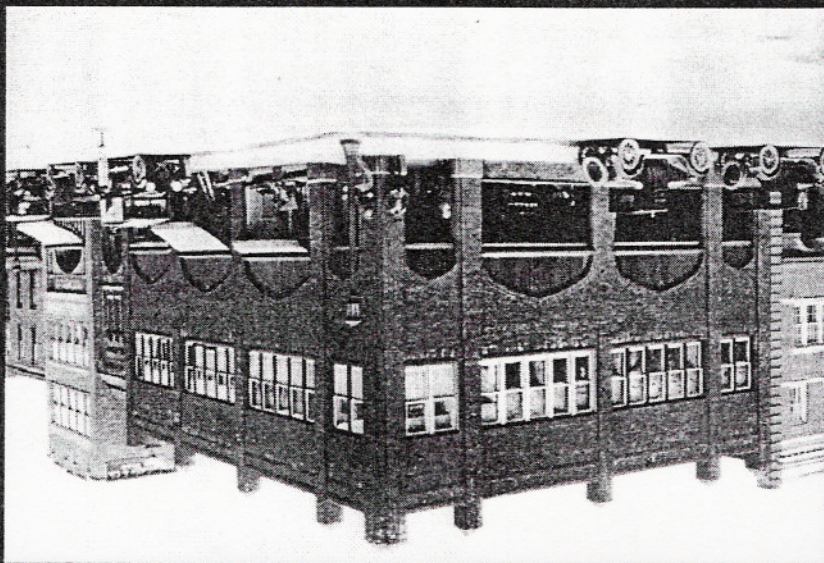


# Leitzell Building



STATE COLLEGE HISTORIC SITE

The Leitzell Building, built in 1925, replaced a wooden structure gutted December 31, 1924, in one of State College's worst fires. As pictured, the new building designed by State College architect R. Boyd Kapp had distinctive windows—a signature of The Athletic Store that Harry A. Leitzell operated here until 1971, and of Grahams, the building's long-lived Allen Street storefront, here until 1988. Harry—with sons William G. and Harry Jr., and son-in-law/manager Ed Brown—sold college textbooks and athletic supplies at "The A Store." From 1944 to 1970, students ordered their class rings here, through "Crum" and Gladys Jenkins. In 1975,

Moyer Jewelers filled "The A Store" space. The Graham & Sons (Robert "Bob" and Randall "Bub") newsstand, tobacco, and confectionery shop was nicknamed "Graham A.C." (Athletic Club) because Penn State athletes and some coaches hung out there. Locals and students alike loafed in front of Grahams on the 1932 wooden bench so inscribed. A seasonal raffle-ticket stand stood out front during the years the Alpha Fire Company—which George T. Graham helped organize—held a Fourth of July carnival downtown (1934–1967). The winning ticket buyer got the automobile parked in front of Grahams.

