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STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

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brary Association.

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The State Library Extension Service
was created for the purpose of making
books available to the people of New
Mexico having inadequate library serv-
ice. Collections of books are loaned to
schools, public libraries or responsible
groups for three months. Individuals
may borrow books for three weeks. For
further information write the director.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION 1944-1945

August 10, 1945

Honorable John J. Dempsey,
Governor of New Mexico,
Santa Fe, New Mexico

My dear Governor Dempsey:—

We beg to submit the following report
of the work of the State Library Com-
mission and the State Library Extension
Service during the past fiscal year.

In the four years since the Commis-
sion was established, considerable pro-
gress has been made in raising the gen-
eral standards of library service in the
state, and in extending the service to
rural groups. Much, however, yet re-
mains to be done before New Mexico li-
braries meet the standards set by the
American Library Association.

State Aid for Libraries

In considering library needs in the
state, Commission members felt that the
most urgent was an equalization of li-
brary facilities in rural and small urban
areas with those of the more populated

centers, and that this was a proper
function of the state. The meager library
resources of rural districts and little
towns are due to units of support too
small to provide reading and informa-
tion services adequate to the need of the
people. Opportunities of rural people
for self-education and cultural growth
cannot equal those in larger towns
without help. The Commission, there-
fore, submitted to the legislature a plan
for state aid to rural and small urban li-
braries. While the full amount request-
ed, \$20,000, was not granted, \$11,000 will
be available for this purpose for the
next biennium and a program has been
worked out for the next fiscal year.
Farmington, Tucumcari, Socorro, Las
Vegas, Fort Sumner, Lovington, Spring-
er, Portales and Hot Springs already
have stated their desire to qualify for
funds, if possible.

The Commission, in cooperation with
the State Library Association, is con-
tinuing its work on a system of certi-
fication for New Mexico librarians simi-
lar to that required of teachers and
other professional groups.

Library Extension in New Mexico

The State Library Extension Serv-
ice has sent out 15,044 books during the
past year. They went to every county in
the state. This is an increase of 1842
books over the preceding year. 6933
books were loaned to individual bor-
rowers, 1411 more than were requested
last year. 5138 books were loaned to
rural schools to supplement their often
very limited collections. 2973 were
loaned to libraries. In estimating the
value of this service, it must always be
remembered that books loaned to li-
braries and schools are read by many
people. One teacher estimated that the
books in the collection loaned her aver-
aged being read by eight children. A
few very popular books were read by as
many as twenty-six children. The aver-
age is usually considered to be five.
Books loaned to individual borrowers
often are read by several members of a

family or are passed about among
friends.

As a state library the Library Exten-
sion Service endeavors to serve many
diverse groups. During the past year,
and for the first time, a collection of
books was sent to the State Peniten-
tiary for the use of prisoners. Modern
penology recognizes that a properly ad-
ministered library program has great
value in the rehabilitation of prisoners
and it is hoped that this beginning will
lead to such a program in New Mexico.

A collection of books also has been
loaned to the State Sanatorium at So-
corro for the use of patients. In addition,
about fifty donated books were sent as
the basis of a permanent library.

Four hundred books from the Exten-
sion Library are being used on the book-
mobile which serves rural people in Taos
and Rio Arriba counties. The bookmo-
bile belongs to the Harwood Foundation
Library in Taos.

It is hoped that an effective program
of cooperation with County Home Dem-
onstration Agents and County Agricul-
tural Agents can be developed this year
as the war demands upon these agencies
decrease. A beginning has been made in
Grant county where three libraries for
rural communities have been set up.
This is another instance where the de-
velopment of a service depends upon in-
tensive field work by the director.

An exhibit at the State Fair last fall
helped to make the Extension Library
known to many more rural people. Par-
ticularly gratifying was the number of
people who came to the exhibit simply
to express their appreciation and grati-
tude for the library service extended to
them through this state agency.

