

Contract is Awarded for Library Building

Chowan Board of Trustees Accepts Bid Entered by Dickerson, Inc., Contractors



FOUNDATION GIFT TO CHOWAN — Mrs. Lillian Morris, representing the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, presented Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, President of Chowan College, a check representing the Foundation's \$1,000.00 unrestricted grant to Chowan. She is manager of Roanoke-Rapids' Sears-Roebuck Company store.

Chowan College's Board of Trustees, meeting on campus in semi-annual session on Monday, February 13th, accepted the bid of Dickerson, Inc., construction engineers of Monroe, and contracted this firm to build the new library-fine arts facility.

Bids for this construction were opened on campus February 9 and brought to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees that evening. Dickerson was among five North Carolina companies submitting bids. When completed, the library-fine arts facility at Chowan, which will shelve 100,000 volumes, seat more than 400 students and faculty in several reading areas, and contain space and equipment for music, drama and expansion of the college's fine arts program, will cost \$800,000.00, equipped.

Dickerson's low base bid was \$708,485.00, with the college accepting an alternate of \$20,900.00, and acceptance of this bid, which was the lowest submitted, by the college's Board of Trustees, means that the initial and basic construction cost to Chowan College will be \$687,585.00.

During the Fall, the college entered into a Development Campaign to raise necessary funds for this building and other necessary expansion of campus facilities by 1973, the year Chowan observes its 125th anniversary. The first phase of this campaign exceeded its \$500,000.00 goal by December 16, 1966, with \$538,387.00 pledged mainly by members of the Chowan College Family division. The second phase, with a goal of \$150,000.00, is now in progress and the third phase, also with a goal of \$150,000.00, will follow.

Wives and husbands of trustees accompanied Board of Trustees members. They were special guests of the college at a reception in the historic Columns Building, tours of

Murfreesboro and the campus, and also for a special luncheon in the President's Room of the college cafeteria.

Presiding was Don G. Matthews, Jr., First District Highway Commissioner from Hamilton, who was elected Chairman during the meeting.

New Trustees

New trustees, starting a term of service with the meeting were, Ollie M. Brown, Ahoskie; Mrs. Lois A. Daniel, Wake Forest; J. E. Ferebee, Camden; Rev. Bennie Pledger, Colerain; Frank S. Pittman, Scotland Neck; Charles L. Revelle, Sr., Murfreesboro; Charles Lee Smith, Jr., Raleigh. The Reverend Thomas Caulkins of Goldsboro began a term, joining the college's Board of Trustees to complete an unexpired term of the Reverend Billy Mobley of Jacksonville, who resigned in order to accept another position with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

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