June 30, 1976 -- The State Legislature earlier today passed an amended public library aid bill which provides a 4 million dollar increase in the State aid formula. Total estimated annual increase for C-E-F Library System is $31,858. Plattsburgh Public Library will receive $7,000 more in Central Library Aid. Central Book Aid will increase by $6,000 to $40,000. All member public libraries meeting Commissioner's Regulations and which also increase their local support by at least $750 will now qualify for a 7½ per capita grant.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

This issue of the Trailblazer was delayed pending news of the library aid bill. I regret that other, equally important bills, such as the Indian libraries bill, did not pass this year, though we in NYLA worked hard for them. Special thanks to Legislative Chairman Dinah Lindauer, Sherry Carr and NYLA Executive Director Dadie Perlov.

Thanks to all of you who have helped on this bill and on the others. The Common Council of Plattsburgh, Clinton County Legislature and Essex County Board of Supervisors have all passed formal resolutions endorsing Library Aid Bill S3587C and these have been sent to the Governor. We appreciate their active support.

We must add our thanks to all the people and organizations who have helped with this library bill. Our thanks go particularly to Dr. Theodore Wenzl, President of Statewide CSEA; to Joseph McDermott, President of Albany Region IV CSEA; to Howard Cropsey, Chairman of the Political Action Committee for Albany Region IV; and to all the chapter presidents, political action chairmen and members who have come to our aid.

Our gratitude goes as well to Senator Ronald Stafford and Assemblyman Andrew Ryan and to all the Albany legislators who unanimously voted to pass our Library Aid bill.

Our own staff members, Mary Leggett of CSEA Albany Region IV Political Action Committee, and Carol Bedore, our C-E-F unit President, have had excellent support from CSEA officers and members and have had the opportunity over the past four months to talk to over forty legislators in Albany, governor's aides and budget personnel emphasizing the importance of this bill. The bill has been listed on the weekly update of bills that CSEA finds important for all members to support. Curiously enough, when Mary Leggett, Carol Bedore and I have visited Albany, the legislators and especially the budget people say, "We appreciate your coming to visit us about
library legislation. We are aware of the needs of libraries but we would also like to talk to people from other library systems." While we know that other public library systems have sent representatives, if it is that important to the lawmakers and budget people, then other library systems should consider sending someone to Albany from time to time during the legislative session.

The list of our supporters is long; if we have inadvertently left out anyone who has helped, please forgive us and accept our thanks as well. People from all walks of life: doctors, lawyers, businessmen, politicians, students and scholars, housewives and workers, do-it-yourselfers, bookmobile patrons, people of all ages and from all walks of life and all ways of living have realized the importance of libraries and are wholeheartedly working for library survival.

I also thank our Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board of Trustees for enabling me and staff members to go to Albany frequently during the past four months to work on legislation that will benefit all libraries.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

HEADQUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

A REFERENCE POTPOURRI WORKSHOP

An all-day workshop on reference was moderated by Richard Ward, System Reference Consultant, on April 26. In the morning session Wanda McDonald, Head of Government Documents at Feinberg Library, talked about these documents and their uses in libraries. She was followed by Dorothy Ransom, former Reference Librarian at Half Hollow Hills Community Library, Long Island. Dorothy discussed the buildup and use of vertical files in the library. After lunch, Richard Ward talked about solar energy, computerized literature searches and the reference approach.

ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

Betty Baldwin, Director of the Oral History Program at State University at Plattsburgh and winner of the MacMaster Prize for her study of William Gilliland, presented an all-day workshop on her specialty at Headquarters on June 14. Her expertise in Oral History was ably demonstrated as she covered every aspect of this field, from choosing a subject and person, to actual interviewing and subsequently transcribing the tape, to housing the material and the legal aspects involved in such projects.

NOTE TO MEMBER LIBRARY TRUSTEES

We would have liked more librarians to attend these important learning workshops. It is very necessary for your librarians to attend them. We plan all workshops with and for all our librarians. In addition, we hope to enable those attending our workshops to receive one-half a Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit for each five-hour workshop. We need all librarians at these workshops, to exchange views as well as to learn. We strongly urge that each Board of Trustees ask their librarian to attend. Provide a trained substitute (perhaps from our cash grant) so that your librarian is free to go. Or perhaps some of the Trustees can substitute for these few workshop times. Remember that we pay mileage expenses for your librarian. Trustees: does your Librarian attend?