The very small staff in the Extension
Library, plus wartime travel conditions,
has made it impossible to carry on the
extensive field work which is such an
important part of a library extension
program. In spite of these difficulties,
the director has attended numerous
meetings and made several field trips. In
August a visit was made to the Las

Vegas Library, at the request of the new
librarian, to advise with her on mat-
ters of administration and re-organiza-
tion in her library. Trips were made to
Albuquerque to broadcast over KOB, to
attend meetings of the Conference on
Postwar Education, the State Nutrition
Committee, The State Library Associa-
tion, and to talk to the Schools Library
section of the N.M.E.A. on the status of
Libraries in New Mexico.

In November the director visited li-
braries in Las Cruces, State College, Hot
Springs, and met with the board of the
Socorro Library. In May she returned
to Socorro at the request of the board,
and also went to Las Vegas to consult
with the chairman of the Las Vegas Li-
brary board.

At the request of librarians in public
and school libraries, the Extension
Service has acted in an advisory capa-
city in solving numerous problems of ad-
ministration. Many special book selec-
tion aids and lists have been sent out.
The A.L.A. booklet "Patrons are People"
was distributed to all librarians in the
state to encourage better public rela-
tions and more professional service.
Copies of the statement of policy of the
Trustee's Division, American Library
Association, were mimeographed and
sent to chairmen of all library boards
to bring more recognition of the li-
braries' responsibility to the community.

Cooperation with national agencies is
a part of library extension work. In con-
nection with the war bond campaigns,
the director distributed to local libraries
material from the Books and Authors
War Bond Committee, urging library
displays and, if possible, direct partici-
pation in the bond drives. She also
served on the state committee of The
American Library Association Library
Development Fund. This fund is to be
used to maintain a library information
office in Washington and to develop li-
brary service in rural areas. Library
statistics have been collected for the
U. S. Office of Education. Information
regarding library memorials in the state

has also been assembled for the A.L.A. committee.

The work with service groups, important during the first years of the war, has greatly diminished this year as army camps and hospitals developed their own libraries. A collection of fifty books on the Southwest and some western fiction was sent to the Air Forces Convalescent Center in Albuquerque last August. The Clovis U.S.O. asked for more books and sixtyfive were added to collections sent previously.

An urgent request for recreational reading came from the Engineering Project near Santa Fe through the Red Cross, and about one hundred new books were supplied. In March a request came from the chaplain for recreational reading for children, and one hundred books were sent them.

In addition to these special gifts, loan collections from the Extension Library were made available to teachers on the project and a good many army and civilian borrowers have been served.

The director has attended local meetings of the Red Cross Camp and Hospital committee and four meetings of the general Council in Albuquerque, Las Vegas and Santa Fe.

Administration

Mrs. Helen Burroughs, part time cataloger, left in January and the staff, since that time, has consisted of the director, Mrs. Peck, Ruth E. Rambo, assistant librarian and Mrs. Rose Charles, clerical assistant. There have been numerous changes in page help. With special page help in May and June, 550 books were mended and several hundred were washed and cleaned. 397 books were sent to the bindery.

2,047 books were accessioned and cataloged, but with the loss of a trained cataloger it was impossible to keep up with this part of the work. 1486 new pur-

chases and gift books of various kinds remain to be cataloged.

Four New Mexico Library Bulletins, issued jointly with the State Law Library and the State Library Association, have been published. All editing and mailing procedures were done in this office, as was much of the copy.

It has been possible, with our overworked staff, to prepare and mimeograph only three booklists for our patrons this year. Borrowers depend upon these lists in choosing books and a minimum of six should be issued each year.

The work of the State Library Extension Service has grown and expanded in many directions since its establishment in 1929. More than 18,000 books now crowd the shelves. If growth is to continue, a larger staff is necessary with adequate working space for them. Proper space for packing books and storage of packing and other material is lacking. It is hoped that the urgent need for quarters will be considered in making plans for the new Capitol buildings.

Radio stations and newspapers, both state and local, have given time and space to discuss library service and library needs in the state. Nothing points more clearly to the growing recognition of the value of library service to the communities.

The Chairman and the Executive Secretary would like to thank Commission members and staff for their help and loyalty, and state officials and agencies for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA BROWN ASPLUND,

Chairman.

IRENE S. PECK,

Executive Secretary and
Director.

