Although the Commissioner of Education approved the plan for the Clinton-Essex System in August, the Treasurers of the two counties did not receive the establishment grant and other State Aid Funds till late in November. Because of this delay, the contracts between the System and the member libraries have been made effective through December 31, 1985. Signed copies are being returned to the Boards of Trustees.

The Bookmobile committee, Mrs. David Sterns and Wayne Byrne, have drawn up the plans and specifications, and the contract will be awarded as soon as prospective bidders have had an opportunity to study them. As we mentioned in last month's Newsletter, the Bookmobile will be custom built to meet the requirements of the area it will serve. For that reason, it will be three or four months, probably early spring, before the Clinton-Essex Bookmobile will be in service.

Miss Emma Walter, Director of the System, has announced that there will be a meeting of all librarians in the System on Wednesday, January 12, 1986, at 10:30 A.M., at the Headquarters in the Plattsburgh Public Library Building. At this meeting, member librarians will have an opportunity to present their questions concerning the operation of the System. Mrs. Manwell, who is in charge of purchasing and processing, will explain her department's plan of operation, and answer questions concerning it.

The November Newsletter introduced the Board of Trustees. This month, we present the Headquarters Staff.

Miss Emma M. Walter, Director.........................Emma
Mrs. Everett Manwell, Librarian.....................Margaret
Mrs. Frederick Tuttle, Typist.......................Mary Emily
Miss Laura Ingalls, Secretary.......................Laura
Mr. Arthur H. Pruniere, Custodian..................Arthur

Librarians and Trustees of member libraries are cordially invited to visit the Headquarters, meet the staff, and discuss their problems. Miss Walter will also be glad to answer questions sent her by mail.

The Trustees and Staff of the System have asked me to extend to all their colleagues in member libraries, their very best wishes for a happy and successful New Year, personally and professionally.

Very sincerely yours,

Emma M. Walter,
Director