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Orange Crate Furnishings For Two New Dormitories At Hays

Furnishings Not Received For Opening

HAYS—Pride Fort Hays State's two housing directors, Jean Souffer, dean of women, and Dr. W. De Moreland, adviser to men, have felt in the three new dormitory units which are opening this fall has been dulled considerably by the recent news that most of the furnishings for the rooms will not be delivered until October 1.

Miss Stouffer, who assumed her position at Fort Hays State this year, after a wide experience in Girl Scout work, has put her training in adaptability to work and has written her 80 prospective Agnew hall residents to bring with them a "maximum of enthusiasm and a minimum of clothes and knickknacks."

Fortunately, delivery has been promised for a mattress and box springs for each girl and present plans call for these to be placed on the floor for temporary use. To take care of books and clothes and the numerous sundry items dear to the heart of a college student, the girls have been advised to bring orange crates, apple boxes, boards and bricks to use in constructing book-shelves.

Word came this week that rugs and lamps for the lounge would be delivered in time for the fall opening and, while Miss Stouffer would be much happier if it were beds and chests of drawers, she is accepting anything the freight man delivers and trying to tell herself that the situation could have been worse if it had been the mattresses which had been delayed.

At Residence hall, where 94 men are hoping to initiate the new center section, which has been completed this summer to join what was once North Residence hall and South Residence hall, the situation is even worse.

Not even the beds have been delivered. There, however, Dr. Moreland and Mrs. Nita Bice, housemother, have become used to such emergencies by having gone through the same experience two years ago when South Residence hall was opened to students before its furnishings arrived.

At that time, cots were taken out of storage at Lewis field, where they are kept for this sort of emergency and for use at the time of the High Plains Music camp, and were put in the rooms. Boys slept on the cots, lived out of their suitcases, and survived the ordeal. It is reasonable to assume that they will do the same this year.

In spite of the furniture delay which has arisen from the entanglement of red tape involved in expending the state's money, the opening of the dormitories does mark a big step toward the solution of the problem of housing Fort Hays State students.

The two new units for women, both named Agnew hall, each hold 40 residents. Money has been appropriated and work will be begun very soon on a center section which will join the two in the same manner that the men's dormitory has been joined.

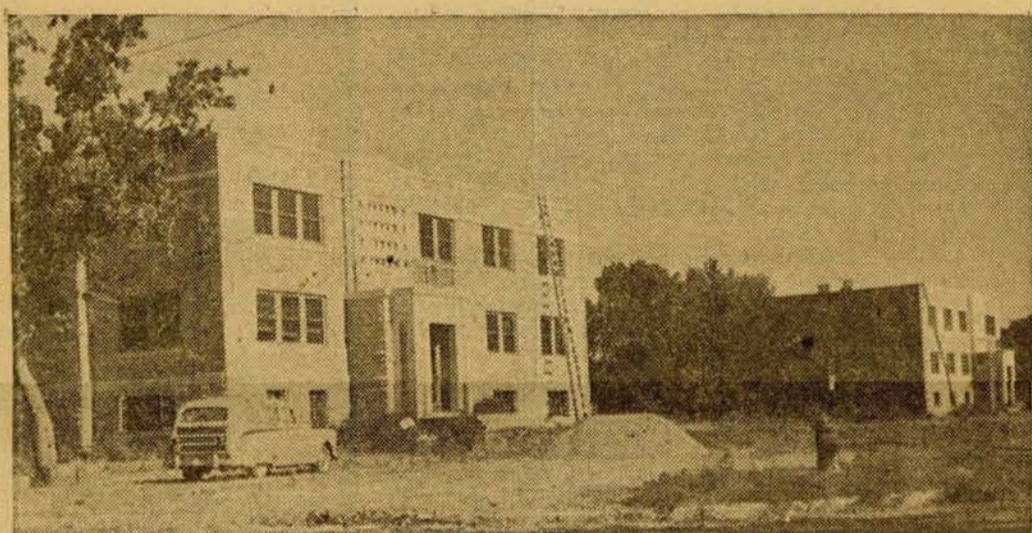
Custer hall, women's dormitory which was built in 1923 and enlarged in 1952, normally accommodates 210 women. Since the state board of regents recommends that all freshman girls live in college dormitories, Custer hall is reserved for these first year students. Since, at the present time, the demand for housing for freshmen only slightly exceeds the supply, Miss Stouffer has taken steps to squeeze a few additional girls into Custer hall, so that no freshmen will be deprived of the opportunity of living under the same conditions as her female classmates.

For men the new dormitory addition will more than double the capacity of the two Residence halls formerly in use. Each of these has previously held 40 men and the center section holds 94.

Rooms have long been filled in the college dormitories, but housing officials say there are still room available in private homes in Hays and at Wesley hall, Methodist dormitory for women.



RESIDENCE HALL, new Ft. Hays State College dormitory for men, completed this month.



AGNEW HALL, two small dormitory units for women, will be joined by a center section similar to Residence Hall.

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