STATISTICAL REPORT—1944-1945

Book Stock

Volumes in library June 30,	
1944	14,854
Accessions	2,047
Total cataloged books	16,901
New books and gift books to be cataloged	1,486
Total book stock	18,387

Circulation

Schools	5,138
Libraries	2,973
Individuals	6,933
Total volumes loaned July 1, 1943-June 30, 1944	13,202
Total volumes loaned July 1, 1944-June 30, 1945	15,044
Increase	1,842

FINANCIAL REPORT—1944-1945

Receipts

Appropriation by Legisla- ture	\$11,600.00
Reimbursement, -postage, lost books, etc.	166.74
Total	\$11,766.74

Disbursements

Salaries	
Director	\$ 1,800.00
Assistant	1,400.00
Extra help	
Clerical—page	1,478.38
Travel	185.00
Supplies	328.40
Printing & publication	227.40
Postage	264.01
Insurance	36.50
Board meeting expense	71.80
Sundry	113.99
Telephone and telegraph	97.42
Books, periodicals and binding	4,504.36
Quarters and services	1,200.00
Total	\$11,707.26

FIVE LIBRARIES QUALIFY FOR STATE AID

The first libraries in New Mexico to receive state aid will be Socorro, Portales, Las Vegas, Fort Sumner and Farmington. These five libraries have already met the requirements of the State Library Commission. The Fort Sumner Library will for the first time have \$200 from municipal funds which will be matched by \$200 from the state. The Socorro Public Library and the Roosevelt County Free Library in Portales will each receive \$200. The Farmington Library, \$300, and The Las Vegas City Library, \$500 to match the increases in their budgets from public sources. We believe that these total increases of \$400, \$600, and \$1,000 can mean a great deal in terms of better book collections and expanded service to their communities. Each library pledges itself to make its resources available to anyone residing within the county.

Several other libraries are endeavoring to qualify. The Commission would like to have all applications in by the middle of September. Some of the larger towns would like to participate in the grants in order to extend their work to rural residents within their counties, where a much needed service could be set up through a system of depository libraries and stations. First consideration, however, is being given to the smaller communities. It is urged that those who have not filed their applications do so promptly.

ATOMIC BOMBS AND BOOKS

Members of the Library War Committee and the staff of the State Library Extension Service like to feel that they had a VERY little part in the tremendous business of the atomic bomb. It had nothing to do with science, perhaps, but it may have contributed a bit toward the happiness and welfare of some of the soldiers and civilians immured for so
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STATISTICS FOR NEW MEXICO PUBLIC LIBRARIES—1944-1945

