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Rio Arriba County

"Just What Is the State Law Library"
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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 facilities. 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
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Honorable John J. Dempsey
Governor of New Mexico
The Capitol
Santa Fe, N. M.
My dear Governor Dempsey:

We beg to submit the following report of the work of the State Library Commission and the State Library Extension Service for the past fiscal year.

The State Library Commission has now completed its third year of work to improve and extend library service in New Mexico. One of its chief concerns has been planning for the postwar years and to that end the Commission has constituted itself a State Planning Board and in the invitation of Mr. Vincent Jaeger, director of the State Planning Board, Mrs. Asplund, chairman of the Commission, Mrs. Burton Dwyr, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Peck, executive secretary, met with the Planning Board to present its plans and seek the cooperation of the public for library extension in the postwar period. Mrs. Asplund spoke of the contributions that have been made toward a good community life and stressed the fact that good libraries and schools will be an important factor in bringing desirable people to New Mexico in the postwar years. She also asked the board to keep in mind the pressing need of the State Library Extension Service for larger and more suitable quarters. The committee greatly appreciated the interest of Mr. Jaeger and the Board members in the problems of library extension in New Mexico.

A great deal of time has been devoted to the consideration of legislation needed to promote better library service in the state. In consultation with the State Library Association the legislation has included combinations of funds, at present a practice in New Mexico, which will aid municipal public libraries and make their services effective to rural areas. The problems of municipal libraries which take up the questions of adequate public support and efficient organization and administration, with a possibility of some system of certification of librarians have also been considered.

The Commission has continued its efforts to coordinate all library war services so that they may contribute effectively toward the war program. The supply of reading and study materials for Army camps, USO clubs, post hospitals and other service groups in the state has been coordinated. An important part of the work and has been carried out by the War Service Division of the State Library Extension Service. Since the beginning of the war service men stationed in Bernallillo, Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Doña Ana, Eddy, Hidalgo, Lea, Luna, Otero, San Miguel, Sandia, Sierra, Socorro, Taos and Valencia counties have been provided with books, magazines and reading matter of various types. During the past fiscal year $1,069 has been spent from Commission funds for this purpose. 1,497 books have been distributed, and many paper bound pamphlets and magazines. A great part of the Army bases are now provided with well established libraries and trained personnel, but there is still great need for recreational reading. In USO clubs and in some of the post hospitals, as well as for small service units, The War Service Division of the Santa Fe Foundation has been used. Books may be used for books in the AWYS Service Club. Mrs. Peck has represented the Extension Service at six meetings of the Coronado Camp and Hospital Council through which some of this work is done.

The Director of the Extension Service made three trips during October and November. One to Port Sumner, Clovis and Portales, one to Las Vegas, White Sands, Clovis, Colusa, Carlsbad, Raton, and one to Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Atchison, Artesia, Carlsbad, Hobbs, and Roswell. All these trips resulted in the establishment of libraries and USO Clubs were visited. Special Services officers expressed their warm appreciation and gratitude for the help given them by the state agency before their own libraries could be established. These trips also included visits to public libraries and talks with librarians and chairman of library boards and other types of library work. Much of the cooperation of local groups was extended and as the Extension Service is brought about by the friendly relations established during these visits, and the knowledge of the communities and their special interests and needs is essential in effective library extension work. It is regrettable that the small staff and limited funds of the Extension Service prevent the director from spending more time in intensive field work.

The Library Book Campaign for which the director of the Extension Service acted as New Mexico chairman both years, was officially ended in December. The official report from headquarters shows that a gross total of $7,932 books was collected in New Mexico during the two campaigns. All suitable books were sent to service units in this state.

Because of travel difficulties in the state it was not possible to carry on the activities on War and Postwar Planning initiated by the American Library Association. Two district Federation of Women's Clubs' meetings were attended, however, and the members were urged to encourage study and discussion groups in all organizations with which they are affiliated and to continue the activity of book lists prepared by the American Library Association, and the Council on Library War-time was distributed to libraries and to various groups as guides to intelligent background reading. There has been a marked increase in the reading of thoughtful and serious books on world problems and in study and discussion among groups as is shown in the letters, questions, books and material from the Extension library.

