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Construction of two new buildings of modern functional design on the campus of Centenary Junior College in Hackettstown, New Jersey, was started on Tuesday, June 29th, when the ground was officially broken for the William H. and May D. Taylor Memorial Library and the Reeves Recreation Building.

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The \$ 312,000 library will be dedicated to the memory of William H. and May D. Taylor, of Yonkers, New York, and Gloucester, Massachusetts, who were students in the college when it was coeducational. The Surdna Foundation of Yonkers, with which Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were long connected, gave the largest gift for the construction of this building honoring these two friends of the college and the foundation.

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The \$ 257,000 recreation building is named after John M. Reeves of Summit, New Jersey, a trustee, who made a generous contribution for the construction of this building. Mr. Reeves has been a member of the board of trustees of Centenary for the past 7 years.

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The library will have a circulation lobby and reference area, a reading room and two stack levels, a music listening room and cubicles, Centenarian-Conference room, seminar and library instruction classrooms, a student lounge, a periodical-recreational reading area, offices for librarian and assistant, and a large work room. There will be a faculty-staff reading lounge, storage room, and the Cummins Museum, named after Annie Blair Titman Cummins, of Belvidere, who

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3 The recreation building will have an auditorium which will accomodate 1,500 persons. It will be used for dances and large assemblies, such as Commencement. A small stage will be used for dance orchestras and can be used for informal student shows. The auditorium will also be marked as a regulation size basketball court, and there will be built-in bleachers. A shuffleboard court, facilities for badminton, and ping pong tables will be part of the equipment.

Mr. John L. Hesse, recently appointed recreational and social director, will have his office in the building. ~~There will be a fully equipped kitchenkitchen with an electric stove and refrigerator~~

6 The downstairs level will include several good-sized rooms for the societies at Century. A large open fireplace in one of the spacious rooms will be several rooms for effect, but for main hallway & will be located adjoining the main hall will be a fully equipped kitchen with electric stove & refrigerator.

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This building will have a fully equipped kitchen with electric stove and refrigerator. A large, open fireplace can be used for indoor wiener roasts. The recreation director, Mr. John Hesse, will have his office in the building. The downstairs level will include three good-sized rooms for the sororities.

Both buildings were designed by Jan Hird Pokorny, architect of New York City. They have been planned for a harmonious transition of building styles from the front to the back campus. The library, while modern in treatment, has the basic rectangular outlines of Trevorror Hall and Lotte and Van Winkle Dormitories. The recreation building with its ten-sided central sections, presents in a modern version the same structural feature as the tower on Main Hall. Buff brick walls will further bring these buildings into unity with the west campus group. The two structures will be located across First Avenue, the library opposite Trevorror Hall and the Recreation building opposite Van Winkle.

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~~Mr. Fred Brotherton~~ Mr. Fred Brotherton from Hackensack, New Jersey, is the contractor who has ~~at the completion of these two buildings~~ constructed the last five buildings on the Centenary Campus.

4 The Fred J. Brotherton Company, Inc. is located at Hackensack, New Jersey, is the contractor. If the other two buildings are completed it will bring the total number to 12, + the

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Dr. Edward W. Seay, president of Centenary Junior College in Hackettstown, New Jersey, announces the construction of two new buildings of modern functional design on the campus of the College.

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The library and recreation building are much needed additions to the campus of Centenary for the enrollment at the institution has increased from a student body of 159 in 1943 to one of 443 this fall. The buildings are to be completed before graduation time next year.

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Mr. J. Gordon Eaker
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Dear Mr. Odell:

The following is a list of a few library journals which might be interested in carrying a short article on the construction beginning of the Taylor Library.

The Library Journal
R. R. Bowker Co.,
62 West 45th Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Might be included in "Buildings and
Equipment." or in "The News".
Attention: Helen E. Wessells, Editor

Dr. Maurice F. Tauber, Editor
College and Research Libraries
School of Library Science
Columbia University
New York 27, N. Y.

Might be included in "News from the
Field."

Wilson Library Bulletin
The H. W. Wilson Company
950-952 University Avenue
New York 52, N. Y.

Attention: Marie D. Loizeaux, Editor

These three are the most likely ones in which this notice could be published.

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