Place	Library	Public Funds	Other Sources	Population Served	Volumes	Circulation	Borrowers	Hours Open	Librarian
Alamogordo	Alamogordo Public Library	\$ 180.00	\$ 300.00	10,522 c	4,276	4,637	***110	21	Miss Lalla L. Burney
Albuquerque	Albuquerque Public Library	11,477.90	1,387.73	69,391 c	27,494	13,710	10,596	72	Mrs. Kathleen W. Blakey
Artesia	Artesia Public Library	200.00	584.46	5,500 v	6,990	13,117	2,723	37½	Mrs. Nellie C. Hartell
Aztec	Altrurian Public Library	.....	73.15	900 v	2,093	2,461	149	3	Florence K. Grauel
Carlsbad	Carlsbad Public Library	5,400.00	1,287.77	24,500 c	8,614	49,677	5,868	42	Mrs. Flora M. Ryan
Clayton	Clayton Public Library	500.00	299.21	6,000 v	6,088	7,332	551	16	Mrs. Katherine M. Jacquet
Clovis	Clovis School Library	No Report							
Colmor (see below)	Colmor Public Library	*.....	25.00	235	2,563	391	.....	On request	Mrs. W. A. Dow
Corona	Corona School & Community Libr'y.	250.00	100.00	2,500 v	2,300	3,500	108	42 hrs. winter	
Deming	Deming Library Association	1,150.00	285.97	6,500 c	9,014	9,882	1,358	10 hrs. summer	Ethel Parker
Estancia	Estancia Public Library	100.00	503.00	800 v	3,100	.....	200	16	Mrs. R. O. Robin
								4	Dimple Burrows
								4 hrs. winter	
Farmington	Farmington Public Library	200.00	152.62	3,500 v	3,309	5,110	426	8 hrs. summer	Mrs. C. C. Mumma, Chair.
Gallup	Gallup Public Library	300.00	331.04	23,641 c	6,586	6,944	1,149	36	Mrs. Stella Gaines
Hobbs	Hobbs Public Library	3,738.09	817.01	12,000 v	7,204	16,627	696	42	Bettie Stephenson
Hot Springs	Hot Springs Public Library	600.00	271.46	6,962 c	2,575	2,389	518	18	Esther Seale
Las Cruces	Thomas Branigan Memorial Library	5,020.00	1,660.37	30,411 c	12,205	37,013	9,024	60	Mrs. W. Grover Murphy
Las Vegas	Carnegie Public Library	** 1,680.00	350.00	12,362	11,079	13,280	** 1,000	28½	Mrs. J. C. Hope
Lordsburg	Lordsburg-Hidalgo Library	1,075.00	82.94	4,821 c	5,543	8,143	512	22	Mrs. Mathilde Johnson
Lovington	Lovington Public Library	No Report							
Mountainair	Mountainair Civic Club Library	.....	.....	2,500 v	1,350	1,820 (Aprx.)	.....	3	Mrs. Bea C. Melton
Portales	Roosevelt County Free Library	1,100.00	25.00	14,549 c	2,733	1,000 (Aprx.)	1,000 (Aprx.)	48	Mrs. Arthur F. Jones, Chair.
Raton	Raton Public Library	3,614.87	269.04	18,718 c	11,906	17,185	1,876	45	Evlyn Shuler
Roswell	Roswell Carnegie Library	4,010.00	1,354.31	23,980 c	22,283	46,717	7,550	57	Louise Hamilton
Santa Fe	Santa Fe Public Library	7,522.22	1,378.00	30,826 c	34,898	56,231	5,240	56	Salome Anthony
Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa Free Library	.....	56.00	8,646 c	1,250	1,233	70	3	Pansy Woodruff
Socorro	Socorro Public Library	100.00	62.00	11,422 c	6,410	6,240	1,400	8	Mrs. C. T. Brown
Springer	Springer Public Library	No Report							
Taos	Harwood Foundation Library	No Report							
Tucumcari	Tucumcari Public Library		336.76	12,111 c	10,702	13,160	204	18	Willard Johnson Mrs. N. S. Bell

* Teacher-librarian paid from general school fund.
 ** New registration incomplete.
 *** Several small libraries issue only one card for entire family.
 v Town and vicinity.
 c Service available to residents of county.

Some figures are approximate since not all libraries keep accurate records. Quarters and maintenance sometimes are provided free by city, occasionally source of librarian's salary is not given. The situation of these libraries is somewhat better than report indicates. Statistical reports from institutional libraries have been delayed because of emergencies. They will appear in the October Bulletin.

AUTOMATIC BOMBS AND BOOKS

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long on that almost mythical spot, the "Hill".

Soon after the Project was brought here, the Library War Committee, of which Mrs. Julia Brown Asplund is chairman, and the director of the State Library Extension Service, began working with the Red Cross and with the Camp and Hospital Council. Mrs. Asplund and her committee have sent to the Hill between 3500 and 4000 current magazines, 500 books, and many paper-bound books, which were given by Santa Fe people, for military personnel. Because of the great need for recreational reading for some isolated detachments, \$80.00 worth of new books were bought for them with State Library Commission funds. Later 50 more books were added. This year the chaplain made a special request to Mrs. Asplund for books for the children living on the Project with their parents, and 100 carefully chosen new books were bought for them, also with Commission funds. It was felt that the very unusual circumstances under which these people, military and civilian, lived demanded any help that could be given them.

Through the State Library Extension Service loan collections of books were made available to teachers on the Project. Many families and individuals, among those who occasionally were free to leave the project, were registered as borrowers. And thereby hangs a tale, for it was these latter who caused the director to be questioned by the F.B.I. A routine form letter had been mailed to all library borrowers and the people on the Hill—always admirably discreet and, to the staff, only a Post Office box number—had been included automatically. Whereupon, a dark and cryptic gentleman appeared to find out how this flood of mail happened to be sent them and where All Those Names were obtained. Fortunately, the explanation was simple and the investigator left, con-

vinced that no one had had access to a mailing list, mysteriously compiled and circulated. If a strange character with a long cigar and his hat over his eyes tailed the staff members, they were not aware of it and feel that he could rarely have had a duller assignment.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Salome Anthony, state chairman for the Library Development Fund, reports a letter from Mr. Vitz, retiring president of A.L.A., saying that librarians, trustees and friends of libraries in New Mexico have contributed 90% of the quota set for this state.

