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the sake of the record, to give some account of the Building Committee and its activities. As famed two and a half years ago, it comprised only three members - Mr. Mlingworth, Mrs. Moore, and Miss Stillwell - with Mr. Moore, *ex officio*. As work progressed and problems became complex, the committee was enlarged by the appointment of Mr. Straight, Mr. Baxter, and Mrs. Lockwood. When the problems moved onto actual functional details, the librarian, Mrs. Dexter, was appointed to membership and also Miss Connor, Librarian of the newly erected Smithfield High School. Early this year, at Miss Stillwell's request, the rather arduous work of the committee was divided - Miss Stillwell remaining in charge of remedial work in finishing off the construction of the new wing and integrating it with the main building; and Mrs. Lockwood, with the same supporting committee, becoming chairman of a newly formed Furnishing Committee. Meanwhile, Mr. Moore ordered the book cases which were specified by the several committees for the main rooms of the addition. Thus our project approaches its conclusion.

Its financing is a long story, but I will try to record it briefly. Mr. Mlingworth - with Mrs. Moore in charge of the publicity essential to the job - agreed to head up a drive for contributions from local business and professional men. The area for this was purposely confined to the Greenville - Spragueville region, so as not in any way to intrude on the territory of the libraries elsewhere in the Town. Miss Stillwell agreed to solicit those of her friends who had contributed toward the original building, and, as chairman, had the responsibility of securing a governmental grant of \$44,300.00 on a 50-50 basis, a standby commitment from the bank, required as a guarantee in securing such a grant, and from the Town a tentatively suggested payment of \$5,000 over a period of two years which the Town Council agreed to and carried over a commitment for the third year. Two of the payments of \$5,000 were received from the Town in 1964 and 1965, respectively. The third installment voted for payment in 1966 and due for receipt in July, has been earmarked for the use of the Furnishing Committee. No fourth year was promised. Because of the time lag in receipts from the Town and the possibility of unforeseen costs, the bank commitment has been recently renewed.