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informed us that the construction project of the Greenville Public Library had met with the approval of the Rhode Island Department of State Library Services and the United States Office of Education," and she added that "some further papers are necessary before the first payment can be made." This proved to be the case, among them a document to be signed by all parties concerned, in which the contractor agreed to the stipulation that "All wages must be computed according to the United States Labor Department determination of wage rates."

After several sessions in which the Architect and Building Committee gave a final check-up to the blueprints and specifications to make sure that all was in order, the Architect, Mr. Irving Hayness of Johnson and Haynes, Pawtucket, issued a call for construction bids due on July 23rd.

Five construction companies replied: the H. M. Soule Company, the Rowley Construction Company, Dimco Construction Company, O. Ahlborg & Sons, Inc., and Frank N. Gustafson & Sons, Inc. Of these the first three were within a few hundred dollars of each other. The other two were much higher.

By vote of the Building Committee, the contract was awarded to the lowest of the three low bidders - the H. M. Soule Company of Pawtucket. The contract was signed by the President of the Greenville Library Association and the Chairman of the Building Committee, on August 4, 1965, and the Library's copy has been deposited by the Treasurer in the Library's safe deposit box at Citizens Savings Bank. As always, in work of this sort, some adjustments have had to be made as unforeseen problems arise. The specifications have now been approved by the Smithfield Building Inspector, with the exception of a heavier plywood than the original specifications stipulated and this added something to our costs. As the matter now stands, the costs for construction, lavacrete blocks, plumbing, electricity, painting, heating, booklift, and aluminum windows and screens come to \$81,000. The exact cost of the heating apparatus has not yet been determined but it is stipulated in the contract that the figure shall not exceed \$7,800. It may be, therefore, that