

# Science Building, Library Addition, Await New And Old

Newly arriving students to Florence State College for the opening of the fall term are finding the familiar stacks of bricks and other construction materials gone and the campus regaining some of its settled, permanent look.

Construction has been completed on the \$1 million Science Building and the \$500,000 addition to Collier Library, and landscaping is well along around the two structures. Northington, Smith and Kranert of Florence were architects for both buildings.

The Science Building will house laboratories, classrooms and faculty offices for all the natural science departments and the mathematics department. The home economics department will have all-new quarters on the building's ground floor as well, and the latest in home equipment has been installed for the department's use.

This four-story building cost \$3/4 million to erect, and furnishings and equipment have pushed the final cost to approximately the \$1 million mark. Such orders as 150 new microscopes add up quickly.

Perusini Construction Co. of Birmingham was general contractor for the building.

Much valuable equipment and collections of scientific materials have been moved to the new building from the old, cramped laboratories in Bibb Graves Hall. Summer school students had scarcely left the campus before crews were at work packing and moving delicate glass apparatus, preserved biological specimens, and chemicals.

The library is the academic heart of any college campus. This is where the real work of learning takes place. Physically the task will be much more comfortable for Florence State students this fall. Not only is the building twice as large, but the old portion is being completely renovated, and returning students will find the entire building brilliantly lighted and completely air conditioned.

J. M. Massey Jr. Construction Co. of Florence has completed work on the addition, and now is reworking the interior of the old structure, Clyde Jeffers, superintendent of the job, said. New equipment and what seems like miles of new shelves are being installed.

Dr. A. F. Kuhlman, director of Joint University Libraries for Peabody College, Scarritt College, and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, was consultant in planning the library addition.

Later in the year, after school is well underway, the college will hold open house to show off these two sparkling additions to the campus.