In October of last year a collection of 76 books showing the best among modern illustrators of children's literature was prepared and loaned to the Roosevelt County Fine Arts Society for exhibit. Upon its return it was loaned to the Art Museum and it is planned that the county should like to send out similar exhibits far more frequently to promote home reading of children and to encourage the ownership of books. It has been demonstrated that much of the illiteracy in the state is due to lack of time and reading interests do not carry over into post school years or by those who have not been in the habit of reading. To prevent this sort of thing, is one of the reasons for libraries, and for extension work in rural areas.

In former years it was required that the postage on ANY books, whether borrowed by individuals or groups, be paid by the borrower. This year the Extension Service has paid the postage on books loaned to schools, public libraries and on any other collections for community use. In some districts teachers were not allowed reimbursement for postage or loss and damage to books borrowed for school use, and some public librarians lost or no money for this purpose. The supply of new books was established to enable such people to borrow more freely and there have been many expressions of approval.

Four book lists of from nine to twelve pages each have been mimeographed and mailed to our borrowers this year. Our patrons clamor for these lists of the new books added to the library and would be much better served with a shorter monthly list, but since all the annotating, typing, mimeographing, assembling and putting into wrappers must be done by our staff it is not possible to get them out more frequently.

The New Mexico Library Bulletin is issued quarterly by the Extension Service, the State Law Library and the State Library Association. The Law Library and the Association cooperate in publishing toward its cost and supply part of the paper. All editing, proof reading and mailing procedures are done by the Extension Service.

The staff of the Extension Service is at present the Director, E. A. Peck, the assistant, Mr. E. Rambo, the part-time cataloger, Mrs. Helen Dorman Burroughs, and a page, Kenneth Sharp. Mrs. Burroughs is the
former director of the Service, now in Santa Fe while her husband, Lieutenant Carroll Burroughs, is on active duty. We extend our warmest thanks for the many hours of volunteer work she has given us in addition to her regular work. It has been especially difficult for the children to find books for this year and we have had many changes. "Pages" pack books, carry them to the postoffice, pack and return them, do pasting and pasting and similar jobs. More than three weeks during the winter this work was done by the professional staff in addition to their regular work because no boy was available.

We are greatly in need of another full-time professionally trained assistant. The director's time is fully occupied with planning and supervising the work of library extension in the state, acting in an advisory capacity to local libraries and other field work, and writing of reports. All the other reports and the many reports required of state agencies take much time needed for purely professional duties. The assistant librarian makes up the book collections for schools and libraries, answers the many routine questions and takes care of the records and correspondence necessary for this part of the service. The increased use of the service by individuals in all parts of the state makes this work much heavier than in the past.

A well planned publicity campaign using radio, newspapers and exhibits is badly needed in order to reach the rural population for whom this service is designed. So far both funds and staff have been inadequate for effective publicity work. Many letters come to us saying "Why have I not heard of this service before?"

There has been a substantial rise in the cost of new books and the rebinding of old ones. Many standard library titles have been rebound. New books are printed in smaller editions and quickly go out of stock. The rebounding of usable old books is more than ever needed. Many books published during the past two years cannot be rebound, however, because, like many other books, they have been cut out to reduce the use of paper. These things cause much extra work in ordering books and greatly reduce the purchasing power of the book fund.

During the past year more than a thousand books have been loaned to the sanction of bookmobiles, of which 4,600 books were borrowed by the Extension Service, of which 4,600 books were borrowed by the Extension Service, of which 4,600 books were borrowed by the Extension Service, of which 4,600 books were borrowed by the Extension Service. The Commission and the Extension Service have given every aid possible in extending books and reading to this area where there are few local libraries. The demand for the service was from the community and should be developed and built up as rapidly as possible.

We are grateful for the support received for the Extension Service. We have been able to extend books and reading to this area where there are few local libraries. The demand for the service was from the community and should be developed and built up as rapidly as possible.

