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# The New Classroom Building

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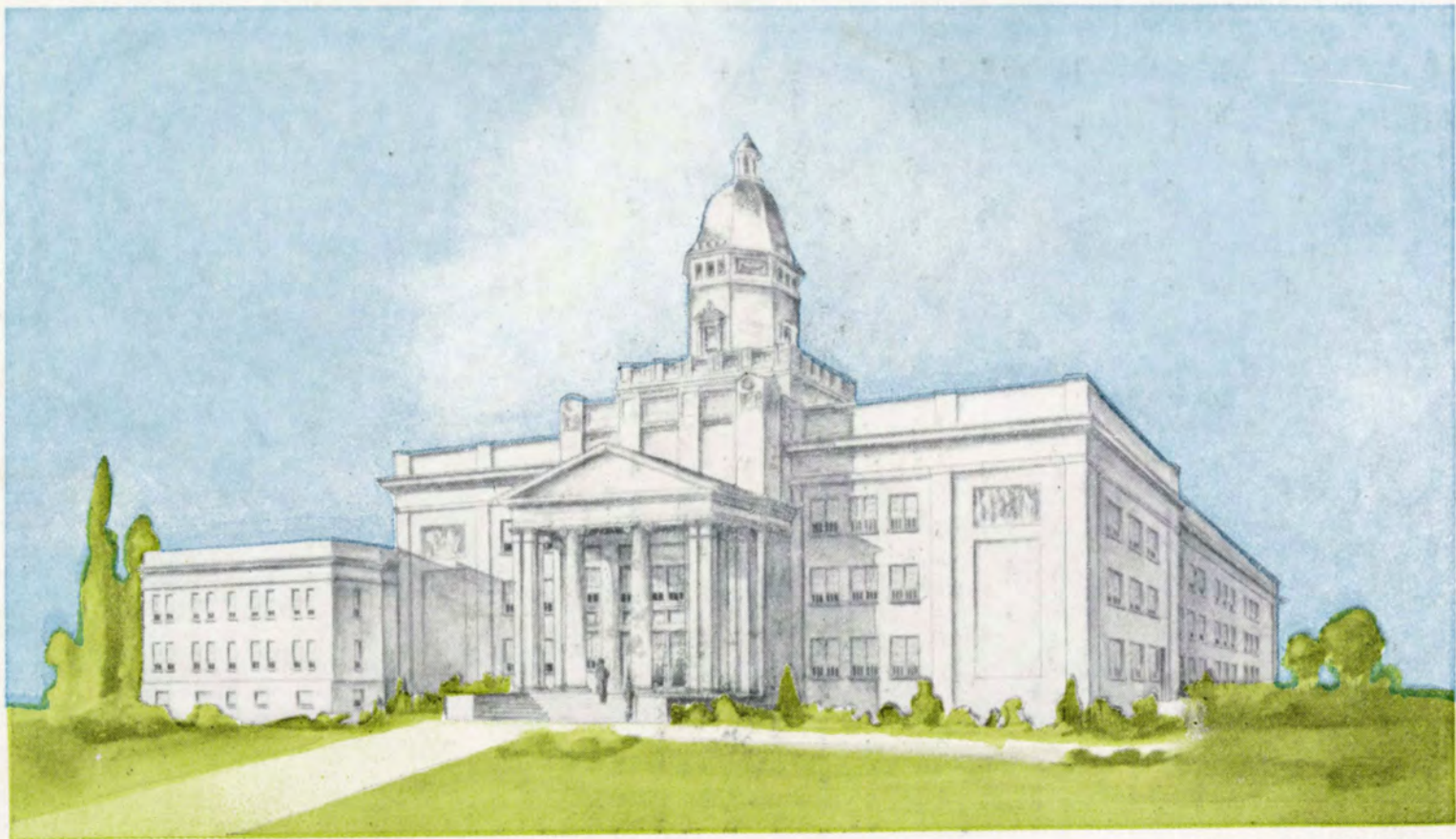
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THE NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING

Drawn by Bill Bass,  
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# Western Kentucky State Teachers College

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Occupying a commanding position at the top of College Street, the new classroom building has a frontage of 243 feet on 15th Street. The general shape is that of a modified U, the right wing extending back to the old fort 195 feet, while the left wing extends 123 feet to the Cedar House. Three stories in height and surmounted by a tower of approximately three stories, the building gives the general impression of great solidity, especially imposing as viewed upon the approach from College Street. This building will serve to tie the whole Hill together from an architectural standpoint as well as from that of landscaping. The landscaping in front of the building will carry out the scheme of the general planning of the Hill and the court, 123 feet wide, at the rear between the right and left wings will be the beauty spot on the summit of the Hill. From every classroom or office in this building one may see framed landscapes of surpassing beauty.

Within this building of most modern construction there are fifty classrooms used by the departments of Chemistry, Education, English, Psychology, History, Economics, Mathematics, Physics, Foreign Languages, Art, Geography, and Penmanship. Sixteen laboratories as finely equipped as any in the country make possible for the Chemistry, Physics, Geography and other departments a type of work that should place these departments in the top rank of college departments.

Sixty offices for instructors will provide much needed opportunity for student counselling and guidance as well as remedial instruction and private research. This work with individual students may well become the most effective type of college work.

In addition to the purely instructional classroom, laboratory, and office space enumerated above, there are accessory rooms all designed as is the instructional space, to meet the needs of students and planned in such a way as to recognize the lines of traffic as well as functional needs. Among these accessory rooms are the Post Office, the Bookstore, storage rooms, and the quarters of the Registrar. The latter are placed at the end of the right wing on the main floor as close as possible to the other Administrative offices in VanMeter Hall, making possible close contact. In addition, fire-proof vaults for the preservation of the Registrar's records give assurance that these invaluable materials shall have the protection so greatly needed.

The equipment for classrooms, laboratories, offices, and accessory rooms is all of high quality. In choosing this equipment, care has been taken to be assured of durability, while the guiding motive has been that of functional utility. In so far as physical equipment may contribute to opportunity for students and teachers to pursue their work under most favorable conditions, the achievement of the College should be even greater than ever since no expense has been spared to make both building and equipment outstanding in every respect. It is estimated that when used to capacity the building and equipment could take care of the equivalent of 2500 students having full time programs in this building alone.

School will open in this building at the beginning of the fall semester.

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