



Architect's rendering of the new children's wing for the library.

When auction ends, construction begins

The end of this year's auction will be the beginning of construction on the children's wing addition to the building that has housed the library since 1985. A brief groundbreaking ceremony will be held Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Senate construction will begin work the Monday following the auction.

The present children's area — a converted 24 by 30 classroom — affords roughly the same space as the children's library had when it opened in 1945. The addition will be 50 by 24 on two stories, the upper story divided into thirds so that story hour can be conducted at the same time other children can be reading or browsing the Internet. Most of the existing children's room will be included, providing more than twice the present space. The lower level will be used for storage.

The new wing is made possible by a highly successful fund raising campaign that was chaired by Dr. Wallace Stettler, retired president of Wyoming Seminary, who now lives at Newberry Estate. The campaign began in March 1996 and holds total pledges and state grants of more than \$800,000; enough to build the addition and leave an endowment fund for maintenance and future equipment needs.

Next year's auction will have a different look, because the wing will

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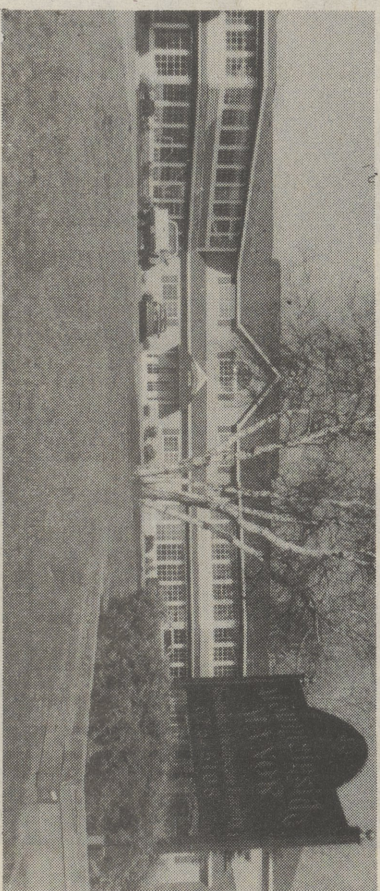
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New Goods

Committee chairman, Peggy Harvey and new recruits, Barbara Kohler and Diane Adams have been working since the beginning of the year to bring a vast selection of new goods to bid for. Maybe a new children's playhouse complete with deck is the perfect gift for your child's birthday or a new weed whacker is becoming very necessary as the clippers just aren't cutting it anymore. New Goods just happens to have both those items and loads more. The barn busts full with decorative plates, anniversary clocks, weight benches and a zillion gift certificates from area businesses. Also, the coveted annual auction painting by Sue Hand will make its way to the block via new goods. Harvey, who was the 49th auction chairperson, is confident there is something for everyone. "We get big and small. Everything is sold, nothing is left," she said.

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