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Governor's Investigating Committee

June 13, 1945. Capt. Sams

Many returned soldiers to register to take <sup>advantage</sup> ~~max~~ of the Federal subsistence paid while regularly employed in Atlanta

Building two blocks from P'tree St. at 5 Points. Across from the Hurt Building - old bldg. \$35,000.

New bldg. 180,000 sq. ft. if the fireproof building of with elevators and ramps between floors to take care of the heavy load in students going from one class to another

Old bldg. appraised at \$150,000. State paid only 60,000. for the property and WPA put in present useful condition.

Loan on new bldg. from the Mutual Life Ins. Co. is for \$175,000.

For every thousand GI's enrolled will receive 100,000 more than our presents students pay.

June 20, 1945

He knew it would take a long time after the war to complete a new building so looked around in Atlanta for some available space that might be converted to our use so we could serve the several thousand GI boys promised by VA together with many ~~new~~ now enrolled from high schools over Georgia.

The Governor appointed a committee to investigate the facilities at the Luckie St. Bldg.

The Ivy St. Garage, was fireproof, with 180,000 sq. ft. of floor space, whereas the present building had an inadequate 35,000 sq. ft. The Ivy St. bldg. cost \$600,000 to build but could be bought for less than half that amount.

The Regents considered the buying of the property favorably and passed a resolution to ask the Governor for permission to make the deal provided he accepted ~~your~~ committee report, at their June 10, 1945 meeting.

The Baptist Tabernacle Building Committee stated their desire to buy the Univ. System property on June 30, because of its historic associations with the Tabernacle's ministry, and the urgent need for an educational and fellowship building. Purchase price \$85,000.

Property on Luckie fronted 138 on L., and was 135' deep, was of brick, and brick veneer construction - WPA remodeled it at a cost of \$85,000. (\$114,000.)

After approval was given by the Board of Regents and confirmed by the Governor for the purchase of the new Ivy Street Building, the Bolling Jones Corporation had to be liquidated. Dr. Sparks was made president

The space occupied by the offices is 7,500 sq. ft. on each of five floors,; space for other uses 22,500 sq. ft. on each of the five floors, plus more than 30,000 sq. ft. on the ground floor.

Income from the tenants was approximately \$45,000. The purchase of the Ivy St. Garage property brought about the problem of operation. The Regents decided to draw a resolution authorizing Director Sparks, as president of the corporation, to have charge of operation of the garage, the handling of leases, termination of rentals, employment of needed personnel to carry on the undertaking, and all things

Along with the problem of running the garage ( cars) and liquidating the B.J. Corporation was the problem of procuring almost unobtainable materials for partitioning the 25,000 sq.ft. area on each floor into classrooms and other usable space.

This was the time of high priority going to construction for government use only. Educational institutions came on the list. Personnel was employed and the trek began. Surplus materials were procured from the Bell Bomber plant here near Atlanta 4 x 8's which were split into 2 x 4's for the uprights between which partitions of plyboard and beaverboard were placed. Only two doors procured matched. But two floors were ready for use in April 1946. Somehow the record enrollment of more than 3000 was accommodated that quarter. During early '47 the next two floors were put in order, as well as space remodeled for state government agencies taking over offices occupied by tenants whose leases were expiring. By late 1947 all but the sixth floor was put into use, the tenants having a lease for several more years. This made a total of 64 classrooms, eight laboratories, a clinic, cafeteria, student assembly and lounge rooms, a refectory, snack shop, and a temporary gymnasium or recreation room, as well as spacious lobbies and rampways.

In 1947 came the Mead Bill and a building was procured from the Community Facilities to be used as a gymnasium auditorium. It is now equipped with \$12,0000 worth of stage equipment, and a maple floor of 7,700 sq. ft. which cost \$12,000. This project cost C.F. and the cost to the school for grading, etc. was.

In prospect now is a new 10 story office building on a site just procured from the city of Atlanta., to be used as a new library and classroom building. Present building to be rented out.

Costs Involved in Adapting Garage to  
Use as College Building

Actual alterations, begun October 15, 1945 and completed converted 172,000 square feet of concrete expanse on ten levels of the building, connected by rampways, into 64 classrooms, eight laboratories, a temporary assembly room, recreation room and temporary gymnasium, clinic, library housing 25,000 volumes with seating space for 200 students, director's suite, school and registrar's office, bookstore and treasurer's office, deans' offices, faculty and student organization offices, cafeteria and a snack shop, faculty lounge, students' lounges and rest-rooms, barber shop, lobby and corridors on each floor.

costing \$155,437.20

These alterations, consisting of partitions made of plyboard and wallboard obtained from the Firestone war plant where wings for PB4Y planes were made, fluorescent lights from the same source, 2 x 4's and 4 x 8's from the Bell Bomber Plant, doors, only two of which matched, from \_\_\_\_\_, nails from \_\_\_\_\_, an air conditioning and heating system, \_\_\_\_\_ glass blackboards from \_\_\_\_\_, rolls of rubber matting to cover concrete floored corridors from \_\_\_\_\_, acoustical material in the form of tiles from \_\_\_\_\_ for the ceilings

The Atlanta Division of the University of Georgia, known prior to September, 1947, as the University System of Georgia Center, has expanded its plant and facilities, in a little more than two years' time, from a three-story building occupying a lot 138' x 135', which in 1938 cost the State of Georgia only \$80,000., to a four-acre tract of business property, two blocks east of the downtown office building and financial center, valued at \$2,500,000. Two buildings at the present time occupy part of the area of this land, the rest being occupied by a parking lot and a building/which is on a newly acquired site for the proposed new library building.