

College Awards Contract; Library Expansion Begun

A contract for approximately \$455,000 for an addition to the Collier Library at Florence State College was awarded to the J. M. Massey, Jr. Construction Company, Florence, by the State Building Commission recently.

When completed the library facilities at the college will be practically doubled.

The contract calls for new construction of reinforced concrete and brick approximating 38,380 square feet. It also calls for considerable renovation of the existing library and the air conditioning of both the old library and the new addition.

The present library has holdings in excess of 60,000 volumes and has been crowded both in stack space for housing books and in reading and work space for students. The new addition will relieve this crowded condition and provide facilities for the growth of the college.

The existing structure has no carrels for the use of graduate students and faculty members for study and research. A limited number of these will be provided in the new structure.

Florence State President E. B. Norton said, "It is thought that this improvement in the Collier Library will result in Florence State's having one of the best libraries for colleges of its size and type in the Southern States."

In order to provide the best planning for the utilization of the new building and for the library services that will be conducted therein, Dr. A. F. Kuhlman, Director of Joint University Libraries for Peabody College, Scarritt College, and Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, was used as a consultant. He conferred with the college administration, the architects, the library staff, and the entire faculty in providing recommendations and guiding suggestions for greatly improving the college library services and facilities.

"The contractor was authorized to begin work on August 9 and the job must be completed within 300 calendar days from that time," Dr. Norton said.

Northington, Smith, and Kranert of Florence are the architects.



NOTICE

An organizational meeting of the Flor-Ala staff will be held this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Flor-Ala office in the Morrison Avenue House. If you are interested in helping us, please come and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

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Math Fraternity Announces Plans

At a recent meeting of The Alabama Beta Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon, the mathematics honor fraternity on campus, plans for the coming year were announced. The group elected Lynn Gamble reporter and a refreshment committee consisting of Ronald Hall, Martha Kimbrell, and Lynn Gamble was also named.

It was decided by the organization to have a coffee hour on Homecoming Day. As has been the custom for the past few years, the alumni of the group will receive invitations to attend.

It was announced that the mathematics department will sponsor a series of convocation programs on October 30 and 31. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. B. W. Jones, professor of mathematics at the University of Colorado. More information about the programs will be available at a later date.

Officers of the organization are Don Childers, president; Bonnie Sturges, secretary-treasurer; James Weatherbee, vice-president.