Stanley A. Ransom

ANNUAL MEETING PLANNED

Our Annual Luncheon Meeting of all Trustees, Librarians and friends will take place this year at 12:00 noon at the beautiful Lake Placid Club on Monday, August 9. Join us for lunch in this lovely Adirondack setting and see and hear about the forthcoming Olympics. Dr. Robert Madden of Lake Placid and member of the Olympic Committee will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be $4.75 including tip and tax. Reservation forms will be mailed to you during July. Be sure to save August 9 so that you can come to our traditional Annual Meeting.

BICENTENNIAL BARGE DAYS

The New York State Bicentennial Barge will visit Plattsburgh July 9-11. We will be setting up our red and yellow striped C-E-F tent and show our 24 Bicentennial
films and others to attract attention to our services. A new brochure explaining, "What You Should Know About the C-E-F Library System" is in the works and should be ready for distribution upon these days.

COMING UP - COUNTY FAIRS!

The Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System will have both the gaily striped tent and one of the big red System bookmobiles on display at each of the County Fairs this year. Under the tent people will see a continuous showing of movies. The bookmobile will be ready for visitors to inspect and to sign up for door prizes to be awarded at the end of the day. We will be at the Clinton County Fair on Monday, August 2; at the Essex County Fair on Friday, August 20; and at the Franklin County Fair on Monday, August 23. During the remainder of each County Fair week, member libraries may use the System tent to publicize their own libraries. Already several libraries have evinced interest in having a day of their own - so hurry! hurry! hurry! - to sign up so that Your Library can have its day at the County Fair. Please notify John Crager at the System.

NEWS AND MORE NEWS

FRANKLIN COUNTY RESIDENT NAMED TO STATE PANEL

Mrs. Mary Pond of 31 Clay Street, Malone, has been appointed by Governor Hugh L. Carey to a 24-member commission to prepare an agenda for a meeting next April to set priorities for libraries across the state.

Mrs. Pond is the wife of Attorney Galneau R. Pond, a former president of the Malone Board of Education and member of the old Adirondack Mountain Authority.

The commission will be headed by Edwin Newman of NBC News. Other members will include actress Gwen Verdon, Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut, Education Commissioner Ewald Nyquist, Regent Emlyn I. Griffith of Rome and Marine Midland Bank President Edward J. Duffy of Buffalo and formerly of Watertown.

NALA EVENTS

Robert Newton Peck, highly acclaimed author of A Day No Pigs Would Die and many other books, was the guest speaker at a dinner at the College Center, State University at Plattsburgh on Monday evening, May 24. After Mr. Peck's highly entertaining talk, there was ample time for guests to buy autographed copies of the author's books. The dinner and talk were sponsored by the Northern Adirondack Library Association.

On Saturday, May 1, a workshop called "Tapping Our Resources" was sponsored by NALA at the Clinton Community College, Plattsburgh. This interlibrary loan cooperation workshop featured a panel discussion of such cooperation from the viewpoints of school, college and public librarians. A Dutch-treat luncheon was held at the Royal Savage Inn following the meeting.

NALA has appointed a task force to survey library resources in Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties preparatory to considering a grant application to establish a bibliographic center. Chairman is Richard Ward.

From questionnaires that were sent out as a preliminary step, the task force found that public libraries held total book collections of 301,452 volumes and 1,124 periodicals. High school libraries held 231,836 books and 2,231 periodicals. Colleges reported collection of 319,000 books, although one community college did not reply to the questionnaire. Information is still coming in on special collections in highly diversified fields.

TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

Pamela Vogan received her B.S. degree, cum laude, from St. Lawrence University in May. Pam was a geology major with honors and a fine arts major. She has been a Dean's List student. Pam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vogan of Mooers. Mr. Vogan is First Vice President of the C-E-F Board of Trustees and Mrs. Vogan is the Librarian at the Mooers Free Library. Our congratulations to Pam and to her parents!
Elaine Dwyer, a trustee of the C-E-F Board, is Committee Chairman for the Velma K. Moore Award to be given by the Library Trustees Foundation of New York State. The award is designed to honor individuals who have made notable contributions to library service throughout the State. Mrs. Dwyer of North Bangor, Julia Reinstein of Cheektowaga and Shirley Lan of Woodbury, New York, invite nominations for this award.

