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MOREHEAD NORMAL SCHOOL

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Report of visit
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Arrived about 11 and left about 4.
Met President Button, Prof. James, "Judge"
Young and numerous women teachers.

Spent the day discussing the building locations, chiefly the main school building, and the question of approach from the Midland Trail. They have an option on the athletic field tract (10A) and a 40' strip to connect this with present grounds, also on a lot next N.E. corner of present property. This they will probably get. But the rest of the valley land is being held at exorbitant prices and Young thinks they're not likely to get it - he's afraid they'll be investigated when a new legislature comes in and they'd have hard work justifying such large expenditures for things not absolutely necessary! (I gather that he's afraid he can't keep things "fixed" at Frankfort!) Anyway though Button and James and the dean (Lewis) and several others are very anxious for the land - they absolutely need land for the agricultural work they want to do - I gather the hope of getting it is a forlorn one. Anyway we can now get a playfield and an approach by it from the Trail, and at the other end they are likely to purchase some small pieces to permit a better approach via the west side of the court house.

Button will get topo extended over these approach lines and the athletic field - after that we can finish up the plan.

Not many comments or criticisms of the layout except the following: (1) They felt and I did too, that the school building should be higher up the hill if possible (see my letter of July 31st to Joseph & Joseph) There is doubt about getting the opening opposite through to the Trail and it thus becomes specially important to overlook buildings in that direction.

- (2) The heating plant is likely to go on separate property next the R.R. to save cost of hauling coal.
- (3) The gynasium may be put in the main building- as at Murray- also the location we showed will probably not be available when the new approach is worked out.
- (4) The westerly wooden dormitory is good and should probably be moved to one of our locations and veneered with brick.
- (5) The present brick building may be needed for library and office room. For that purpose I don't like its location in the women's dormitory group but I guess we'd better let it go because that use may well be only temporary.
- (6) They want a sort of recreational building for gatherings, and various special uses and possibly gymnasium.

Button is anxious for our plan but I said I'd have to wait for the additional topo. We are to fix grades etc. about school building as soon as we receive plans from Joseph & Joseph.