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1943-1944

RECEIPTS

Appropriation by Legislature ........................................ $11,600.00
Reimbursed for University charges, lost books, etc. ............... 188.35

Total ................................................................. $11,788.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries

Director .......................................................... $1,800.00
Assistant ........................................................... 1,200.00
Extra Help .......................................................... 600.00
Part-time cataloger ................................................. 200.00

Total ................................................................. $3,800.00

Supplies

Books ................................................................. 895.00
Printing & Publishing ............................................... 100.00
Telephone & telegraph .............................................. 10.00
Board meeting expense ........................................... 10.00

Total ................................................................. $1,006.00

Equipment

Total ................................................................. $6,677.35

ONE YEAR WITH THE BOOKMOBILE

IN RIO ARIBA COUNTY

In the Spring of 1945, a group of individuals in Rio Arriba County met for the purpose of establishing a Project in Rio Arriba County similar to the Taos County Project. We asked Dr. J. T. Reid of the University of New Mexico to assist us in setting up this Project. After several meetings we formally established the Rio Arriba County Development Association.

The first project undertaken by the Development Association was obtaining the services of the books mobile from the Extension Service. We were able to work out an arrangement with the Harwood Foundation and the University of New Mexico whereby the books mobile after finishing its tour in Taos County would spend ten days in Rio Arriba County, visiting twenty (20) communities. Through the efforts and interest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Pack, we were able to start the books mobile in Rio Arriba County in July 1945, which was a month or two prior to the general approval of our school budget set up for this purpose.

During the formative period of our Association and the establishing the use of the bookmobile in Rio Arriba County, we were most fortunate in securing the assistance of Mrs. Julia and Mrs. Irene from the New Mexico State Library Commission. These ladies not only attended our meetings, offering encouragement and advice, they also supplied us with magazines and lending books from the Extension Library in order that we might make the bookmobile successful. Indeed, without the help and cooperation of our Extension Library it would have been many months before we would have been able to start this bookmobile project. The visual education part of the Project was supplied by the Harwood Foundation. The films which they had booked for Taos County were now kept for a longer period of time that they might be shown in the communities in Rio Arriba County. From time to time, we have been granted additional books and quite a large number of magazines from the Extension Library and Santa Fe City Library. These have also been supplemented by a few of the excellent supplementary materials offered by the New Mexico State Free Textbook Program. Through the use of the bookmobile, these free books were distributed and exchanged among the bookmobile units, thus not only serving the needs of the communities and the children of the schools, but affecting a considerable saving in money to the county school system.

During the past year the following communities were visited each month: Coke (Can) - Chihuahua
Cajon (Cajon) - Algodones
Cebolla (Cebolla) - Velarde
Parkview (Parkview) - Dixon
Tiera Amarilla (Tiera Amarilla) - Ojo Caliente
Espanola (Espanola) - Lumberton
Truchas (Truchas) - Chama
Annie (Annie) - Cigarroa
Hondo (Hondo) - Villacostas
Chimayo (Chimayo) - La Madera
Abiquiu (Abiquiu) -

Due to the severe winter weather we were not able to get to many of the communities. We also had a number of people who were not able to attend our meetings. However, we understand that during these months the people exchanged the books among themselves and 36,415 people attended these monthly visits, with a circulation of 5,480 books and magazines prior to the school approval of our school budget set up for this purpose.

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NEWS NOTES FROM NEW MEXICO LIBRARIES

Albuquerque
Freda Conrad Chambers, retiring librarian reports a busy year due to increased use of the library by Army personnel. Mrs. Chambers and her staff would like library patrons to return books to the main station at Kirtland Field and the Army Air Force Convalescent Station (formerly Air Depot Training Station) and to their roving neighborhood libraries. Plans are being made for extended library service in the post-war years, including an enlarged building with a separate children's department, a bookmobile for residents and county service, and a full-time children's librarian, cataloger, and a reference librarian.

The library now has a monthly five-minute radio program as part of Mary McConnell's Feminine Touch Hour (KOB) which will be changed to a weekly program.

Clayton
Though Clayton has no military installations, Mrs. Robert Henriques, writes that they have had an influx of transients, mostly soldiers and their wives. Also an outgoing of families to defense centers. She feels that juvenile delinquency has been curtailed by the effort made to supply boys and girls with interesting books, magazines, and newspapers. Rural schools are supplied with books on 3 weeks loan and aged and shut-in people, many of whom live far from town, are sent discarded papers and magazines. "These are small favors we are which we are doing out bit," she says.

