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MOREHEAD STATE NORMAL SCHOOL
MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

Report of visit
by E. C. Whiting

May 8th, 1924.

Arrived at 9 am. and left at 4. Met State Superintendent Rhodes, chairman of the Board of Regents, Pres. Button, Dean Lewis, engineer Cassidy, architects Frankel and Joseph, and various teachers. No other regents arrived so business could not be definitely settled.

Spent the morning going over the grounds, Mr. Lewis being with me much of the time to answer questions and explain needs and hopes. It rained most of the day. After lunch I made some tentative suggestions to Button and Rhodes as to land purchases and then went over them on the ground with the president. Later had further conference with engineer and gave him memos about completing the topo.

CONDITIONS.

The usable land now owned is about 10 or 11 acres at southerly foot of steep wooded hill on north border of town. Scattered trees on this land. One brick building and three wooden ones present equipment; the former will probably have to be retained though it can be altered, but the others should be replaced by fireproof buildings.

Water supply from wells; additional wells and pumping to a tank up on hillside for gravity distribution will probably be satisfactory for school, but town needs supply too and may combine with school on a larger well project or on a scheme for filtering river water.

Sewer to be combined with town system to be put in. Town has appropriated 25 or 30 thousand dollars. Will probably discharge into river (creek) at southwest end of town. Creek is about 50 ft. wide. Sewage should have some purification.

Appropriation for this school is same as for Murray, and requirements probably about same though Morehead is apt to develop agricultural department. I gave Dr. Button copy of the Murray schedule and he will go over it with his staff and let us know desirable modifications for Morehead.

Rowan Co. Free stone obtainable within 6 or 8 miles; in appearance it is not unlike the limestone at Louisville. Used locally for walks--like bluestone--and for building trim.

Morehead has about 2,000 population.

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We are to write Dr. Button very soon recommending the extension of holdings to the eastward, (1) for athletic field, (2) for agricultural work, (3) for a better approach from the Midland Trail (main highway), and (4) to get less cramped opportunity for buildings. Present ball field is on leased ground.

Proposition made for our services same as that for Murray. Mr. Rhodes will notify us of formal acceptance soon as he can get approval of other regents but he says there is practically no doubt about their approval.

Midland Trail Hotel is said to be very decent.

Dr. Button spoke of desire to encourage growth of native plants by developing a sort of shrub and flower wild garden--rather good idea I think.