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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Library work is never dull and this has been forcibly brought home by a number of things crossing our desks recently.

Did you happen to see the article in the Wall Street Journal concerning libraries advertising their services in order to bring in more patrons? The writer says this increased patronage is used as a lever with taxing bodies to increase library support. He questions whether or not this is ethical and are we creating an artificial demand. The article was well documented, though the author's source of material was not mentioned. Ironically, he must have obtained the material from a public library.

Have you been inundated, too, with a sheaf of reprint reviews attacking Rachel Carson's Silent Spring? I am not qualified to judge Miss Carson's treatment of the problems and perils of insecticides, however there are publications of the National Academy of Science which present the other side of the problem. You may wish to have for your patrons - Pest Control and Wildlife Relationships, Use of Chemicals in Food Production, Processing, Storage, and Distribution, or Safe Use of Pesticides in Food Production. All of this pamphlet material may be purchased from the N.A.S. After the praise which scientists heaped on Miss Carson in reviewing her other books, it seems odd that they now roundly denounce her. It would be interesting to know where the truth lies.

We are planning to change Guideposts this month into a form we hope will be more useful to you. You will receive more information about this in a short time.

Now that the new bookmobile is under way, I hope I will have time to visit your libraries. Best Wishes for 1963.

HEADQUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

The Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library is now under the direction of R. Edwin Berry, who was appointed by the Board of Trustees, October 1, 1962. Mr. Berry is a graduate of Pikeville College, Pikeville, Kentucky; received his B.S. from St. Lawrence University, and his M.S. in L.S. from the School of Library Science at Syracuse University. He served as reference librarian at Niagara Falls Public Library; as reference librarian, head of central processing and field consultant for the Watertown Regional Library; and as field consultant for the New York State Library Extension Division, where he supervised the area north of the Mohawk Valley up to the Canadian border, an area that includes the library system of which he is now director. He comes to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was supervisor of library service for Allegheny County.

Several changes and additions have been made in the Staff at Headquarters. Otis McDonald of Brushton, New York, has joined us as bookmobile librarian, and Arthur McGibbon of Westville, New York, is our new bookmobile driver-clerk. Mrs. Betty Strickland of Plattsburgh, whose voice you'll hear when you telephone Headquarters, is with us as secretary. Margaret Toomey, typist, has resigned her position as of January 1, 1963. Since we have new faces, perhaps it would be appropriate at this time to list all the personnel at Headquarters - so you will know us all and how we can help you:

R. Edwin Berry	Director
Marie Chauvin	Clerk
Ruth Day	Clerk
Sheila Denton	Typist
Warren Dyke	Page
Robert Harnden	Bookmobile Driver - Clerk
Mary Leggett	Senior Library Clerk
Jane Llewellyn	Senior Library Clerk - Bookmobile
Susan Llewellyn	Page
Otis McDonald	Senior Library Clerk - Bookmobile
Arthur McGibbon	Bookmobile Driver - Clerk
Beverly Marble	Typist
Madge Mehan	Clerk
Frank Mt. Pleasant	Page
Betty Strickland	Secretary
Mary Emily Tuttle	Principal Library Clerk
Rose Waddell	Senior Librarian !

Our brand-new bookmobile arrived in December - and was placed on display in Plattsburgh, Elizabethtown, Saranac Lake and Malone, so that residents of the three county area could see for themselves the newest improvements in bookmobile design and equipment. Mr. Berry was on hand at each of these "Open House" showings of the new mobile library in order to explain to visitors the complete bookmobile service and schedules. The new vehicle will be used in conjunction with the first bookmobile to serve patrons at 64 stops, twice each month, in Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties. New schedules, effective January 2, 1963, are being given out at each stop and are available to anyone in the three counties upon request.

Miss Emma Walter of Plattsburgh Public Library and Rose Waddell and Mary Leggett from Headquarters attended the fall meeting of the diocesan unit of the Catholic Library Association in Lake Placid, New York. The Rev. Andrew Bouwhuis, S.J., Rector of Bellarmine College, Plattsburgh, New York, spoke on book selection for children, urging the necessity for critical analysis of current books, and stressing the importance of a wide variety in subject matter and approach.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

CHAZY - Mrs. Loretta Hubbell has succeeded Mrs. Helen Labare as librarian of the Chazy Public Library. Extensive remodeling and renovation of the interior of the Chazy Library has been completed, and the library was opened to display at a tea given in December.

KEENE VALLEY = A new wing is being added to the Keene Valley Library in order to expand their present building. \$26,000 in gifts and pledges has been raised by a special gifts committee. \$10,000 has been added to this sum as a result of a current fund drive.

ROUSES POINT - Mrs. Arthur Tremblay has been appointed as librarian of the Dodge Memorial Library, Rouses Point, to replace Mrs. Alma Brothers.

SARANAC LAKE - Mr. Albert I. Evans, Jr., of Scarsdale, N.Y., has given his father's extensive collection of Adirondack lore to the Saranac Lake Public Library, thus increasing their already large holdings on area material.

TICONDEROGA - Black Watch Memorial Library, Ticonderoga, has a new librarian, Mrs. Courtney Morton, who succeeds Mrs. Robert Livingston.

TUPPER LAKE - The Tupper Lake Business and Professional Women's Club has raised \$211.70 to buy equipment for the Tupper Lake Public Library.

WESTPORT - Friends of the Westport Library Association presented \$180 to the Westport Library, the proceeds from their annual rummage sale.

ADDENDA

This is the time of year we must remind member librarians that annual reports should be in process. And if you have new board members, please send their names and complete addresses to Headquarters.

We are trying to revise and bring up to date our listing of churches, clubs, civic groups, etc.. We will certainly appreciate each member librarian sending us a list of these organizations in her community. Please send news items about your library - special displays, renovations and additions, changes in personnel or hours of opening, fund drives, book talks, meetings, etc. - to Mary Leggett, System Headquarters, before the twenty-fourth of each month, so we can include member library activities in each newsletter.

Don't forget to check our Swap Shop when you visit Headquarters. There are copies of fiction and non-fiction for you to choose from for your own library. We still have books available to you on Permanent Loan - nothing is required of you but your time in picking them out!

Packets of mailing labels have been sent to each member librarian for use when returning books to Headquarters. Let us know when your supply gets low.

Rotating collections will be sent to each member library as soon as possible. The rush of end-of-year business made us just a little later than usual. Sorry!

Winter is very much with us - but we can still think ahead and plan for Spring. Our booklist on gardening, complete with posters and a group of books from the list, might attract those of your patrons with itching green thumbs. It's yours for the asking!

