July 15, 1970

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the librarians and trustees of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library will be held August 3 at 12:15 p.m. at the Royal Savage Inn in Plattsburgh. This will be a great chance for everyone to get together and meet old friends again and make some new friends with common library interests here in our three county area. It also gives us a chance for an interchange of ideas which is refreshing for everyone.

Our speaker will be Dr. George R. Marshall, a "happy resident of the Adirondacks." Dr. Marshall is a psychologist by profession and an ecologist by avocation. He has a degree in psychology from Brooklyn College and a doctorate in experimental psychology from New York University. He has taught at four different colleges, and is currently with Sir George William University in Montreal. He is also a consultant on psychological research to the Veterans' Hospital in Montreal and to the school for the handicapped in Paradox, New York. He has published articles on language, communication and behavior modifications.

Dr. Marshall plans to speak to us on the topic of world planning, which he calls "The World Game." It would appear from his label of this topic that he must have some very choice comments to make which should be v-e-r-y interesting.

We are mailing out invitations, but in case someone should slip somewhere and you don't get one, reservations should be phoned or mailed to Mary Leggett at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library by July 28. The luncheon cost is a mere $5.25 including the tip.

CITIZENSHIP MANUALS

The three volume set Becoming a Citizen is now available to libraries needing replacement or additional copies from:

Boyd Campbell, Associate
Division of Continuing Education
State Education Department
Albany, New York 12224
1971 LEGAL HOLIDAYS

Starting in 1971, four holidays will be shifted to Mondays:

- Washington's Birthday will be the 3rd Monday in February.
- Memorial Day will be the last Monday in May.
- Columbus Day will be the 2nd Monday in October.
- Veterans Day will be the 4th Monday in October.

A CHAMPLAIN VALLEY BOOK

Jellison, Charles A.
Ethan Allen: Frontier Rebel
Syracuse University Press, 1969 $9.95

Jellison has written the first biography of Ethan Allen to appear in nearly thirty years and the first scholarly one since John Pell's Ethan Allen was published in 1929.

From this book Allen emerges as a tempestuous leader, a general whose greatest weapons were words. His greatest victories were won without a shot being fired. As a commander of conventional troops attempting to capture Montreal, he failed. Best known as the patriotic captor of Ticonderoga, he later became embroiled in negotiations with the British enemy. Generally remembered as a military man, he would have preferred to have been recalled as a philosopher. Indeed, his book, Oracles of Reason is considered by philosophers to be an important, though not a great book, on philosophy.

Of special interest to readers in our area is the oft-told story of Allen's capture of Fort Ticonderoga and the detailed story of his part in the land grant disputes between Vermont and New York.

If you have readers interested in the New York - Vermont land disputes they may also be interested in reading the 1969 reprint of a book by Ira Allen (Ethan Allen's brother) called the Natural and Political History of the State of Vermont (Tuttle, 1969 $5.00).

NOTES FROM THE CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY

If you need signs for your library, let us know.

The new assistant to the director at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library headquarters is Hugh R. Starke. Mr. Starke came to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library on July 1 from the Huntington Public Library on Long Island where he served as young adult and audio-visual librarian for 5 years. He is a 1965 graduate of Pratt Institute.
Mary Leggett of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library staff wrote a history of the Plattsburg Public Library which appeared in the Spring 1970 issue of York State Tradition magazine. Dick Ward has been translating selected letters of Francois Charles de Bourlamaque. These letters, about the French on Lake Champlain in 1759, have been appearing in various issues of York State Tradition.

Since the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library has received a renewal of the $25,000 grant for film service, we have been very busy previewing and selecting titles for the film collection. The latest film list was issued in May and there has been a June supplement. Any library needing a supply of either of these lists for distribution should contact Marie Chauvin at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library.

The Saranac Lake Library is scheduling a series of children's films to be shown in the library on alternate Wednesdays from 10-12. The films are being obtained from the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library. Perhaps some other area libraries might like to try the same idea. The Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library also has many discussion provocers for young adults and adults, and travelogues, etc. for the senior citizens.

NOTES FROM LIBRARIES

AUSABLE FORKS

The AuSable Forks Library is now open daily 1-5 Monday-Saturday and Thursday evening 7-9. They have also purchased the "Annals of America," an 18 volume history set.

CHAMPLAIN

Mrs. Harold Smith is now librarian at the Champlain Memorial Library.

CHATEAUGAY

The Chateaugay Memorial Library received a donation of books and cash from the former Burke Library. The money was used to purchase additional needed shelving.

DANNEMORA

A new young adult section was begun recently with assistance from Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library books and the young adult consultant at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library.

KEENE VALLEY

The Keene Valley Library will again have its Monday night lecture series July 13 through August 24 at 8:30 p.m. Speakers include Jim Goodwin, Nina Winkel, Mabel Reid, Clinton Miller, Emily Easton, and Mrs. R. L. Frothingham. In addition, a program of John Jay's films will be presented Thursday August 6. Admission is free for all programs.
MALONE

The Wead Library has now been designated as a school district public library. As such it now has its own separate budget and board of trustees. In the past this library has been administered by the school board. Although there has been full cooperation between the Wead Library and the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System in the past, the Wead Library now will soon be eligible to become the twenty-fifth member library of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library. Dave Minnich and the board members visited the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library on July 14. The new board members are Mrs. Joshua Bregman, William Easton, Mrs. Nelson McClary, Mrs. John Dwyer, and the president, Robert Hanna.

PERU

The Peru Library has discontinued its Wednesday morning hours. Their library hours are now Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 1-5 and 7-9.

PLATTSBURGH

Lynn Cordy and Nancy Monette are the new children's librarians at the Plattsburgh Public Library. Lynn Cordy has served as elementary school librarian at Beekmantown Central School and also in Rochester, New York. Her MLS degree was earned at New York State University at Albany. Nancy Monette, we are proud to say, is an old friend come home, having formerly worked on the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library staff. She has just earned her MLS at New York State University at Albany....The Plattsburgh Public Library plans a new extension to expand the public seating area. Construction is expected to begin in spring of 1971....

Verna Pungitore is the Secretary-Treasurer of the newly formed Independent Central Libraries Association. This association consists of central libraries throughout the state, and has been formed to help them perform their dual roles as community libraries and central reference libraries.

ROUSES POINT

On August 1 Mary Ann Tremblay will resume her post as librarian following a brief leave of absence.

SARANAC LAKE

The reference department has a number of very useful reference tools including Standard and Poor's Corporation Records and a collection of telephone books from all over the USA and Canada.... The Charles Dickert Memorial Wild life Museum in the Natural History Wing of the library opened July 1. The library has also been the recipient of several nature displays, including almost 100 porcelain birds... The library has placed a large selection of books in the General Hospital for patients' use... The local Head Start program placed an art exhibit in the library during April.

SCHROON LAKE

The library is now open for the summer.
TUPPER LAKE

The Tupper Lake circulation showed an increase during 1969 to 46,280. This compares with 44,108 the previous year.

WESTPORT

Mrs. Lucile Carpenter is now the assistant librarian at the Westport Library.

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