

Further Developments on Leonard Hall

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The General State Authority allocated \$1,050,000 for construction of a classroom building to replace Leonard Hall which was completely destroyed by fire April, 1952.

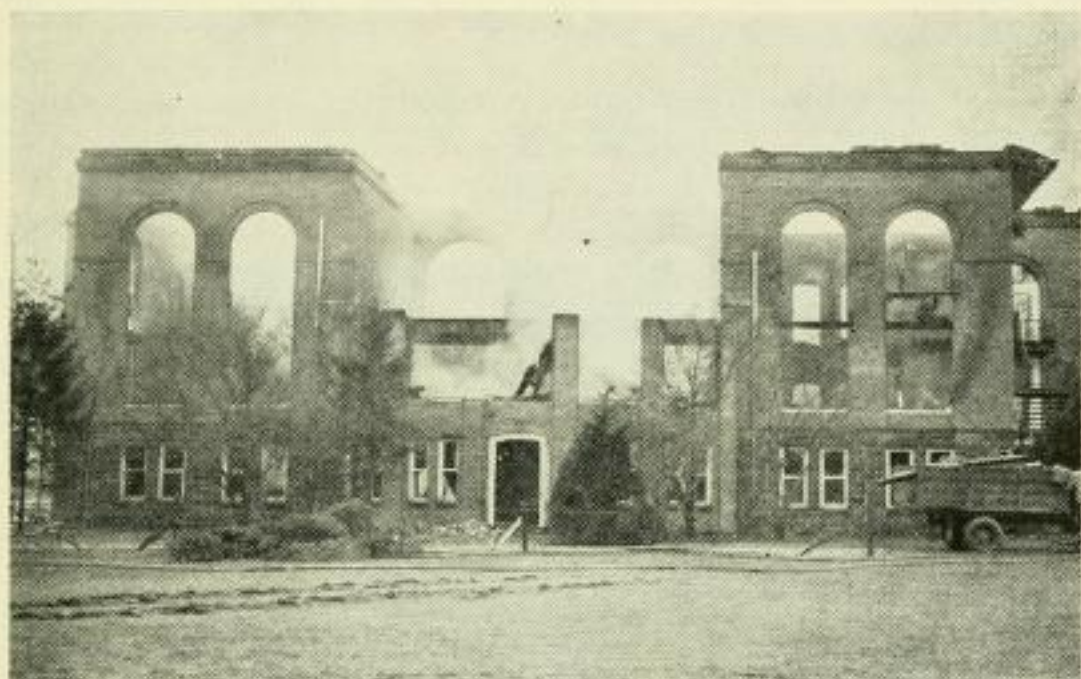


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Still smouldering Leonard Hall dies a smoky death in a million dollar fire. With temporary classrooms and offices, students and faculty carry on until the new building is completed.

An additional \$167,419 was set aside to equip the new building which will be erected on the site of the burned structure.

Proposals were presented to the GSA which included a modified "T" type building to house 30 classrooms, nine of which are to be equipped for science and mathematics.

Special provisions were recommended such as fire proof storage for the film library, rooms equipped to use films and other visual aids and platform provided on the roof for classes in astronomy.

Warren Holmes, acting Authority director, announced Marlier and Johnstone, Pittsburgh architects will design the new building.

In the dismantling of the ruins of Leonard Hall at Indiana State Teachers College, which was destroyed by fire on April 14, 1952, workmen discovered a 6" by 12" tin box in the cornerstone of the building.

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Contained in the box are a number of old papers evidently placed there at the time of the cornerstone laying sometime about June, 1903.

Specific papers found in the tin box are a copy of the Indiana County Gazette dated June 24, 1903, a paper containing a symbol and a list of seniors of the class of 1904, a pennant with the numerals 04, a copy of campus songs, the February, 1903 edition of the Normal Herald, a picture of Jane E. Leonard, the thirteenth annual catalog dated 1903 and 1904, and a four page printed paper containing a list of trustees, faculty, and members of the senior class of 1904.

The copy of the Indiana County Gazette described the centennial anniversary observance of Indiana which had occurred about a week preceding the publication date on the paper. Walter H. Jackson is listed as editor.



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Damage done by the crippling fire on April 14, 1952 to the old Leonard Hall.

The centennial anniversary observance was described as the largest assembly of people ever gathered within the boundaries of Indiana. The number of people present was estimated as 25,000.

Another article in the Indiana County Gazette described the graduation exercises of the college listing the members of the various classes who had passed their examinations for that term.

The parchment containing the names of the seniors of 1904 and the class symbol