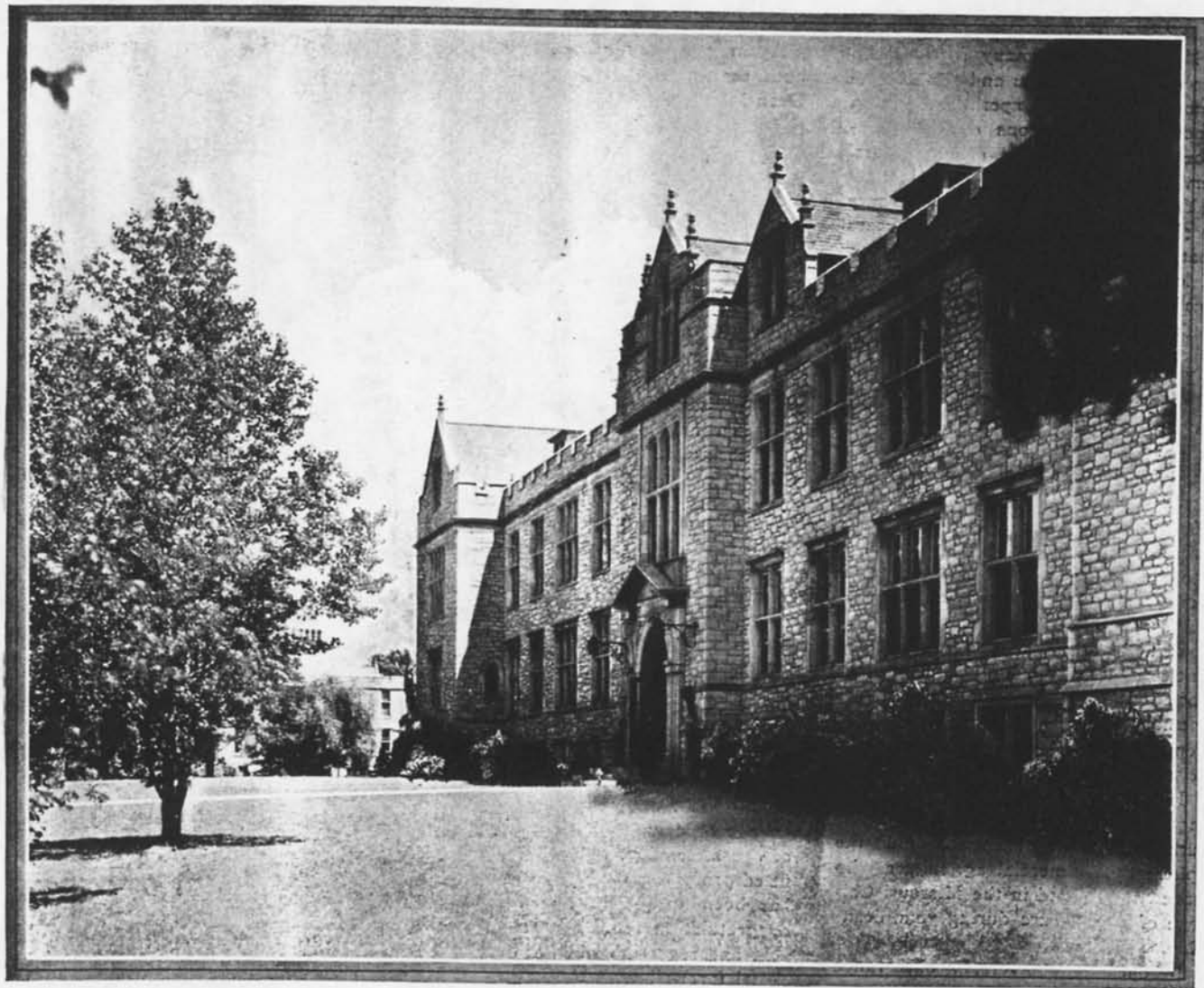


A MONUMENT TO 43 YEARS' SERVICE TO AGRICULTURE



Front view of Mumford Hall on the University White Campus. After its construction in 1923 it became the administrative building of the College of Agriculture, and was named for Dean F. B. Mumford by the Board of Curators in 1930. Mumford Hall is the third building of the University named for a Dean of the College of Agriculture. Today it serves as the center of an agricultural education for students from eighteen states and three foreign nations.

by Harry Barger

The finest structure on the White Campus was named for Dean F. B. Mumford in order that it may stand as a monument for that service to agriculture that has brought fame to him and to the University of Missouri. After 35 years of diligent service, Dean Mumford was honored by the Board of Curators on March 18, 1930, when they named the new west Agricultural Building, Mumford Hall.

Mumford Hall was completed and first occupied on November 1, 1923. The contract of its construction was let April 10, 1922, to Collins Brothers

of Kansas City, and the actual work began immediately after that date.

It is built of native Missouri limestone trimmed with Bedford (Indiana) stone. The architecture of the building is modified tudor in harmony with all of the buildings on the White Campus. The total cost of construction was about \$200,000.

The structure was four floors, including a total floor space of nearly one acre. The building is occupied by the offices of the Dean and Director, by classrooms and laboratories of the

departments of soils, agricultural economics, rural sociology and animal husbandry; by the Agricultural Library, the experiment station mailing rooms, and the offices of the agricultural editor, The College Farmer and the University Photographer.

And so that the name of Mumford, which is familiar to our present generation of Missourians for the development of agriculture in this state, might be remembered throughout posterity, the Board of Curators moved to perpetuate it by naming Mumford Hall for our present Dean of Agriculture.