

# New Dining Hall Modern Throughout

## FACILITIES FOR PREPARATION AND STORAGE OF FOODS MEET HIGH STANDARDS



### First Dining Hall Opened In 1900

On the morning of November 22 Mrs. R. L. Moore went down to the old Oscar E. Sams Dining Room, as had been her custom for the past twenty-seven years, to find the last of the equipment being removed. Returning to her office with a feeling of sadness, she began recalling her experiences with the dining rooms at Mars Hill College since the first one was opened in 1900.

In the fall of 1900 the first dining room was opened at the college in the old Spilman Dormitory, which stood between Treat and the Marshall highway. This dining room was for girls only, with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodall in charge. The boys at this time were eating in private homes or in clubs. Dr. and Mrs. Moore moved into this building at Christmas in 1901. After the Treat Annex was added to old Spilman in 1906, a new dining room was opened for girls in this building, which is now known as Treat. When the Treat Dormitory for boys (now the front part of Spilman) was built in 1907, a dining room for boys was added in the rear. A dietitian was provided for each of these buildings, with Mrs. Moore as buyer.

In 1918 a dining room for men and women was opened on the first floor of the Riddle Store (now the B.S.U. Building), which had been acquired by the college, and a kitchen added at the rear. This dining room was used until 1921, when the dining room in Spilman was opened, with Mrs. Laura Shaw in charge as dietitian. With the annex and the enlargement of the kitchen and storage rooms, this dining room was used by the students and the faculty until the present building was opened last week.

The new Coyte Bridges Dining Hall, which was formally opened on Thanksgiving Day, contains besides the spacious dining room the most up-to-date equipment for storing, preparing, and serving food.

The main dining room, 150 feet long and 55 feet wide, with a large mezzanine floor, will seat more than 1,000 persons. The two small dining rooms adjacent are each 35 feet by 20 feet. The walls of the large dining room are attractively decorated in two-tone green. The ceilings are of acoustical plaster and board; the floors are of asphalt tile; and the lights and heating units are built in, thus affording quiet and comfortable surroundings.

The area for serving food has tile floors, with the lower walls of buff tile and the upper walls painted rose beige. The area contains coffee and tea urns, automatic toasters, dish cabinets, and two serving counters specially fabricated of stainless steel. These counters, at which eight persons a minute can be served, are equipped with steam tables and refrigerated units to keep food in perfect condition.

The kitchen, which is 50 feet by 50 feet, is well lighted by large windows and built-in lights and has tile floors and lower walls. It has, besides the main cooking area, one side for preparing and cooking pastries and for salad preparation. Each area is equipped with a refrigerator and with stainless steel sinks and tables. All stoves and ovens are heated by electricity and the kettles by steam.

On the first floor, which is connected with the upper floor by an elevator and stairs, are the storage and meat preparation rooms, the refrigeration unit, including an ice-making machine, dish-washing space, office, and washrooms for employes. The refrigerating unit contains four rooms of varying temperatures and one deep-freeze room.

Pictures — Upper: View of the new Coyte Bridges Dining Hall and Student Center. Lower: Main Dining Room from Mezzanine Floor.

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