Colmory
The little library at Colmor continues to serve the community, thanks to its sponsor, the Sorority of Sigma Delta Dow, its librarian. "Have sent 1,500 pounds of paper and magazines and have more than amount yet to go," writes Mrs. Dow. "Hope to use proceeds toward a bond. Have taken part in all drives, as much as we are able. Buy defense bonds and pay any taxes turned in. Expect to buy quite a few books this year. War conditions have affected the circulation, fewer people to read, but we center our efforts on helping the school with posters, books, etc."

Hot Springs
Hot Springs has a library which is sending in its first report this year. It is sponsored by the Pilot Club with Jewelle Bixby as secretary-treasurer. All the work is done by volunteers who keep it open three hours a day. We wish them great success in this much needed service to their town.

Las Vegas
Miss Elizabeth Cookey, long years of service to the Las Vegas Library recently retired. Mrs. J.C. Hope is her successor.

Mountair
Mrs. G.V. Hanlon, chairman of the Mountair Library Board, writes that the library has been moved into the community building opposite the city house of the Woman's Civic Club which sponsors the library and has been rented for a government canteen.
A recent book shower brought in 36 new books for the library. Part of the rent of the club house will go toward the purchase of new books. She adds that books borrowed from the State Library are much enjoyed.

Roosevelt County Free Library
The Roosevelt County Free Library in Portales has very pleasant quarters in the handsome modern county building, and is under the supervision of Mr. Agrie Jones, County Superintendent of Schools. The library has kept war posters on the bulletin board and worked particularly to increase the sale of war bonds and stamps. It is represented on the local planning board for postwar, but in the meantime is enlisting other aids toward enlarging its book collection.

Raton
As usual Evlyn Shuler, librarian of the Raton Public Library, has been branching out on original lines. We quote from her report: "Since May 15th the library has been acting as USO headquarters for our city. We do not have service men coming for us here, but have service men coming for us from the Library Board at the request of the Mayor has offered the use of its facilities. A large sign is placed in the park with the name USO Headquarters and also Public Library on one side. The reading room is open for writing letters and the staff is instructed to give any sort of information needed. Our wash room has been much appreciated and on Saturday evenings we have a party in the auditorium. We don't have a great number of people, but we appreciate what is given. We feel that the service to even a few is appreciated and that it is a contribution that the library can make. We have given $25.00 per month from the National USO and we pay our janitor extra and use the rest for food, toilet supplies, and the printing, and printing. We are working on the project for a period of five months. We have organized a group of young women to set as report hostesses and members of our library board and other organizations assist. During the first six weeks, we served some 130 service men who tell us that libraries are especially well equipped for this USO service as we already have books, magazines, tables for writing and usually a washroom and an auditorium. It would seem that the equipment could be used in many small communities and not have to build up a set up for every service. Of course, it is necessary to have a cooperative staff, interested and willing to inform themselves, and to do some extra work."

Roswell
The Roswell Public Library has, $30,000, appropriated by the city just before war was declared, with which to remodel its building when materials are released. It is represented on its local postwar planning board.

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*Approximate.
**School library serving town.
***New Registration series, 1943-1944.
****Some figures are approximate since not all libraries keep accurate records. Quarters and maintenance are sometimes provided free by city or club, occasionally to the librarian's salary, and the situation of these libraries is somewhat better than report indicates.

Family Cards
Santa Fe

Other New Mexico libraries will be interested in the very successful summer book club for boys and girls sponsored by the Santa Fe Library and described by Salome Anthony, Librarian:

"With adult readers so deeply absorbed in war activities that they have little time in which to read, it is heartening to find the children keeping up their interest in books even during the summer months. The United States Army furnished the central idea for a Vacation Reading Club in the Santa Fe Public Library this summer, with the sort of response one would expect from children, all of whom are vitally interested in Uncle Sam's army for one reason or another. Each child who joined the club started at the bottom as an enlistee man or woman. With each book read, a club member rose one step in rank, ten books bringing him to the rank of general.

