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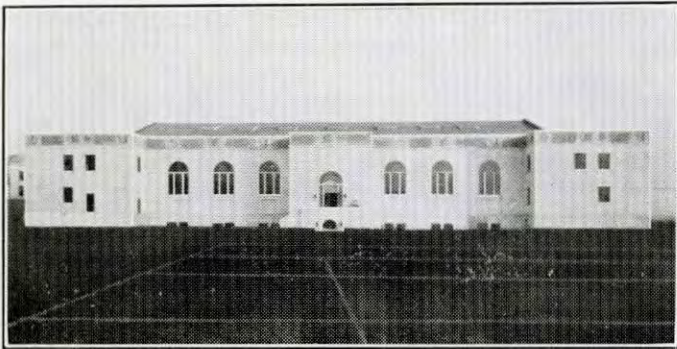
Physical Education Building



Western Kentucky State Teachers College

H. H. CHERRY, PRESIDENT

Bowling Green, Kentucky



The Physical Education Building

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BRINTON DAVIS, ARCHITECT

Physical Education Building



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The Following Are Statements Made by

PRESIDENT H. H. CHERRY

*At the Opening of the
Building*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

All of College Heights joins me in an expression of earnest appreciation for the presence of this great assemblage of people upon this occasion which marks the opening of the Physical Education Building. I desire to emphasize that this is not a dedicatory program, but a formal opening of this magnificent structure. This commanding Hill with all of the buildings on it will be dedicated next fall during Homecoming Week, at which time we shall put on a three-day program and will have with us a number of the great leaders and thinkers of America. The occasion will be known as Western's twenty-fifth anniversary.

This handsome new fireproof building constructed of Bowling Green white stone is one of the most portentous buildings on the campus. The outside dimensions are 124 feet including three full floors and a sub-basement under the south end. The total floor area exceeds 80,000 square feet and provides room for an auditorium measuring 100 feet by 180 feet with two cross courts for basketball and one standard court 50 feet by 90 feet in addition to seating 5000 spectators. Provision has been made for eight unusually fine academic class rooms on the ground floor, as well as the locker and shower rooms for Physical Education which will accommodate between five and six hundred men and well over six hundred women with ample space for additional equipment in the future.

Offices and drill room for the Reserve Officers Training Corps with storage room for gymnasium apparatus, military supplies, drill grounds and other equipment are located on this floor.

The main floor includes four offices and director's room for the school health and physical education depart-

ment with examination and clinical rooms as well as four large physical education class rooms.

The second floor consists of six fine well lighted class rooms in the two end wings with a spacious rest room at the end of the building.

Fifteen hundred spectators can be seated in the balcony behind the running track which measures 1-13 of a mile in length.

On the sub-basement floor is located a large band practice room with band director's office adjoining. All mechanical equipment has been installed for heating facilities in the event the swimming pool is constructed in the future. There is also a large storage room on this floor.

All mechanical equipment and gymnasium apparatus has been selected in keeping with the quality of the building and every item has been purchased only after the most careful consideration. Ample equipment has been supplied for the immediate needs with the intention of making additions as the demand for work in physical education increases and additional equipment becomes essential to this program.

With the twenty classrooms afforded in this building, the emergency need for classroom space for instructional purposes will be greatly relieved.

We realize that College Heights as well as this building belongs to a human stock company in which every citizen of this Commonwealth is the owner of a piece of stock. We also realize in opening it that it is our duty to sanctify it by hard study; by earnest work; by expressing its harmony, its order, its articulation, its sanitation, and its stateliness in our lives; by high life, high thought, high ideals, and a noble service; by seeing to it that its nobility is not marred by a single mark on a single wall or desecrated in any other way; by making the beautiful sunrises and sunsets which we shall witness from this hill, the rising of a soul in a world of promise and opportunity and the setting of a soul amidst the splendors of a life well lived; and by making this beautiful physical panorama that we shall witness from this hill-top and from classroom windows, a spiritual panorama to be transmuted into life; and finally, through a patriotic use of things spiritual and things material, to unlock the door that confines an imprisoned self and allow a new and greater Commonwealth to step forth—a blessing to man, a servant of God.