Peg Byrne, another of our C-E-F trustees, talked to the Garden Club of Plattsburgh on April 27 about Redford glass. She also displayed a jug from the 1828 home of Mrs. William Savage.

Edward Hoit of Malone, also a C-E-F trustee, is Vice Chairman of the North Country Youth Hostels Club which provides clean, inexpensive bunkrooms with kitchen, shower and recreational facilities and resident houseparents for hikers, bikers, etc. Hostels are now in operation in Malone, Paul Smiths, Warrensburg, Star Lake, Smartville and Syracuse. The newest one at the Lost Dauphin's Cottage in Hogansburg will open July 1.

Mr. Hoit demonstrated the broom-making machine from the Franklin County Historical Society at the Second Annual Arts and Crafts Show held at the State University at Plattsburgh on May 8. The attractive fireplace brooms were also on sale at this show.

Both Mr. Hoit and Mr. Joseph Mercer have been working on programs that demonstrate flax-spinning, horseshoeing, sheep shearing, log hewing and candle making. Special demonstrations for over 800 school children were held in various schools in Ogdensburg, Potsdam and Massena.

NYLA CONVENTION IN OCTOBER

Plans are shaping up well in advance of the October New York Library Association's Annual Conference. Tours have been planned to the New Elementary School Media Center; the W. Alton Jones Cell Science Center Library; the New Fine Arts Library, Lake Placid School of Art. Walking, hiking and backpacking tours are also planned. More information on these will be sent out as plans progress. It looks like a lively conference this year—so plan ahead to go to the NYLA Conference in October.

STAFF NEWS

Carol Bedore of Technical Services is recovering nicely from an operation. She expects to be back with us in about six weeks.

Hugh and Mary Starke are the parents of a new baby girl, Ruth Angelika. Congratulations to the new arrival.

Sharon Steltzer has joined the staff in Technical Services as a part-time typist.

Our new Addressograph Multilith has arrived and as soon as our key operator, Patricia Blake, finishes learning all its intricacies, she will begin sending out materials of all kinds with the greatest of ease. Our old multilith finally gave up the ghost.

The Director, Trustees and staff are working on the bookmobile specifications for the new bookmobile we need so badly to replace our oldest vehicle which was out of commission for well over two weeks this spring.

MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AUSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

The first quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of this library was held May 14.

The trustees held a pancake breakfast at the Holy Name Church in this village on June 13. Proceeds were to defray expenses of work on the library grounds and for the library's book budget. Mrs. Victor Sequin was the chef for the occasion and Mrs. Kay Mackinnon recruited volunteers to help with the breakfast.

CHAMPLAIN FREE LIBRARY
The outdoor display windows at this library had an arrangement of maple sugaring and gardening implements belonging to Ruth Smith, Librarian. Robert Tremblay decorated the windows for this display.

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Another special display inside the library is one of latch hook wall hangings drawn on canvas by Barbara Pitfido and executed by her mother, Mrs. Charles Pitfido of Champlain. Among them is a portrait of Benjamin Franklin. The Liberty Bell, the American Eagle and several other Bicentennial motifs decorate these wall hangings.

CHATEAUGAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Genealogical charts on which one may fill in as much of his family history as he knows are available at this library. This is intended to be a partial record of the present population of Chateaugay—so they would like each person, whether their family has been in Chateaugay a long time or just a short one, to fill in one of these charts. This is a good time to assemble old records from attics; investigate family plots in cemeteries for dates; consult town, village and school records. At the end of 1976, these charts will be collected and kept at the library for future generations.

KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Zaldee Trumbull, Librarian, just returned from a ten day tour of Greece where she visited Athens and the Island of Rhodes. Mrs. William Isham substituted in her absence.