"Small round cardboard tags with each child's name written on them recorded the number of books read. A large bulletin board was marked with ten large red and white stripes, with army insignia at one end. As the books were finished, the tags were moved up the board, showing the higher rank of the reader. One hundred and sixty children joined the club, with eighty reaching the rank of general. Of these, seventy came to the club party which was given in August as a climax to the summer's reading. Four thousand books were read by children during June, July, and the first two weeks in August. It is not likely that the circulation would have kept up this way without our 'army' book club."

Tucumcari

The Tucumcari Public Library is another of our small libraries working with the local postwar planning board toward a library adequate to the needs of their town. The library has been sponsored and administered by the Coterie Club but its members feel that they need a new home and a paid librarian. In this and many other communities the citizens owe a vote of thanks to the women who sponsor and maintain libraries, giving their time, raising money for books and maintenance, because they believe that the library is an important part of a good community life.

Library Primer

The Extension Library has just added several copies of The Pictorial Library Primer by Whinfred L. Davis. This practical little book was written by a woman who understands what the librarian of a small library needs to know. Library procedures are simply and clearly explained and illustrated. A copy of the book may be borrowed by writing the Extension Service or purchased for $2.50 from Demco Library Supplies, Madison, Wisconsin.

"JUST WHAT IS THE STATE LAW LIBRARY?"

The last issue of the New Mexico Library Bulletin contained an interesting article entitled "Just What is the State Library Extension Service" and illustrated by means of testimonials and abstracts from letters of patrons the various services for which the Extension Service is needed. The following article sets out in a similar manner some of the services of the State Law Library. It should be remembered that this library in reality is more than a mere law library. It serves as well as a legislative reference library, as a depository library where publications of the United States government agencies may be consulted, both legal and non-legal, and it is a depository of New Mexico state archives and similar docu-
I am considering purchasing a used set of Corpus Juris. This set has 71 volumes. Would this be a complete set? What is the price new of such a set? Would $200.00 be a fair price to pay?

Will you please send us Mechem on Public Officers and any other books you may have in the library on this subject?

Can you have stenographer copy decisions Horsbach v. Cassant, 197 Ill. App. 138 and McKinty v. Butts, 217 Ill. App. 334 and mail them to me with bill tonight.

Will you please be good enough to send us an official volume of statutes showing that the District Court of Colorado is a Court of general jurisdiction?

We are interested in preparing a brief involving the question of lotteries in which we are asking a review of the court's opinion in the case of the City of Roswell v. Jones, 41 N.M. 467. The writer remembers seeing in one of the Law Journals a very complete note upon the above-entitled case. We would appreciate it very much if you would send it to us.

Will you please advise if the rules permit the loan to members of the bar of any of the volumes of Annotated Statutes of the State of Texas?

I am enclosing a catalogue of the books in my law library. I should like to trade any or all of the same. I am wondering whether or not you could give me a list of used book dealers whom I might circulate. I will certainly appreciate any assistance you might be able to give me in this matter.

Will you take a look at the Missouri Code and tell me what the Statutes of Limitations is on open accounts?

I am informed that there were either nine or twelve decisions of our Supreme Court which have been subsequently overruled by the Court in the past eighty years. Will certainly appreciate it if you can give me any information on these cases as you need to cite them to the Supreme Court.

I would appreciate very much any information which you may obtain concerning the size of the library with which the University of Arizona started its law school, the speed with which it has been enlarged, its present size, the approximate outlay of books to date, and any other data which you may think will be helpful.

I will thank you to advise me who introduced in the Legislature Chapter 8, of the Laws of 1933. I am interested in learning the origin of this statute and if you know from what state it came, this will be a great help to me.

What would be a fair price to ask for Volume 1 to 10 of the New Mexico Supreme Court Reports? I want to deal fairly with the prospective purchaser.

Will you please check your various works on workers' compensation and send me the volume in which I can secure some law or decisions construing the term "safety devices."

There are numerous references to the effect that compensation is not damages, but a compensation for loss of earning power. Inasmuch as my client has suffered a permanent disability of her right hand, the question arises as to how much a week she is entitled to in terms of industrial dollars. I am writing to you in the hope that you will be kind enough to give me your opinion on this, as well as any authorities that you may have.

