

Planned College



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Back in 1919 in a room in the Hotel Ohio, Leonard Skeggs, then considering acceptance of the office of educational secretary from the Youngstown Y. M. C. A. made the plans for what is now Youngstown College. Skeggs left this week, on leave, of absence, to take up relief duties in the hurricane stricken area at San Juan, Porto Rico.

Skeggs came here from Texas, accepted the post under Lester Hayworth, with Freda Flint, now college publicity director as his first secretary. Educational classes were then held in the Central "Y" building. In 1922 the Bonnell property on Rayen Ave. next to the public library was leased and a trade school built.

In 1923 Skeggs became general secretary of the "Y", and in 1925 put over the purchase of the J. C. Wick property on the present college site. The Henry Wick property adjoining was leased in 1927 for college purposes after the Hall's Business College had been bought and moved into the original purchase.