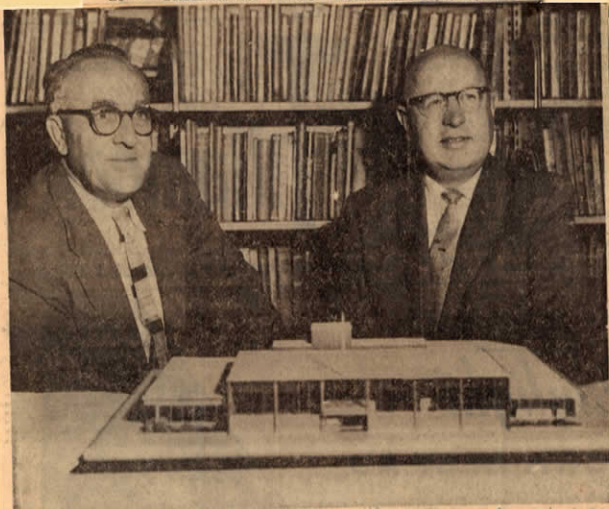


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NEW LIBRARY—This model of the new Yakima Valley Regional Library building will be shown at the library booth in the hobby building at the Central Washington Fair. Inspecting

the model are George Martin (left), chairman of the building committee, and Milton Martin, chairman of the Regional Library Board. Bids for construction were called yesterday.

Library Plans Approved

The Yakima Valley Regional Library staff is studying furniture and office equipment needs and considering colors now that plans have been made for letting bids on the new building to be located on the old site at N. Third and E. A Sts.

Mrs. Helen Gilbert, regional librarian, said that much of the equipment will be built-in under the construction contract, expected to approximate \$800,000. Furniture and office equipment will be a far cry from that used in the now-raised Carnegie building.

Plans Approved

The board of trustees yesterday announced approval of the new building plans drawn up by John Villevik, whose firm designed the structure and will supervise construction. Bids will be opened at 3 p.m. Oct. 22, said Villevik.

Mrs. Gilbert said that she and her staff were well pleased with the building plans. She described the plans as calling for "modern but not too modern" architecture.

Colors, said Mrs. Gilbert, are going to be chosen to please the public eye. Decisions on such items as color, furniture and office machines will be made after a study of other libraries and of equipment manufacturers' catalogs.

The anticipated building cost, Villevik said, is higher than the

earlier estimate of \$741,000. This he attributed to the addition of built-in furnishings and a boiler in place of city steam service.

He said the changes would result in long-run savings to the library. He suggested several alternates to save up to \$25,000 annually. The largest would be the use of city steam. Another would be a delay in finishing the auditorium until funds were available later.

Under conditions of the bid call, construction must be completed 13½ months after the contract is awarded.

One-Story Building

Discussing the building layout, Villevik explained that it will be a one-story structure, with basement and mezzanine levels. There will be work space, public rest rooms, auditorium, staffroom and stackroom for the bookmobile service in the basement. The first floor will contain books, reading-rooms, the lobby, checkout desk and work and office space. Addition books, rental typewriters and study alcoves will be on the mezzanine level.

A single system of ducts will serve air conditioning and heating needs.

The exterior of the building will be a flat-slab concrete construction, with pre-stressed beams for the roof supports. Wide use of

window space will give full lighting for daytime callers at the building. The glass will be of the heat resistant type.

A model of the new building, with sketches, is on display in the hobby building at the Central Washington Fair.

The Library Board approved expenditure of \$141 for a heating system in the temporary quarters in North First St.; payment of \$2,100 for demolition of the old building and \$1,215 miscellaneous building bills; transfer of some funds from the film rental fund to the record purchase fund, and was told that Miss M. Josephine Moore, branch supervisor, had been named a member of the American Library Assn.