New Mexico's quota is \$250.00 which means that we are \$25.00 short of our goal. It is not a large amount, but we are a small group. Since we have done so well, we would like to be among the first to complete our quota. Miss Anthony and her committee are appealing to all those who have not yet given to send in their contributions at once. One dollar from twenty-five people, five dollars from five people, will make up the total.

Apparently a good many states have fallen far short of their quotas and A.L.A. is planning another campaign in the fall. We should like to be able to say that ours is completed.

Checks or money may be sent to the treasurer, Mabel Schulte, Librarian, Albuquerque High School Library, Albuquerque, N. M.

Paul Howard has announced his resignation as librarian of the Gary, Indiana, Public Library to represent the American Library Association and libraries in Washington government circles. Mr. Howard expects to assume his new duties early in the fall.

"The American Library Association has had so many calls from government officials for interpretations of library needs and possibilities for public service that the A.L.A. considers it desirable to keep a Washington representative of

libraries on the spot," Howard said. "What we plan is a library information and public relations office—not a pressure agency. However, libraries are interested in such things as the disposal of surplus army libraries and other surplus property, federal aid for building programs, postage rates on books, and government research programs."

As chairman of the Gary Committee on Postwar Problems, Howard has been prominent recently in Gary civic affairs. He has had experience as chairman of the American Library Association's Federal Relations Committee. He formerly served as chief of the Library Program Division of O.W.I. and as consultant in the Assistant Secretary of War's Office.

NEW POST LIBRARY BUILDING OPENS

Resplendent in its new setting, the Post Library, combined with the Medical Library, opened for business last Saturday in the new building between C-6 and C-8.

The edifice which now houses the library is constructed of brick and hollow tile. The interior is designed in such a manner as to permit maintaining separate alcoves for science, fine arts and USAFI subjects, by virtue of extended book shelves which form partitions.

The attractive main reading and reference room is comfortably furnished with easy chairs, sofas, tables, floor lamps, rugs and many other features which provide all the comforts of home, and possibly a few more. The cream colored walls blend with the walnut finish of the wood fixtures and the marble tile floors, to lend a cool and peaceful atmosphere to the room. A celotex ceiling muffles noise, and provides insulation against summer heat and winter cold.

More than 3,500 volumes are now on the shelves of the library, covering every subject from Wild West stories to the latest in books of a scientific na-

ture. New books are received monthly through an allotment from the Post Hospital Fund, from which the latest books are purchased by Miss Octavia Fellin, Post Librarian. Patients and hospital personnel who desire books of a technical nature which are not in the library may request purchase of these books, and, if practicable, they will be bought at the first opportunity.

Books are also received from outside sources, both through benevolent organizations and from private individuals. From time to time, various publishing houses also make contributions of books. Subscriptions to about 80 current magazines and 18 daily papers from all sections of the country, insure readers adequate coverage of the nation's leading periodicals.

The Medical Library, which occupies a separate room in the new building, is undergoing a complete revision which will see all books and periodicals catalogued. New publications have been ordered, and suggestions from medical personnel will be welcomed.

Open to all military personnel on the post, the library hours are from 8:15 to 5 o'clock, including the lunch hour. It is hoped that by the first of August, additional help will be assigned to augment the duties of Miss Fellin and her assistant, Cpl. Gerald Reighardt. In this event, the library will be able to maintain a full schedule until 9 o'clock in the evening.

From Mountain Echo
Bruns General Hospital

NEWS NOTES FROM NEW MEXICO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Eastern New Mexico College, Portales

Mrs. Ruth Brough, Acting Librarian, commented that she is "everlastingly training a passing parade of student helpers." Miss Carol Thomas, Assistant Librarian, has resigned to accept a position with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Library publicity at the Eastern New Mexico College has been maintained through weekly columns in the CHASE, called "Books in Review," and through daily programs over radio station KICA at Clovis.

