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Library Move, Demolition Preparations In Progress

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Demolition of the Yakima Carnegie Library Building is expected to commence soon after bids are opened July 15. The present structure will be removed to make room for a new Yakima Valley Regional Library headquarters building at N. Second and East A Sts.

The date for opening demolition bids was set yesterday by the Yakima City and Rural County Library Boards.

The library operation and offices will move into the Nashem Furniture Warehouse building for the period of construction. Mrs. Helen Gilbert, regional librarian, said books will be packed for the move, starting June 10. The moving date will be announced later.

Saturday Closing Change

Saturday closure of the library at 6 p.m., commencing with the move to temporary quarters, was authorized.

The boards also awarded to the Yakima Transfer and Storage Co. the job of moving the library to its temporary quarters.

The transfer company estimated that the job would cost \$1,272.50, but based its bid on hourly rates rather than a fixed price.

The boards awarded a contract for electrical work at the tempor-

ary quarters to the Tennent Electric Co. of Yakima. It bid \$576 to install fluorescent lighting.

Cost Estimated

George Martin, chairman of the building committee, reported that architect John Villevik had obtained a cost estimate of \$741,660.67 for the new building, based on the present tentative plans. Martin said the architect is working to reduce this cost.

The boards requested an engineer's study on the relative merits of a heating plant or the city steam system operated by the Pacific Power and Light Co. An independent system would be about \$23,000 more expensive to install, Martin said, but operating savings would make up the difference.

They authorized the building committee to decide which heating system should be installed.

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