I have been asked to ascertain the nature of the --- Association, also their address, and my client wishes to know something of their activities.

I would appreciate your recommending to me a Justice of the Peace guide which can be used by a layman elected to the office of Justice of the Peace. If you can suggest such a book I would appreciate the title, author and name of the publisher.

Where outside of Nevada can my client get a divorce very pronto?

Can you advise me if there is any law in your state prohibiting or regulating fraternities and sororities in public high schools?

Will you please give us the following information: (1) Do you think that the farmers dominate, control, or tend to control one house of your state legislature? (2) Do you think coloring a capital represented in the same house with the farmers? (3) Would you say that labor dominates, controls or tends to control your lower house? (4) Is one house more conservative than the other, and if so, which interest group controls it? (5) With what frequency do you think attorneys generally assist yourselves?

We wish to secure a copy of the New Mexico Compiled Statutes with supplements. What is the price?

I have in my possession a legal textbook entitled "A practical treatise on the law of purchasers and vendors;" by Sir Edward Sugden. Published by E. and L. Merriman, Brookfield, Mass. 1836. Will you advise me if it has any value and where I might be able to dispose of it?

I should like to receive at your earliest convenience Congressional Record, 1st sess., 52nd Cong., 1st cong., 52d Cong. and Messages of the President. Please specify time I may keep the books.

One more month and I'll be back there and want to be prepared for the old bar questions. How much worthwhile review stuff have you in your collection. I am planning to come to Santa Fe about three weeks in advance if the material you have makes it worthwhile. (Ans.—Come on!)

For the benefit of those interested in using the facilities of the state law library the rules regulating the use and withdrawal of books are reprinted here:

LIBRARY RULES

1. Who may use library. All citizens of the State of New Mexico are privileged to use the library.

2. Quiet. All persons using the library are expected to refrain from talking inside the building, and when doing so, to speak in a low voice. Persons desiring to dictate to stenographers are asked to use one of the alcoves in the back of the library and to close the door when so doing.

3. Leaving books on tables. Persons engaged in research may keep their
8. Returning books. Books which are brought back in person or by messenger should be returned to the librarian on duty, or may be left on the receiving table on the second floor. Transportation charges must be prepaid on all books returned by mail or express.

9. Penalty for removing books from the library. “Any person not authorized by the rules and regulations of the board of trustees so to do, who shall take from the library any books or other property ... either with or without the librarian’s consent, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of ten dollars for every book or other property so taken. Provided, that in case of a felonious taking of such book or property, the person guilty thereof shall be punished in the manner and to the extent now provided by the law for the punishment of such felonies.” (Sec. 3-711, 1941 Compilation)."

10. Damages for injury. “Any person injuring, defacing or destroying a book or other property belonging to the library shall forfeit twice the value thereof to be recovered by the state, and it shall be the duty of the librarian to promptly notify said board of any such offense.” (Sec. 3-712, 1941 Compilation).

11. Defacing books. Leaves of books, pamphlets or magazines must not be turned down. Underlining of words or the making of any other type of mark in the text or margin is prohibited. Book marks will be found in the table drawers.

12. Lending books to others. Persons entitled to receive books from the library shall not transfer that right or privilege to others, nor shall books taken from the library be loaned to others without permission therefor being first obtained from the librarian. The person in whose name the books are withdrawn will remain fully responsible for their safe and prompt return.

13. Penalty for infraction of rules. In addition to the penalties mentioned in rule 4) to 5) borrowers in the State of New Mexico. Transportation charges each way must be paid by the borrower. Books are to be returned so as to reach the library not later than the date due.

RADIO PUBLICITY FOR LOCAL LIBRARIES

The Public Relations Division of the American Library Association under the direction of Miss Olga M. Peterson is now sending out a series of radio “spot” announcements designed to be used by small libraries over their local stations. The spots are general in theme, mentioning certain types of reading or special days, so that they can be easily adapted for use by any library. They call attention to the library urging the radio audience to become familiar with its resources. The American Library Association, by preparing the spots and mailing them out hopes that local libraries will develop independent programs of radio publicity for their libraries.

