BEST WISHES TO ALL
FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON
FROM THE CEFL STAFF

December, 1970

NOTES FROM CEFL

This year we have received 3 grants from the state. The first is a renewal of the reference grant to supply a reference librarian who would be based at Plattsburgh Public Library. This person will help to speed up the reference service supplied by CEFL as well as assist the public directly within Plattsburgh Public Library.

The second grant is the third year renewal of the $25,000 film grant. To date we have over 150 films available for circulation, plus films from New York State and the Canadian Film Library.

Our third grant is for $10,000 to buy framed art reproductions. This means that next year we will be making framed art reproductions available for circulation. We will tell you more about this later.

We are progressing well in the project of cataloging and organizing our 7000 slides for circulation. Several libraries have indicated their desire to have some. Will the other interested libraries please drop a postcard to confirm that you want a selection. They will be prepared so that circulation procedures should be quite simple. We hope to deliver them during January.
Communication, management and change were the topics discussed at a library system consultants' seminar attended by John Crager Oct. 4-7. The site was Minnowbrook, Syracuse University's beautiful lodge and conference center on Blue Mountain Lake. Staffing and programming were provided by Syracuse University in cooperation with the Library Development Division of the state.

The use of films and the importance of clear communication were stressed. There were also group discussions and demonstrations by some of those who attended. It was emphasized that words often have different meanings to different people. It was also demonstrated that other methods, such as feedback from the listener, can help insure that the intended message is conveyed.

More of this type of in-service-training is planned by the state for library personnel. These principles and the practical methods advocated should help the attending consultants to better serve member librarians and their patrons.

NEW ADIRONDACK BOOKS

The personal Adirondack world of Edna West Teall is the subject of her book Adirondack Tales, published by Adirondack Life in association with Crown Point Press, Willsboro at $20.00 in a limited edition of 1,000 copies.

This is easily one of the most beautiful Adirondack books we've had the pleasure of reviewing. Illustrated both by 40 of the artist's paintings and by 52 period woodcuts, the book shows Adirondack life as it was lived nearly 100 years ago.

Edna West Teall was born in Essex and grew up in Lewis. She was a reporter and editor for the Newark (New Jersey) Evening News for more than thirty years. A self-taught painter, her paintings have a uniquely primitive charm that harmonizes with the unaffected way in which she describes her growing up years, her family, the people she knew and life in the Adirondacks before the turn of the century.

Order direct.

The story of Louis Seymour, an Adirondack hermit and guide in the Hamilton County area is told in Harvey L. Dunham's Adirondack French Louie. Originally published in 1953, it has long been out of print and only occasionally available at $25.00. Now this Adirondack classic has been reprinted by North Country Books, Saranac Lake, N.Y. and is available at $7.95. Please order direct.

Another recent book of local interest is Water over the Dam at Mountain View in the Adirondacks by Floy S. Hyde. It tells the history of the Adirondack summer resort around Mountain View Lake about 12 miles southeast of Malone. The story of its guides, sketches of its permanent and summer residents, and the history of summer hotels are all given. Copies cost $7.00 and should be ordered directly from Mrs. Floy S. Hyde, Mountain View, N.Y.

The new book A History of Chazy by Mrs. Nell Sullivan and David Martin is now available and is being mailed out to those who ordered it before publication. Copies now cost $15.00 and may be ordered from Mrs. Sullivan in Chazy or Mr. Martin in West Chazy.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Please try to have your annual report forms back to us by Jan. 15. By now, you all should have received your forms. If you have not yet received them, please let us know right away. Also, if you need any questions answered about the forms, please do not hesitate to call Jane Llewellyn.
INTER-LIBRARY LOAN

Will member libraries who receive inter-library loan books directly from any library which is not part of the CEF system please return these books directly to the lending library. The only exception to this is books from the State University at Plattsburgh. Since these have been checked out by CEF, they should be returned to CEF headquarters to properly clear our records.

Naturally, all books received from member libraries through CEF should be returned through CEF to clear the records.

NYLA AND CCID

The New York Library Association convention saw John Crager, Jane Llewellyn, Hugh Starke, Anthony Vecchio, Rose Waddell, and Richard Ward from the CEF Library, as well as Verna Pugitore, Laura Ingalls, and Emma Walter representing Plattsburgh Public Library. One of the chief topics of debate at the convention was the CCID report, and especially the section which dealt with library service to children. You will be pleased to know that nearly every public librarian who spoke on the topic had the same feeling as you expressed in our October meeting here; namely, that it would be a tragic mistake to move children's service out of the public library to the school. One of the most potent arguments against this move is that it would divide library service to families.

The Regents have issued a position paper on the CCID report. In this paper they recommend setting up a pilot project to test the feasibility of this change.

The Regents' position paper also recommends an increase of funding for library systems and the Three R's program over the next 5 years.

NEWS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

CHAMPLAIN

The Champlain Memorial Library celebrated its first anniversary in the new building on Nov. 1. The library has been growing throughout the year, and now has better than 750 members. Many books have been donated.

CHAZY

The Friends of the Library Christmas Tea was held at the library Sunday, Dec. 13. During the afternoon, the new book A History of Chaazy by Nell Sullivan and David Martin was unveiled. This large attractive, and well-illustrated book was received with considerable praise.

ESSEX

The library received a gift stereo record player and a one year subscription to the Longines Record Club... The town and school district have also increased their support... The library received $579 from the Hobby Horse Craft Shop.

LYON MOUNTAIN

The library in Lyon Mountain is being reorganized under the direction of Mrs. James R. Ryan. She has received considerable assistance from Mrs. Haley in Dannemora and from Frank Kaufman, President of their library board. The townspeople and the school have been most cooperative, and an expansion of facilities is planned soon. Several of us from CEF have also visited there.
MALONE

The Wead Library celebrated Children's Book Week with the showing of two films: "The Baby Elephant" and "Alexander and the Car with the Missing Headlight." They were shown using the library's new 16mm projector. Attorney Paul Cantwell also showed his film of animals in the national parks of Tanzania and Kenya which he took while on a picture-taking safari last winter. The local bookstores also set up a display of children's books available at their stores.

MOOERS

The annual association membership drive was held recently... Circulation will probably be 1000 more than last year... The library has begun the circulation of records beginning with donations from RCA.

PLATTSBURGH

The library hosted 5 kindergarten classes recently. These were given a tour of the library; they were also given a tour of the CEF Bookmobile by John Crager... 16 people were present for two films "The Searching Eye" and "Search for Ulysses", shown on Wed. Dec. 9. This was a good turnout, considering that it snowed all evening. More films will be shown on 5 Wednesday nights from Jan. 27-April 28... An experimental "Reading Readiness" section consisting of some 300 titles has been set up in the children's room. These books are selected to help the beginning reader and the child with reading difficulties. Included are the "I can read" books, the Follett "Beginning to read" series, and a number of publishers' textbooks from pre-primer through third grade levels... To celebrate book week in November, PPL presented a "mini film festival" which attracted over 135 children and young adults. The overwhelming response from parents and children alike prompted children's librarians, Mrs. Cordy and Mrs. Monette, to make the Saturday film showings a monthly event. December's showing of Christmas and seasonal films was held on two successive Saturday mornings: December 12 and 19.

UPPER JAY

A summer campaign for funds netted about $700. Also several books were donated as memorials.

WADHAMS

The Wadhams library will have an open house on Sat., Jan. 16 to celebrate their newly reorganized library. The open house will be from 2-5 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

WILLSBORO

Janice Allen is now assisting Mrs. Marion Mason in the library. She has been there since last summer.