

Summary. Estimates indicate that about 75,000 square feet of floor space are needed in an industrial research building. The cost of such a building, excluding equipment, is estimated at \$300,000. Preliminary studies and sketches are now under way and it is hoped that more definite information and plans will be available within a few weeks.

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4. COMPLETION OF DYCHE MUSEUM

The completion of Dyche Museum at the earliest possible date is highly desirable from the point of view both of the public and the teaching departments. The building has been closed and the exhibits have been stored since the state authorities closed the building on December 1, 1932, as a safety measure on account of structural defects.

New reinforced floors were constructed and steel supporting beams were installed in 1933 by virtue of a legislative appropriation of \$25,000 and a PWA grant of \$10,000. The legislature of 1937 appropriated \$55,000 with which to complete the work, the expectation being that a PWA grant of about \$45,000 would supplement the appropriation. By the time the appropriation became available all PWA funds had been encumbered, so while the application for a grant was approved there were no funds to meet it. After months of delay in anticipation of funds being forthcoming, a contract was finally awarded by the State Business Manager for as much of the completion as the appropriation permitted. As the contract was nearing completion word was received that PWA funds were available for the project. The fact that part of the reconstruction was already under way through state funds alone seemed to bar the project from consideration on a PWA basis, but the earlier application was renewed immediately with the hope that approval might possibly come from Washington. To date, no favorable word has been received, and hope for any Federal assistance is slight.

The estimated cost of completing the reconstruction is \$35,000. This includes finishing the top floor and part of the basement, installation of some display case glass, construction of cases on the top floor and in part of the basement, and installation of all lighting fixtures, most of which are relatively expensive.