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A display of sculpture by Nina Winkel, whose works are nationally known and are in many public and private collections, will be at the Adirondack Center Museum in Elizabethtown, June 25 through July 15. Nina Winkel is also a trustee of the Keene Valley Library and some of her beautiful sculpture is on display at the library.

KEESEVILLE FREE LIBRARY

The Essex County Republican did a feature page on the Keeseville, Peru and Ausable Forks libraries during National Library Week. The article explained all the services available through the libraries and the C-E-F System to which they belong. Pictures were taken of children during the story hour at the Keeseville Library for this article.

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The library was presented with a Bicentennial flag by the V.F.W. Chapter in Keeseville.

LAKE PLACID PUBLIC LIBRARY

We regret to announce the death this spring of Louis Gelles of Lake Placid. Mr. Gelles was a member and long-time President of the Lake Placid Library Board. Donations are now being accepted in his memory for the library that was, as one of his friends put it, "so dear to his heart."

Editor's Note: We had the privilege of talking with Mr. Gelles several times on consultant trips to this library. We were impressed by his courtesy, his gentle humor, his real and abiding love of books and the library. Mr. Gelles will be missed in Lake Placid and by all who knew him.

WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

The library had on display this spring an early New England salt-box house, built completely to scale. The house is entirely furnished with authentic colonial 17th and 18th century replicas. Standing about three feet high, the model was constructed by all the members of the Douglas L. Gallagher family. Its first showing was at Wead Library.

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Mrs. Myron Purdy of Malone, a former trustee of the library, planted 30 rose bushes on the lawn of Wead Library, her Bicentennial gift to beautify the library's grounds.

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Wead Library is now in its 94th year of service to area residents. Given to the
Malone Village School District on December 24, 1881. It is one gift that has worn very well indeed.

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The library budget was almost unanimously supported on a recent referendum. A budget of $51,815 was adopted. Mrs. Eleanor Paye was re-elected trustee at this same voting.

MINERVA MENS' CIVIC LEAGUE LIBRARY

The Minerva Mens' Civic League which sponsors the library will have a float in the Town's Bicentennial parade. The library theme will be carried out on the float.

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Early paintings of West Point are on display at the library for this 200th birthday of our nation. West Point is the oldest of the nation's military academies and the Army is the oldest of our nation's armed forces. These paintings were loaned to the library by its President, E.W. Hargrave, who also happens to be the West Point liaison officer for the Northeast New York State area.

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A Bicentennial tree was planted in front of the Minerva Central School in Olmstedville recently. One of the high school girls who assists in the Minerva Library, Laurel Wells, was in the photograph taken at the event.

PERU FREE LIBRARY

The library is celebrating its 60th birthday this year. The new Children's Room was dedicated at an Open House on May 29. After a parade of the all-county Veterans of Foreign Wars, the ceremony ended with a gun salute and the presentation of a flag to the library by the Peru V.F.W.

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The former Children's Room is now the Historical Room storing local and state materials as well as a growing collection of photographs of old Peru. Volume 2, History of Peru, is now on sale at the library. Price is $4.00.

PLATTSBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

An in-depth survey of library use was conducted for two weeks in May. Each person entering the Plattsburgh Public Library was asked to fill out a questionnaire.

Hopefully, the survey will enable the library to determine specific user needs to aid in long range planning.

A secondary purpose was to gather statistics on the number of patrons who are non-city residents. Also, the survey should determine the amount of use by persons who are not registered and who do not borrow materials but use the library for research or study.

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Verna L. Pungitore, Director, and Anne Romans, Reference and Young Adult Librarian, attended a meeting at the Plattsburgh Senior High School Resources Center on April 26 concerned with student use of public and college libraries. The meeting was called by William Coopy, Director of Education Communications for the Plattsburgh City School district.

Representatives of the various kinds of libraries in the area discussed the possibility of a City-wide library education program to alert students and teachers to the many available resources to help them become more proficient library users.

Mr. Coopy is hopeful of receiving State or Federal funding to plan and implement such a program. Those attending the meeting felt a definite need for library education and pledged their cooperation and support.

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Anne Romans and Candy Cross, Children's Librarian, attended NYLA's CYASS spring conference in Binghamton on May 8.

Fantasy and science fiction was the
topic for the day. Zilpha Keattey Snyder, author of "And All Between", was the principal speaker.

