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News Notes From New Mexico Libraries

Fifty Distinguished Books For Children

Public Library Demonstration Act

Law Library Briefs
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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 service. 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

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

Dear Governor Dempsey:

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

The State Library Commission has completed its fifth year of effort to extend library service to all citizens of the state and to raise the standards and improve the facilities of the existing libraries. The growing recognition of libraries as an asset to community living has been state-wide as is evidenced by the many excellent editorials and news items which have appeared in the local newspapers. While New Mexico as a state is far below the standards for good library service set by the American Library Association, and though more than half of the people of New Mexico are still without access to libraries, the outlook is more encouraging than at any time in the past.

State Aid To Libraries

The last state legislature has been warmly commended for the special appropriation which was granted the State Library Commission to be used in extending or increasing library service in rural areas and small communities. Of the $15,000 appropriated for the bimonthly "for rural library service", $2,000 a year was allocated by the Commission for the additional help required for an expanded program, and for increased administrative expense. $500 a year was set aside as a fund to be matched by local communities.

The purpose of the matching fund was to help the small local libraries obtain increased appropriations for library service; to establish the principle of support from public funds for public libraries, as for public schools, removing them from the realm of uncertain charity; to make more and better books available; and to raise standards of organization, book selection and service.

To this end the local library had to meet certain requirements before it qualified for state funds. The state matched only increases in the local budget; the increases must have come from public funds; the library agreed to give free service to anyone residing in the county, to set up simple library records, to keep the library open a reasonable number of hours, to submit book orders to be paid with state money to the Commission for approval, and to make an annual report to the Commission.

The minimum fund granted qualifying libraries was $200, the maximum $500. 75% of the money from the state was required to be spent for books, 25% might be used for library assistant's salary if so desired.

Under these terms ten local libraries received state aid. Deming, Elida, Hot Springs, Portales, Socorro and Springer each received $200; Fort Sumner, Las Vegas and Vaughn, $500 each. In other words the budgets of these ten libraries were increased from $400 to $2,000.

Benefits From State Aid

The benefits to these local libraries from the state aid program are shown in their reports. The excellent report of Mrs. A. W. Marshall, Chairman of the Deming Library Board, is quoted in full as an example:

ANNUAL REPORT EXPENDITURE OF STATE MATCHING FUND MONEY

DEMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

DEMING, NEW MEXICO, 1945-46

Money received : $200.00 (From the state)
1. Books
   (a) Number bought : 92
   (b) Amount spent : $164.59
2. Amount applied on librarian's salary : $35.41

Total : $200.00

3. State money plus additional money from City Council made it possible to keep library open two additional evenings each week from seven to nine o'clock, thus better serving the working public and the high school students.

4. General benefits to library from matching fund program:
   (1) Increased interest of city officials in library as a means of public education - affected by:
      (a) Placing a member of the Council on the library board as required by the State Library Commission to qualify for funds.
      (b) Arousing enthusiasm for improved maintenance by grasping opportunity to buy more and better books

with funds from an outside source. The business man's appreciation of this angle is a definite aid to the women who carry the responsibility of the library.

(2) Increased interest of city officials in the library as a physical asset to the community. City has assumed maintenance of library grounds as part of city park program. Library service thus can be expanded to the extent of funds formerly set aside for this upkeep.

(3) Accelerated interest on the part of board members in better publicity, shown by:
   (a) Eagerness to let community know thru local papers of the assistance received from the state.
   (b) Pride in reporting excellent new books made possible by extra funds.

(4) Introduction of a more thorough cataloging system by the librarian.

(5) Aroused interest in Library Extension. During the coming year board plans to make each rural school in county a circulating center for books from Deming Library by encouraging school teachers to take out a large number of books at a time. Such service to the rural population will require many books covering a wide range of interests. This project is dependent upon funds available for the purchase of additional books required.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN C. MARSHALL.
Dr. Quincy Guy Burris, Chairman of the Las Vegas Library Board, reports that the entire state fund of $500 was spent for books and adds:

"Community sentiment is enthusiastic, both about the services of the librarian and the promptness with which new and valuable books appear on our display tables, as well as about the new acquisitions. We feel that the help we have had from the state has been beyond valuation, that the community is now aware as it has never been before of the library as a center of information for all. In 1944-1945, the monthly average of books issued was 1,100. Thus far, in 1946-1947, the average has been over 1,500 volumes, with some months running well over 1,500." 

