



Large audience attends groundbreaking and thanksgiving service for new gym.

## Ground Officially Broken for New Gymnasium

Facility Will Round Out,  
Complete Basic Campus;  
Source of Gift Revealed

"Today we combine groundbreaking with thanksgiving—something of a new beginning, with grateful reflection upon a rich heritage."

So proclaimed Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President of the College, before the official groundbreaking for the new gymnasium-physical education center.

H. D. White, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided over the brief groundbreaking ceremony, held near the building site of the new gym on Union Street extension on Sunday, September 10.

The ceremony was called by Whitaker a "truly historic" event. "It signals the beginning of the last major facility envisioned in the long range Master Plan of the college. When finished, it will round out and complete our basic campus," he said.

The new gymnasium-physical education center, to cost \$2,150,000, will

house three full-size basketball courts, two classrooms, a weight room, a mini-gym, three courts for handball and paddle tennis, steam-bath, sauna, therapy room, laundry room, and an Olympic size swimming pool.

So far, the school has received over \$1,338,000 towards the new facility. Now, according to Whitaker, "We have the challenge before us of completing our task we have begun," he told those attending the groundbreaking.

The college needs another \$811,000 to complete the facility. The "Accomplishing Our Mission" campaign is continuing to completely underwrite the cost of the facility.

### Source Revealed

During the groundbreaking and thanksgiving ceremony, the source of the \$200,000 challenge gift to the college's building drive was revealed.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Texie Camp Marks of Boykins, Va., honorary chairman, "Accomplishing Our Mission," on behalf of the Directors of the Ruth Camp Campbell Charitable Trust. She said the money, which was promised to the college after it collected \$1.25 million toward the gym, will come from the Ruth

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### Official Beginning for New Gym

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Signaling the official beginning of construction of the new gymnasium-physical education center by turning the first shovels of earth are, left to right, Edgar Parker, President of the Alumni Association; E. L. Hollowell, Chairman of "Accomplishing Our Mission"; H. D. White, Chairman of the

Board of Trustees; Hon. W. W. Hill, Murfreesboro mayor; Mrs. Dorothy H. Brown, Board of Advisors; Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President of the College; and Mrs. Texie Camp Marks, Honorary Chairman, "Accomplishing Our Mission".