Miss Salome Anthony is already using them over Santa Fe’s local station in connection with a program giving news items of purely local interest. Most of us think of radio publicity in terms of costly paid publicity but we have found that a talk with two station managers, as well as quick recognition of the library’s value to the community are all that is needed in order to obtain the willingness to give time for brief announcements or interviews as a public service. Why not write Miss Peterson that you would like to be put on the mailing list for these spots and try it over your local station? Address Miss Olga M. Peterson, Chief, Public Library Division, American Library Association, 520 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

LIBRARIES AND NUTRITION MONTH

“With September designated as ‘Nutrition month’ libraries may serve their communities materially by helping to spread among their readers the message of wise eating for health” ... It is recommended that libraries may act on the following suggestions: (a) Contact State and local nutrition committees, (b) post bulletins and provide information on nutrition activities, (c) set up special displays of nutrition materials, including the Basic 7 Food Chart, (d) provide meeting room, if possible, for nutrition groups, (e) allow library space for nutrition exhibits in cooperation with the area nutrition committee, and (f) include in book lists issued by the library, titles of new leaflets on food and nutrition.” From Education for Victory.

Pamphlets and books on food and nutrition may be borrowed from the State Library Extension Service, Santa Fe, N. M.

POSTWAR INFORMATION BULLETIN

A letter from Carl H. Milam, executive secretary of the American Library...
Association, says that the Postwar Information Exchange, Inc., is to publish a Postwar Information Bulletin. We quote from Mr. Milam’s letter:

"This bulletin will be a clearing house of information on national and international postwar problems. It will contain informative digests of national and international subjects and reports on selected materials available and prospective. It will include an exchange of techniques and experiences in popular education. It is extending its services to organisations, discussion leaders, teachers, librarians and individuals throughout the country.

"A.L.A. was invited to participate in the organization and financing of Postwar Information Exchange, Inc., and was able to help in the organization through its representative Mrs. Helen T. Steinberger, Consultant in Adult Education, Public Library of the District of Columbia. Unable to make a direct appropriation, we wish to help as much as possible to promote library subscriptions.

"We think librarians will welcome the Postwar Information Bulletin both for main libraries and for branches. It will present information on publications, films, recordings, broadcasts and other study and discussion materials which in our opinion, will be almost indispensable to any librarian who is attempting to stimulate interest or meet demands in postwar subjects."

Subscriptions are $1.00 a year. Address The Post War Information Exchange, Inc., 8 West 46th St., New York 18, N. Y.

ROCKEFELLER GRANT BUYS $100,000 WORTH OF BOOKS

A grant of $100,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation will enable the American Library Association to purchase books of permanent value for future shipment to libraries in war areas, it was announced by Carl H. Milam, Executive Secretary of the Association. The books are to represent significant contributions to research and scholarship in the United States since the war began. Because of shipping hazards and war conditions in foreign countries, shipment of books to libraries abroad has been drastically curtailed in the last few years. Some important books published in this country during the war are already out of print, and many more will be before transportation channels are reopened. The reserve of copies which will now be built up in this country as a result of the grant, will be distributed when transportation returns to normal.

The grant is an extension of funds amounting to $90,000 provided by the Foundation for the purchase of periodicals to be sent to foreign libraries after the war. Both projects are administered by the A.L.A. International Relations Board through its Washington office (Library of Congress Annex, Washington, D. C.)

The Association’s international activities have expanded considerably since the beginning of the war, because of the need for maintaining channels of cultural interchange. As part of the government’s programme, hundreds of books on all aspects of cultural, political and economic thought in the United States are being sent to libraries in Latin America. American libraries of information are open to the public in Mexico City, Managua, Nicaragua; and Montevideo, Uruguay. Plans are now under consideration for an American Library in China, supplemented by exchange of books, information and librarians.

Information libraries in Europe, Asia and Africa are operating under the OWI. The American Library Association helps to operate three library schools in Latin America—in Quito, Lima and Sao Paulo, all financed in whole or in part by the Rockefeller Foundation. It aids students coming from other countries to study in American library schools, and foreign librarians who come to observe American library methods. Plans are now under consideration for an American library in China, supplemented by exchange of books, librarians and information.