The Hot Springs Public Library qualified for $500, and Mrs. D. C. Pittman, Librarian, writes:

"The State funds have enabled our library to grow both in volume of books, and quality of books. We have been able to add to our shelves a great number of books that otherwise would have been impossible if we had been dependent entirely upon our local funds. In addition to this, the library has benefited by having access to the recommendations of persons experienced and highly qualified in the selection of books with which to build up more soundly for the future. The satisfaction already derived has made it our aim to become eligible in the next appropriation for an increase in the allotment of funds for greater expansion."

Marie Townsley, Librarian of the Springer Library, states in her report that "borrowers have increased about two-thirds" since Springer acquired the matching fund money and Mrs. Frank Hyrd, Chairman of the Elida Board, says their "readers are approximately double what they had before this program was started."

The Farmington Library has been able through their increased appropriation to add a professional librarian. The library is open on specified days and she is employed on a part-time basis. Mrs. E. E. Woods, Treasurer of the Board, remarks upon the "continued interest from town people, the many new cards given to children of all ages and the new books added to collections" and that they have been enabled to keep the library open longer than formerly.

Much the same report comes from Mrs. J. C. Weir in Socorro, who says they have more adult readers, as well as children, especially among the young people, "that probably because we have been able to get some of the latest books, both fiction and non-fiction."

The village of Vaughn situated as it is on the plains is far from any library center and had no town library. With state aid funds they were able to get $500 from the city and the church schools. This with state money plus $200 from local organizations gave them $1,200 with which to start their library. The secretary of the board, Mrs. E. R. McDowell says in her report "The general opinion is that the library is meeting a broad need in the community... We feel that it has been through the State Aid Program that this public service has been made possible."

Fort Sumner has had a small library sponsored by the Women's Club. It was housed in a dark corner in the basement of the County courthouse and supported solely by contributions. The city council matched $500 in state money and decided also to build an attractive library as a memorial to the DeBaca county boys killed in the war. Mrs. Ray Cowart, chairwoman of the board, reports that the library will be opened in July.

These various statements make one point very clear—that people will read if books are accessible and if, instead of a state and static collection, new books are obtained to keep the collection attractive and up-to-date.

The state aid program is set up for the biennium and all libraries which qualified in 1945-1946 and can maintain the same budget in 1946-1947 will be given the same aid.

In addition to the aid given these small libraries, three of the larger libraries—Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Raton—qualified for matching funds, the money to be used under the supervision of their professional staffs, to extend library service to outlying parts of their respective counties.

Sallie Anthony, Librarian of the Santa Fe library, after consulting with the school officials, used the $500 grant to buy good inexpensive editions of children's classics and one or two reference books. Small collections were placed in 28 district schools as part of their permanent class room libraries.

The Albuquerque Public Library spent the $500 allotted them for children's books which enabled them to serve teachers in five county schools. The books were sent out in rotating collections of 20 books each. Mrs. E. C. Thompson, Librarian of the Albuquerque Library, says:

"The fact that the books taken out were new and fresh seemed to delight both the teachers and the pupils. Two teachers used book jackets to brighten their book covers. However, they both said that they did not need outside stimulation to encourage reading. All they needed was books and more books."

"In two schools the books were used in school exhibits for parents. Several of the teachers mentioned how glad the children were to take out books. They seemed to consider it a treat as their school libraries were limited to reading in school. The interest shown by the pupils in GOOD BOOKS, even surprised the teachers."

Mrs. Thompson ended with a P.S.

"We have just added two new uses for the County Books while I have been writing this letter. The Girl Scout Camp has just borrowed 20 of these books... The Catholic Teachers College, through one of their Sisters, has selected 50 of our finest books to be used as a display for a library project. The possibilities for the use of these books seem to be unlimited."

The Iaton Public Library received $500. This money, spent for books, has made it possible for Evelyn Shuler, Librarian, to extend service to such communities as Chama and Dawson by means of traveling collections.

Money remaining in the matching fund was used to build up a book stock with which to begin a demonstration program in the northern New Mexico counties.

Out of the matching fund programs, as a whole, has grown a fine cooperation between local and state library groups with one goal, their mutual desire to provide all the people of New Mexico with the best library service they can achieve. It is obvious that these small communities need help and that such help must come from the state.

State Library Extension Service

The work of the State Library Extension Service in supplying supplementary book collections on three-month loans to schools and public libraries, and direct book and reference service by mail to individual borrowers continues to grow. 18,622 books were sent out this year, a gain of 3,578 over the previous year.

Collections sent to rural schools vary from 20 to 150 volumes, depending upon enrollment in the class or school. 5708 books were loaned them this year.