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During Police Week in May, the Plattsburgh Police Department set up a special exhibit in the library.

One display featured items confiscated by the police including hand guns, knives, sawed off shot guns, and brass knuckles. Another display presented modern law enforcement weapons and gear such as shotguns, a sub-machine gun, tear gas grenades, an electronic eavesdropping device and riot equipment.

A collection of shoulder patches from police departments throughout the nation was on exhibit as well as facsimiles of narcotics and dangerous drugs.

The police were also screening five films daily in the library.

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Plattsburgh Public has received a $12,000 increase in its 1976 operating budget from the City of Plattsburgh.

Thanks to the added appropriation a part-time librarian and a full time clerk are being hired. With the additional staff the library can now extend its hours.

New PPL hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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The local Phi Delta Kappa Chapter has donated a collection of books and pamphlets to PPL.

All materials are related to the field of education and are published by Phi Delta Kappa. PDK is a professional education fraternity dedicated to the promotion and improvement of publicly supported education.

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An officer guarding the police exhibit asked a PPL staff member if library personel were "paid by the mile".

The policeman always thought that library work was sedentary. It was a real eye opener for him to watch the staff in action, on their feet and moving continuously as they served library patrons.

SHERMAN FREE LIBRARY, PORT HENRY

April was "Fine Free Month" at Sherman Free Library and brought back books long overdue.

DODGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROUSES POINT

Mr. Ransom, Dick Ward and Mary Leggett met with Trustees of this library on June 18. Betty Mero, President of the Library Board, Trustees John Ross, Arthur Tremblay, Joseph Bailey and Librarian Phyllis Sutton joined us for lunch at the Anchorage to talk over long-range library programs.

SCHROON LAKE LIBRARY

During National Library Week thirty-one children from the third grade of the Schroon Lake Central School visited the library under the guidance of Miss Patton. They were instructed in the use of library materials.

BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TICONDEROGA

The ladies of the Ticonderoga Fort Carillon Garden Club have filled the window boxes at the library with red, white and blue summer flowers.

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The College Club has raised one hundred dollars by giving their annual Fashion Show. The money is to be given to the library for children's books.

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The American Legion Auxiliary planted a birch tree on the lawn in memory of charter member Ruth Blanchard. This is their second gift of a tree. Last year a blue spruce was planted. The Ticonderoga Youth Commission planted two trees this spring to replace ones that had to be removed.

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Mr. Edmund Morette, Co-Chairman of the
Ticonderoga Bicentennial Commission presented the library with a copy of Bicentennial Guide to Book Selection.

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Mr. John Rich, editor of the Ticonderoga Sentinel, is planning an editorial to try to get funds contributed to the library since its budget cut.

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Mr. Ephraim Blood made and installed a casting of the St. Andrew medal that was missing from the tablet over the fireplace. The medal commemorated the gallantry of the 42nd Black Watch Regiment at Ticonderoga in 1758.

GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, TUPPER LAKE

Mostly Spruce and Hemlock, the first in-depth history of Tupper Lake and the Town of Altamount, written by Louis J. Simmons, made its first appearance at this library at a book-signing party in early June. Mr. Simmons has been editor for the past 44 years of the Tupper Lake Free Press and historian of the Village of Tupper Lake and the Town of Altamount. Illustrated with 140 photographs dating back to the early years of the village and covering highlights of this area, it promises to be a valuable addition to local history collections of New York State. It can be ordered from the author at 12 Lake Street, Tupper Lake, New York 12986. Cost is $10.00, plus 70 cents sales tax in New York State and 75 cents for mailing.

WESTPORT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

On April 17 the Trustees of the Westport Library Association were participants in a party to honor Mrs. Harold J. Harris who retired recently as President of the Association. The affair was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Onslow A. Gordon. In recognition of Mrs. Harris' 45 years of dedicated service to the library, a framed, hand-lettered scroll was presented to her. A clock early American design, its base bearing a brass plate inscribed "Presented by the Library Trustees to Honor Aileen R. Harris, Fellow Trustee 1976" was a further expression of the Trustees' appreciation. The clock is now in place on the library mantel.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary G. Leggett, Editor