

\$15,570 in gifts to new Academy by trustees group

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WESTFORD — When the new Westford Academy building opens in September to receive its initial group of students, they will benefit from three units of equipment not provided for through local, state and federal funds.

The trustees have voted to purchase various special gifts totalling \$15,570 which, according to a official, should "cover nearly all areas of Academy student life and needs" in an important and indirect way.

Already purchased is an offset duplicator set, complete with plate making equipment and extra inking units which together forms a miniature printing plant. Costing \$4,600, this will be used in the school publications unit for processing information, notices and various types of forms and publications.

THE SECOND PIECE of equipment is a magnetic card reader to be used in the mathematics data processing center. The price tag on this is \$7,975.

The school records department will benefit from the use of a micro-film printer and reader, priced at \$2,995.

According to Treasurer Alan W. Bell, the money needed to purchase this equipment has been set aside over a period of three years in anticipation of the opening of the new school complex on Patten Road. When the Academy building on Depot Street was erected in 1956, much special equipment was purchased by the trustees for science laboratories. Taking the money from the general funds, Bell explained, means that the trustees' yearly scholarship and loan program will not be affected.

Selection of the special equipment was done with the consent of the trustees by Academy staff members and heads of departments under the direction of former Principal Carl F. Knowlton earlier in the year.

Before leaving in July for his new post as superintendent of a school district in his native New Hampshire, Knowlton wrote the trustees that they "are to be complimented for the great dedication and the number of hours spent in directing the use of funds set up to serve the students of the Academy."