The library sponsored a booklet called "Hospitality—not what we give but what we share . . ." and dedicated to the wives of army personnel at the Clovis Air Base who are living in Portales. This booklet describes the facilities of the college which may be used.

New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, State College

On August 1, Mrs. Mildred A. Barrett assumed the duties of Reference Librarian and Supervisor of Circulation and Government Documents. Mrs. Barrett is a graduate of Western Reserve University and also has her B. S. in L. S. degree from that institution. She has had experience in the Science and Technology Division of the Cleveland Public Library, and until June, 1945 was Assistant Librarian of the Case School of Applied Science. During the 1944 summer session of the Western Reserve School of Library Science, she taught the course in Reference.

Mrs. Barrett's position is a newly created one, and the State College library now boasts five fulltime staff members, four of whom have professional training.

The 1944-45 appropriation for books, periodicals, etc. was more than double that of the preceding year.

New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas

Miss J. Vivian Hedgcock, Librarian, has announced that the North Central Association has approved Highlands University 100% for graduate work, due to outstanding additions to the library during the past year. This development of the library was made possible by a refund on withholdings of several thousand dollars by the state.

The library now has a collection of 450 records in music and speech.

New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell

Captain F. E. Hunt, Librarian, reports that nearly 98% of the student body have taken out books during the past year. The staff has kept "reading cards" on each cadet, and these have proved helpful both to the faculty and to the students.

Mrs. Catherine Anderson, a graduate of the University of California Library School, is Assistant Librarian and has charge of the reference work. Miss Mary Pearson, who was added to the staff this year, is in charge of the circulation desk.

New Mexico State Teachers College, Silver City

Mrs. Ivy Kate Henry, Librarian, and Miss Louise Hiller, Assistant Librarian, have both resigned recently.

Mr. Stith M. Cain, B. A. Vanderbilt, M. A., University of Virginia, B. S. in L. S., M. S. in Education, George Peabody College for Teachers, is the new librarian. The new Assistant Librarian is Miss Cloma Barron, B. A. University of Arkansas, B. S. in L. S., Louisiana State University.

Mrs. Henry asked to have it announced in the Bulletin that she hopes that, if there is a 1945 meeting of the N.M.L.A., it will be held in Silver City. Mrs. Lucile Gray, a former librarian of the College, is also living in Silver City.

The library has been planning a tea for Helen Wheaton, author of "Prekaska's wife: a year in the Aleutians." Mrs. Wheaton, who is a native of Silver City and a former student at the college, has promised to autograph copies at the tea.

University of New Mexico

On July 11, Mr. Arthur McAnally became the librarian of the University of New Mexico. Mr. McAnally has a B. A. in L. S. from the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science and has taken work at the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. He has been librarian of the Bradley Poly-

technic Institute and of the Wisconsin State Teachers College at Milwaukee.

Miss Helen Hefling was Acting Librarian from the time of Miss Wilma Shelton's resignation on March 1, until Mr. McAnally's arrival.

The University News Service announced on June 1 that two original manuscripts of Ernie Pyle columns, air-mailed from the Pacific, and two copies of his cabled copy from there had been presented to the University by the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance. The manuscripts, which will be kept at the Library, bear directions and the pencil marks of Mr. Pyle and the Washington News copy-desk.

MORE NEWS NOTES

Albuquerque

The vocational guidance committee of the Albuquerque Kiwanis Club recently has placed a set of career monographs in the Albuquerque Public Library. The monographs cover \$10 types of professions, businesses, and industrial jobs and are a part of the club's program to aid service men and women and other young people in choosing future careers. Kiwanians in various types of businesses and professions will consult with these young people concerning specific careers in which they may be interested.

Carlsbad

The Carlsbad AAUW is sponsoring a series of story hours to be held at the Public Library each Saturday morning.

Española

The Española Victory reports that funds from the rodeo and carnival held in June are to be used to build a permanent Legion Home, which will also be a civic center for the community. The Library sponsored by the Woman's Club will have a room in the proposed building.