In addition to supplementary collections loaned libraries such as Socorro and Lordsburg which are permanent libraries. collections of 250 books are also sent out as "community" libraries. They
are housed in stores, schools, private homes, the county courthouse. One is in a church. They serve communities such as Capitan, Carrizozo, Shiprock, Reserve, Alcalde and Cliff and are exchanged for new collections every three months. 9000 books were loaned libraries.

6858 books were mailed to individual borrowers living in remote parts of the state.

Once again it must be remembered that each book loaned may be read by from one to twenty-five children or adults before it is returned to the Extension Library.

We have continued to loan collections to the Penitentiary and the State Sanatorium at Socorro.

In setting up the little community libraries mentioned above, it is necessary to work directly with some individual or group in the community willing to sponsor and supervise the library. Its success depends upon having the right persons in charge and a great deal of field work is necessary to establish these libraries. Cooperation with the state agricultural extension personnel is one of the most successful methods of finding the proper supervisors. Unfortunately all field work must be done by the director who has many other duties. One of our most urgent needs is a trained assistant who can devote her entire time to this work.

Many requests come to us from small local libraries with untrained personnel for assistance in problems of administration and organization for which a field worker is badly needed.

Field Work
In spite of growing administrative responsibilities the director has made more field trips than during any other year. In August a visit was made to Tucumcari to consult with the local board regarding bookmobile service in Tucumcari and Rio Arriba counties. It was followed in September by visits to Hot Springs, Las Cruces, State College, Deming, Silver City and Socorro libraries to plan for matching funds and community libraries.

In October the director met with the Farmington Library Board to discuss matters of library organization and visited the Aztec library. The director also met with a citizen group and the city council in Vaughn to help them get funds to begin their library.

Following attendance at the State Library Association meeting in Silver City, November 16-17, the director made a survey of Catron county. This large rural county had no libraries of any kind and as a result of this trip four community libraries were set up in Catron county.

November was also a busy month with a trip to Albuquerque to broadcast about the matching fund in connection with the Bernalillo county program, and later in the month to Vaughn, Fort Sumner, Clovis, Portales and Elida. In Clovis a citizen's meeting attended by about 50 people, was held to consider ways of starting a city library.

Early in March the director met with the board of the Roswell Public Library and representatives of Dexter and Lake Arthur to explain the matching fund program and discuss Chaves county participation. The latter part of the month a field trip was made to Las Vegas, Springer and Raton. Miss Shuler, librarian of the Raton Library and the director drove into outlying parts of the county to interview people regarding Colfax county service.

Two book buying trips were made to Albuquerque in May and June and a trip to Denver to purchase special books for the northern New Mexico demonstration project planned for the next fiscal year.

Administration
The State Library Extension Service has a staff of three—the director and two assistants, Ruth E. Rambo and Mary Alire Tawney. Mrs. Rose E. Charles is part-time clerical assistant. There have been many changes in page help. Special help was employed in June to clean and mend books.

The Extension Library is at present heavily understaffed and more professional help is urgently needed. The need for a trained assistant for field work has already been mentioned.

3236 books have been accessioned and cataloged but several hundred remain uncataloged because the increased demands from all parts of the state for service has required the cataloger to act in other capacities.

The State Library Extension Service desperately needs larger and more convenient quarters. Office working space is crowded and inadequate, the book stacks are overflowing and the work is greatly hampered by present conditions. The next two years should see a great expansion in the program of the State Library Commission and the use of the Library Extension Service. If it is to be accomplished more help and proper library facilities are imperative. New Mexico should have spacious and attractive quarters for its state library of which she can be proud.

The Chairman and the Executive Secretary express their grateful appreciation for the loyalty and unity of purpose with which commission members and staff have worked this year, and their thanks to state officials and agencies for their interest and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Brown Asplund, Chairman
Irene S. Peck, Executive Secretary and Director State Library Commission.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1945-1946

Receipts:
Appropriation by Legislature $19,700.00
Reimbursements, postage, lost books, etc. 172.52
Total receipts $19,872.52

Disbursements:
Salaries:
Director $2400.00
Assistant 1725.00
Second Assistant 1000.00
Extra help—Clerical 894.03

Total salaries $6419.03
Travel $402.81
Supplies 276.01
Printing & publication 282.44
Postage 875.00
Insurance 78.00
Board meeting exp. 0.00
Sundry 41.70
Telephone & Tel. 106.62
Books, periodicals, binding 5140.52
Quarters & services 1200.00
Gifts and grants fund 5500.00
Balance 1.19

