

Burnett Library Will Be Enlarged, Rehabilitated

(One of a Series).

Burnett Library on the TCU campus will undergo extensive enlargement and rehabilitation, with work to start this year, under the school's expansion program, Ben E. Keith, member of the building committee, and Dr. M. E. Sadler, school president said Friday.

Erected in 1924 as an outright gift of the late Mrs. Mary Couts Burnett, the library capacity will be increased 50 per cent under present plans. Estimated cost of the remodeling will amount to \$200,000.

Funds for this project will be provided from out of the \$3,000,000 goal recently announced by the committee as the amount remaining to be secured in order to complete the overall \$5,500,000 campaign planned in 1941, but brought to a temporary stop by the war.

Modern Book Shelves.

Re-making the interior of the present building will be extensive. At present all books are kept in a single room on single stacks. Modernization plans call for steel stacks three tiers high and with individual rooms for reserved books, periodicals and miscellaneous books.

In addition, adequate and individual space will be constructed to house three outstanding collections—a Southwest library; an assembly of Disciples of Christ volumes, published by the Christian Church, and a rare group of deluxe limited editions known as the G. H. Wooten collection. This last group, now valued at \$50,000, was given to the school in 1944

by Mrs. Wooten in memory of her late husband, Dr. Goodall H. Wooten. It contains 2,800 volumes of first editions on varied subjects.

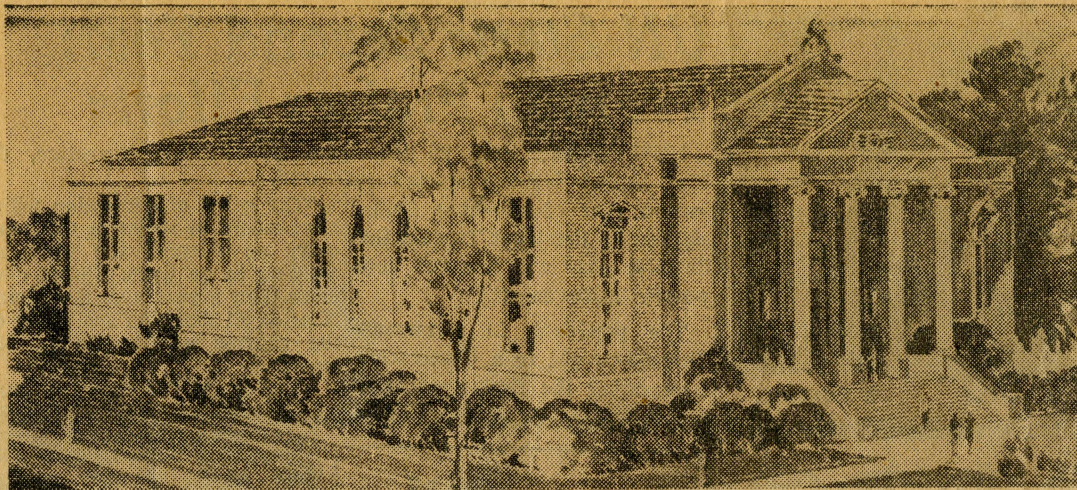
Lounge Planned.

Tentatively planned is a separate room for just looking through books, to be provided with couches and chairs, and a graduate room, where books of special interest to graduate and part-time students would be kept.

Needed is a separate office for the librarian, a small conference room and a cataloging room where new incoming books can be processed for circulation.

If feasible, a small auditorium will be incorporated, which would enable the school to hold mass instruction lectures and afford adequate space for book reviewing.

At present, Mrs. Bertie H. Mothershead, the librarian, is assisted by six full-time regular staff assistants, and 20-part-time student assistants, each of whom are in charge of separate divisions.



LIBRARY TO BE ENLARGED—Plans of the building program committee at TCU include enlargement by 50 per cent capacity of the present Burnett Library at an estimated cost of \$200,000, with make-over plans scheduled to begin sometime in 1947. An addition at the rear of the present structure will also be erected.