Raton

E. C. Crampton made a fine contribution this week to the men at Bruns General Hospital. Three boxes of good new

books were sent to the hospital through members of the Business and Professional Women's clubs. There were 160 volumes including mystery and detective stories which are so popular with the men. The books were sent to General Larry E. McAfee, commanding officer of the hospital."

Raton Range.

Tucumcari

The story of the Tucumcari Public Library is interesting because so many libraries in New Mexico have grown up in just this way, sponsored usually by a small group of public-spirited women, in this case, the Coterie Club. We quote, in part, an article in the Tucumcari News.

"Library Starts as 'Study Club'

The Tucumcari Public Library now has over 10,000 volumes and is adding new books every month, according to information received from Mrs. Ethelwyne Stevens, president.

The library had its beginning in the fall of 1927 as a reading club.

In June of 1928 the club sponsored a tea to which each guest contributed a book or books which, with the books bought and owned by the group and those of a private library donated by Bay View Club, formed the nucleus around which the present library has been built.

Coterie is still sponsoring the library. The ladies of this organization donate their time, and the library is open every afternoon except Sunday. Today the library has 10,680 volumes, and 177 new books were bought since the first of the year.

The city of Tucumcari allows the use of the old city hall for a library building without cost; and, since the Coterie women take turns serving as librarians without charge, what income the library has can be used almost entirely for the purchase of books. This enables the library to buy approximately 50 new books a month for additions and replacement.

AMONG NEW MEXICO LIBRARIANS

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Horgan, author and former librarian of the New Mexico Military Institute has arrived at a European port where he will be head of morale services division of the army special services.

Jeneatte Wertheim, high school librarian at Carlsbad, has been appointed by the State Department to establish a library in the American Embassy at Lima, Peru. Miss Wertheim received her training at the University of Texas, the University of New Mexico, and the University of Mexico City.

Pvt. Marie Lusk has been in New Mexico on a 30-day overseas furlough. She has been stationed at Beak, Netherlands, East Indies. Pvt. Lusk was formerly assistant librarian at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces.

Arie Poldervaart, state law librarian, was recently elected a member of the national executive committee of the American Association of Law Libraries at the annual meeting in Rochester, N. Y.

New Mexico librarians join the editors in extending a warm welcome to the newcomers who will take up their duties this summer and fall—Arthur M. McAnally at the University of New Mexico, Stith Cain and Cloma Barron at State Teachers College, Mildred A. Barrett at State College, and Lorene Pope at Eastern New Mexico College.

SOME ALABAMA RARITIES

Through the helpful cooperation of the Hon J. Russell McElroy, presiding judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama, Birmingham, the Law Library has recently acquired the following scarce Alabama codes and session laws, in addition to a number of other worthwhile items:

Session laws of 1857-58, 1859-60, 1873 and 1884-85; Alabama codes of 1833, 1843 and 1877.

LAW LIBRARY

Recent Accessions of Interest

Fleming—United States and the World Court (1945)

Partridge—Country Lawyer (1939)

Pringle—Life and Times of William Howard Taft (1939)

Schriftgiesser—Gentleman from Massachusetts: Henry Cabot Lodge (1944)

Stone—Clarence Darrow for the Defense (1941)

Woodward—Tom Paine: America's Godfather, 1737-1809 (1945)

Fixel—Law of Aviation. 2d ed. (1945)

ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Arie Poldervaart, State Law Librarian, was notified recently of his election as a member of the National Executive Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries at an abbreviated annual meeting of the Association in Rochester, N. Y. With Mr. Poldervaart on the Committee for 1945-46 are the law librarians of Columbia, Yale and Duke Universities, the Supreme Court of the United States, the Chicago Law Institute, and of the Baltimore Bar.

MAIL PUZZLE

To avoid confusion by postal authorities with other libraries in Santa Fe, it is suggested that all mail intended for the Supreme Court Library be addressed clearly to the New Mexico Law Library or the State Law Library. First class mail is received in a box at the post office, while package mail is delivered directly to the library. Hence, in addressing letters to the library maximum efficiency can be obtained by giving the post office box number, which is "238." When sending or returning books, prompt and better service can be obtained by giving the address as "Supreme Court Building", Santa Fe, N. M.