet to the student who is considered the outstanding freshman in the School of Agriculture.

This award is based on grades as well as other activities indicating leadership ability.

Various departments at A&M sponsor 44 different annual professional meetings and short courses on the campus with a total average attendance of nearly 10,000.

A&M, the largest military college in the country, offers training in eleven branches of the Army ROTC and last year the Air Force ROTC carried six options.

## Welfare Work Heads Duties Of Men's Clubs

The three men's clubs in College Station devote much time to fellowship and welfare work.

The College Station Kiwanis Club and The Lions and Rotary Clubs of College Station and Bryan have a total membership of 300.

The Rotary Club supports the Boy Scouts, Little League sports, Boys and Girls State, the Negro Fellowship for Health, and the library at the Consolidated Schools.

Rotary officers are Dean H. W. Barlow, president; A. M. Waldrop, vice-president; Dr. E. P. Humbert, secretary-treasurer; R. A. Houze, editor and W. B. McKenzie, sergeant at arms.

The Lions Club, that recently dedicated a wading pool to the city of Bryan, sets civic improvement and sight conservation as its goals.

The Lions Club officers are M. E. Adams, president; J. M. Daniel, first vice-president; R. W. Butler, second vice-president; R. C. Danby, third vice-president; Walter C. Holmes, secretary and O. A. Ashworth, treasurer.

Both the Lions Club and the Rotary Club meet at Maggie Parker's Tea Room in Bryan.

The Kiwanis Club, composed exclusively of College Station men, meets at the MSC. It has set civic development, inter-racial good will, youth work, church work and inter-club work as its goals.

Kiwanis officers are H. E. Burgess, president; J. B. Baty, first vice-president; J. B. Hervey, second vice-president; I. Peters, secretary and M. V. Krenitsky, treasurer.

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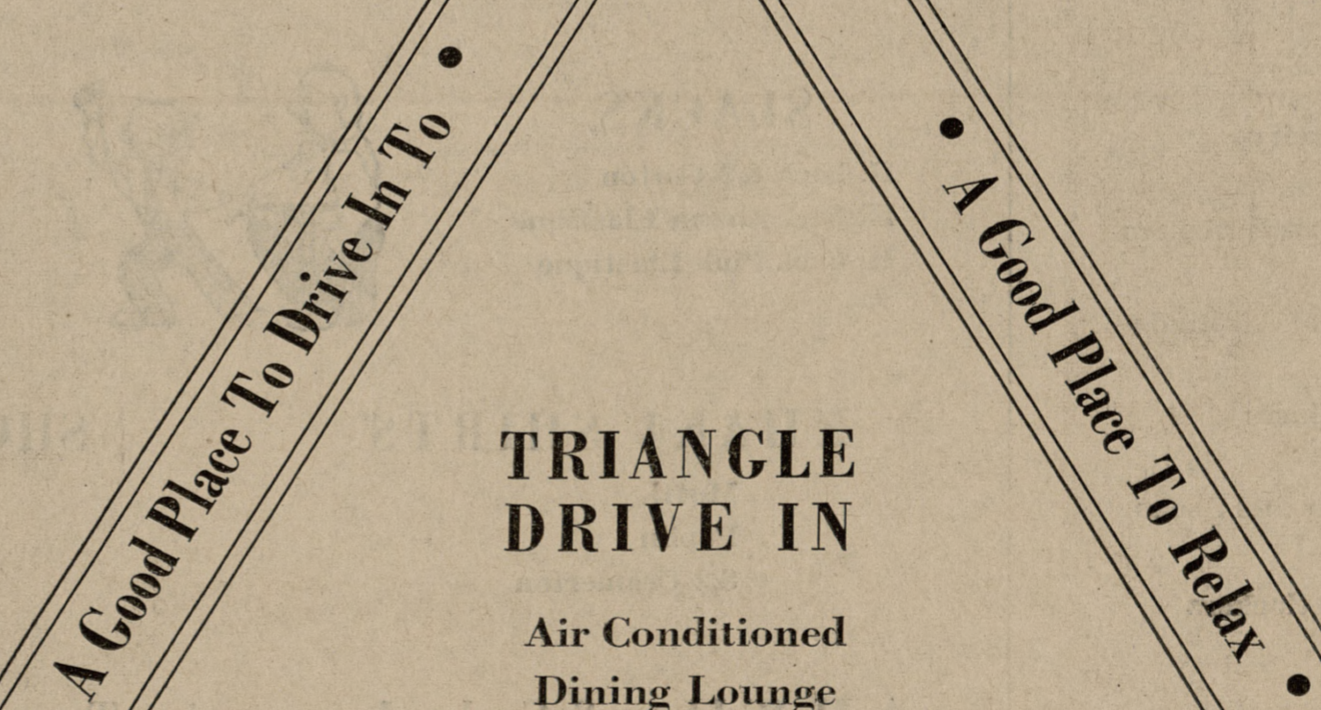
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