

NEWSLETTER

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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES IN SPITE OF WEATHER

Clinton-Essex-Franklin's Headquarters building continues to rise on its Plattsburgh site, in spite of inclement weather. All brick work has been completed, and the roof is now being laid. The architect, Jeremiah Oosterbaan, is predicting completion by the middle of March 1969.

Bids submitted on December 20, 1968 for the steel book shelving are now being reviewed, and notice of the successful bidder will soon be announced.

ADIRONDACK COLLECTION CATALOGING PROJECT COMPLETES FIRST YEAR

The Adirondack collection project, located in the Saranac Lake Library, has completed its first year under the able supervision of Miss Dorothy Plum. In her report to the State Library Development Division, who is financing the project with LSCA funds, Miss Plum says... "a year ago, the Adirondack collection was in chaos due to lack of funds to properly arrange and catalog this important material...". Miss Plum and her staff found the material hastily stored in a hit-or-miss fashion in a long, narrow room, the floors of which was covered with cartons and piles of unsorted materials. They sorted and took inventory of the collection, and found that the collection included the important library of Alfred L. Donaldson, who collected material for his pioneer "History of the Adirondacks". In addition to many rare books and pamphlets, notes, interviews and other manuscript materials were found to be included. The library was further enriched by the gift of the collection made by William C. Munson, containing over 5,000 items - books, pamphlets, scrapbooks, letters and pictorial materials. The smaller collection of Kenneth Goldwaite, once owner of the local Saranac Lake newspaper, has also been acquired. Important additions to this collection of Adirondackana have been made since the project started, thanks to the excellent publicity of the project in the Adirondack Enterprise. To date over 1,444 volumes have been cataloged and accessioned. Over 1,300 multilith mats for catalog cards have been typed. The multilith in Clinton-Essex-Franklin Headquarters is being used for the run-off of over 10,000 cards for this collection.

An LSCA grant request to continue this important work has been filed by the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library for 1969.

SYSTEM ACQUIRES A PHOTOCOPIER

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library is now the owner of a 3M dry photocopier which will copy letters, periodicals, books etc. This new machine will add greatly to the effectiveness of the system's Reference Service to member libraries by providing copies of material which cannot be loaned out.

NEWS OF MEMBER LIBRARIES

CHAMPLAIN

Champlain Free Library conducted a door-to-door campaign for a fund raising effort to help its new library building construction.

MALONE

New reference titles have been added to the Wead Library in Malone such as N.W. Ayer's Director of Newspapers, McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology and the Thomas Register of Manufacturers.

PLATTSBURGH

For the past several years the local branch of the AAUW has been conducting a Wednesday afternoon pre-school story hour at the Plattsburgh Public Library as one of their projects. Due to the increasing number of children attending, the library has decided to add a morning session also, which will be planned and conducted by four volunteer mothers.

SARANAC LAKE

Saranac Lake Free Library has an imposing collection of college chairs, given them through the generosity of a large number of college alumni and devoted friends. These fine looking, well-constructed chairs representing various prominent colleges in the U.S. are now gracing the main room of the new addition to the library.

TUPPER LAKE

Directors of the Tupper Lake Library have announced plans for the construction of a new room as a memorial to the late Mrs. Grace H. Simmons, who served as librarian from 1952 to 1967, when she was forced to retire due to ill health.

WADHAMS

Wadhams Free Library held its annual meeting during which Mrs. Raymond Pierce was reelected as a trustee, with Mrs. Richard McLellan chosen as trustee succeeding Mrs. Frank Boyle of Westport. Mrs. Harold Sayre was also elected as secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year, as well as being the librarian.

SYSTEM'S NEWS

Headquarters has two sets of Encyclopedias - Americana and Brittanica, both copyright 1965 - FREE - to any member of the C.E.F. System, on a first come, first served basis. Please let us know immediately!

ORDERING FROM SUFFOLK: New forms should be used when ordering from Suffolk. They will not accept any orders on the "old" form after January 1, 1969. If you need the new forms, please contact us at Headquarters for a supply.

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