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Forsyth Library Dedication & Science Hall Corner Stone Placing

Kansas State Teachers College of Hays

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FORSYTH LIBRARY
DEDICATION
SCIENCE HALL
CORNER STONE PLACING

JULY 10, 1928

KANSAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
OF HAYS
ON BEHALF of the Board of Regents and the Faculty a cordial invitation is extended to all friends of the Kansas State Teachers College of Hays to attend the dedication of Forsyth Library and the placing of the corner stone of the science building, at ten o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, July 10, 1928.

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BUILD THEE MORE STATELY MANSION, O MY SOUL,
AS THE SWIFT SEASONS ROLL!
LEAVE THY LOW VAULTED PAST!
LET EACH NEW TEMPLE, NOBLER THAN THE LAST,
SHUT THEE FROM HEAVEN WITH A DOME MORE VAST,
TILL THOU AT LENGTH ART FREE,
LEAVING THINE OUTGROWN SHELL BY LIFE'S UNRESTING SEA.

—HOLMES.
PRESIDENT W. A. LEWIS
"WHO MAKES HIS DREAMS COME TRUE"
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FORSYTH LIBRARY

Completed in 1926 at a cost of $150,000 appropriated by the state legislature of 1925, Forsyth Library with its capacity for 180,000 volumes, its spacious reading room, seminar rooms, art gallery, natural history and geologic museums, stands as one of the finest monuments to culture in Western Kansas.

The collegiate Gothic design of the structure, drawn in native limestone, enhanced with Bedford stone and Vermont white marble, claims right as one of the most beautiful of college buildings.

Soft gray and tan walls, silvered oak furniture, a vaulted ceiling with its sense of spaciousness, and even natural lighting, make the main reading room a retreat for the student. There 300 can be accommodated at a time.

Forsyth Library now contains 25,000 bound volumes and receives regularly over 200 periodicals. Last year 3,000 volumes were added. It is a government depository.

The building is named in honor of General George A. Forsyth, officer stationed at old Fort Hays.
GROW OLD ALONG WITH ME!
THE BEST IS YET TO BE,
THE LAST OF LIFE, FOR WHICH THE FIRST WAS MADE:
OUR TIMES ARE IN HIS HAND
WHO SAITH, 'A WHOLE I PLANNED,
YOUTH SHOWS BUT HALF; TRUST GOD, SEE ALL, NOR BE AFRAID.

—BROWNING.
PROGRAM

DEDICATION OF FORSYTH LIBRARY

Invocation - - - - - - - - - - Dr. C. F. Wiest

Music by Audience - - - - - - - - School Hymn

Address - - - The Library as an Intellectual Community Center.
  DR. ARTHUR E. BOSTWICK, librarian, St. Louis Public Library

Address - - - - - - As It Appears to the Regents.
  HON. CHARLES M. HARGER, Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents
PROGRAM

PLACING OF SCIENCE HALL
CORNER STONE

Address - - - - - - - - - Science and Education.
Dr. H. P. Cady, University of Kansas

Address - - - - - - - - - The Regents' Interest.
Mrs. James S. Patrick, Member of the Board of Regents

Description of the Contents of the Box - - Prof. Roy Rankin,
Chairman of the science group, K. S. T. C.

Placing of the Corner Stone - - - - Hon. W. Y. Morgan,
Chairman of the Board of Regents
OLD THINGS NEED NOT BE THEREFORE TRUE.
O BROTHER MEN, NOR YET THE NEW:
AH! STILL AWHILE THE OLD THOUGHTS RETAIN,
AND YET CONSIDER IT AGAIN.

—LOCKER-LAMPSON.
THE SCIENCE HALL

Rearing its walls at the southwest corner of the campus quadrangle, the new science hall will assume its place on the campus as a companion structure to Forsyth Library.

The 1927 legislature appropriated $150,000 to provide for a structure to house the various science departments of the college. Ground was broken on February 1 of this year. The Gurtler Construction Company of Topeka, being awarded the general contract, began work at once which is progressing on schedule time to reach completion by January, 1929.

Designed by Charles D. Cuthbert, state architect, the building continues to feature the harmonious collegiate Gothic design followed in all buildings on the campus. As in Forsyth Library, native limestone and Bedford rock combine to please the eye and to defy the erosive effects of time.

Four departments will be housed in the science hall. Chemistry and physics will be on the first floor, biology on the second, and agriculture on the third and fourth. In addition a copper covered dome surmounting the tower over the main entrance will provide an astronomical laboratory, with room for a large telescope.
MAIN CHECKING DESK, FORSYTH LIBRARY
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