

College Gets \$610,000 Federal Grants

WPCC To Add 2 New Buildings

Two Funds Aid In Second Round Of Construction

Two Federal grants totalling \$610,000 have been approved for Western Piedmont Community College to go toward the construction of two new buildings for the growing campus on U. S. 64 near Interstate 40.

Approval, announced today, came as a go-ahead signal for the Burke County institution's second round of construction.

The grants came from two sources. The first for \$305,000 was approved under the Higher Education Facilities Act by the U. S. Office of Education, and the second for \$305,000 comes under the Appalachian Redevelopment Act Section 214 and was approved by the Appalachian Regional Commission of which Governor Robert W. Scott is North Carolina's member.

Approval of the double-barreled grant was made public today by Congressman James T. Broyhill and U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. Both lawmakers had followed closely the WPCC applications, and Governor Scott's administration has taken a hand in developing Appalachian act grants.

Since various Federal funds are increasingly difficult to obtain, college officials said they felt particularly fortunate in receiving the two awards for additional construction.

Total project cost for the new buildings is estimated at \$770,000, with approximately \$160,000 serving as local matching funds. Local matching funds, it was explained, are the result of carryover funds from the original construction bond issue of \$1 million for the college which passed by a vote of the people of Burke County in 1964 by a margin of 17-to-1.

Robert P. Carr, chairman of the trustees building and grounds committee, hailed the news of the two grants today with the statement: "These Federal funds will permit Western Piedmont Community College to provide additional facilities for its expanding enrollment and increasing programs. The college has already proven itself as an established, accredited institution of higher education. The need for the new buildings clearly demonstrates the rapid growth pattern the college is experiencing."



Looking Over Plans For New Buildings At WPCC

Architect Jack Copeland (standing third from left) uses a pointer to call attention to certain features in the two new buildings planned for Western Piedmont Community College. Two Federal grants totalling \$610,000 will make possible construction of two structures at a cost of approximately \$770,000. Faculty and staff representatives have been working with the trustees' building committee headed by Chairman Robert P. Carr on preparation of overall plans. Left to right, seated;

Tom O. Eller, instructor in mathematics; Miss Louise Davis, registrar; Mrs. Nancy Moore, counselor; Mrs. Theresa Burkert, librarian. Standing: Jerry Garrell, superintendent of buildings and grounds; Giles Shepherd, instructor in physics; Copeland, representing A. G. Odell Jr. and Associates of Charlotte; H. D. Moretz, acting dean of instruction; and Ronny E. Wilson, business manager. (Staff photo by Bill Hensley).