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LIBRARY PLANS IN WEST VIRGINIA

WEST VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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Fortunately, when New River State College Library (now West Virginia Institute of Technology) was built, the height of the stack room was sufficient for a balcony to be added later. If and when the need should ever arise, was said as an afterthought. For the past few years the need has been most painfully realized. Books, periodicals, and other library paraphernalia have crowded every available space in the reading room and stack room.

Now, plans have definitely been made for providing more space, more comfort, and more beauty in the library.

Recently the reading room has been greatly improved by the installation of lamps on every table and by the addition of periodical racks and several comfortable red leather chairs and settees. This attractive corner has increased the library attendance, the circulation of books and periodicals, and has added much to the comfort of the students.

The balcony in the stack room will be of steel construction and will have sufficient stacks to house twenty thousand volumes. It will be well-lighted, reached by a stairway on either side, and have a lift for conveying books.

The first floor of the stack room will have individual carrells for the faculty and students. It will be finished in colonial oak with recessed wall shelving where the most-used reference books will be kept. The

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FAIRMONT STATE COLLEGE
Mr. Harold D. Jones, Librarian

Preliminary drawings for a new library building for Fairmont State College were accepted by the State Board of Education at a recent meeting. Working drawings are now being prepared by the official architects, L. D. Schmidt and Son, of Fairmont, and will be submitted in a few months for approval. It is hoped that the sum of \$400,000 will be released for the new structure.

Basic concepts concerning the new building were developed by a Library Building Committee, which included President George H. Hand, the librarian, assistant librarian, superintendent of buildings and grounds, president of the Student Council and seven faculty members. After a series of meetings, the committee met with the architects to explain its basic philosophy and to go over the detailed specifications that had been developed. The architects, in turn, studied the structure and operation of the present inadequate library and consulted with members of the committee from time to time as drawings were made and revised.

The new library will occupy a commanding hillside not far from present classroom buildings. Its exterior will be of brick similar to that used in other buildings on the campus. Modern in design, it is to harmonize with present structures on the campus, but will omit costly ornamental columns and trim.

The ground floor, in addition to housing the heating plant, will in-

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