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STATISTICAL REPORT

Book Stock:
Volumes in library June 30, 1945 16,001
Accessions 1945-1946 3,026
New books and gift books to be cataloged 1,855

22412

880

21,592

Circulation:
Schools 5,708
Libraries 6,095
Individual borrowers 8,850

Total volumes loaned 18,622
Total volumes loaned July 1, 1944-306
June 30, 1945 15,044
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*Teacher-librarian paid from school general fund.
**Approximate.
†Service available to residents of county.
‡Serves town and vicinity.
Some figures are approximate since not all libraries keep accurate records.
SERVICE INCREASE

It is difficult to show exact figures for library support because some do not give accurate reports of all expenditures for library service. Maintenance costs, repairs, utilities are frequently paid by the city, but are not reported as part of the library budget. Some figures given seem to be approximate. A study of the available figures shows that at least $25,600 more was spent for libraries in 1945-1948 than in 1943-1944. This is at least encouraging and early reports indicate that a number of libraries have received substantial increases for the current fiscal year.

WOMEN'S CLUB COMMENDS STATE LEGISLATURE

The State Federation of Women's Clubs at its annual convention held in Roswell commended the state legislature for making funds available to the State Library Commission for rural library service. Members of the Women's Club have always given their warm support to library measures and have played an important role in library progress in the state.

NEWS NOTES FROM NEW MEXICO LIBRARIES

Alamogordo

Mrs. A. A. McNatt has been re-elected president of the Alamogordo Civic League which has owned and operated the Alamogordo Library since shortly after the town was founded. The library has been housed in the Otero County courthouse, but is now to be moved into the recently vacated USO building which the city administration is now making into a community center.

Albuquerque

Last year the Albuquerque Public Library added a trained children's librarian to its staff, the first in New Mexico. This year a Young Adults department has been added with Miss Jane Bradt, graduate of the Carnegie Library School, as librarian. Miss Bradt will devote her time to work with young people of high school age.

The library has established a new weekly library service at the Barelas Community center, in an outlying Albuquerque district. Miss Cornwell, the children's librarian found the response to her first collection of books for children so great that she will go every Tuesday from 3 to 6 o'clock to work with the children at the center. An adult department will be open from 7 to 9 o'clock. People living in this district find it difficult to use the Public Library so the service is being taken to them.

The library recently had two puppet shows prepared by the Arts and Crafts in Elementary Schools class under the direction of Dr. F. Edward Del Dosso of the University of New Mexico.

Three community groups recently have adopted library projects. The alumnae of Mortar Board, senior women's honor society, are sponsoring a southwestern book section. The St. Charles Tabernacle Society plans to subscribe to a Catholic Magazine and to place a Catholic Book of the Month on the shelves each month. The Albuquerque Woman's Club will give a benefit bridge to raise money for a gift for the library, continuing a project started a year ago.

Carlsbad

The Daily Current-Argus in its series of articles covering the reports of the Carlsbad City Planners has the following to say about the Library and Museum, housed in the same building:

"The building was erected in 1930. This structure is of southwestern architecture. The museum occupies the second floor and contains a good collection of indigenous artifacts and geological and botanical specimens of considerable tourist interest. During normal years the attendance at the library and museum has been slightly in excess of 25,000 per year. Holaqueen Park with its many trees furnishes a fine setting for this building.

Both the library and the museum are too small. The building is so designed, however, that it can be enlarged... The interior is quite dark. Redecoration with lighter walls would greatly improve this condition."

Chilton

The Belle Lettres Club has made a donation of $30.00 to the Public Library.

Deming

The city has taken over the care of the grounds of the Deming Public Library as part of its park program. This release funds formerly reserved for grounds maintenance to be used in the library's expanding program.

Ennise

The editor of the Ennise Enterprise notes in his paper that he has on file the State Library Extension Service booklet which may be consulted there by anyone wishing books from the Extension library.

Farmington

The Study Club sponsored a recital by Otto Asamay, concert pianist and former Farmington boy. Proceeds from the recital go to the library fund.

Hot Springs

We quote the Sierra County Advocate: "The appropriation to the Hot Springs Library has been increased from $800 to $1400; the library Board is considering the possibility of a paid librarian this year and, taking advantage of moving into larger quarters, an increase in the list of new and desirable books which are offered for public reading. If you have not visited the library lately, it will be worth your while to drop in; you will be proud of the booklined walls, the large reading room equipped with fluorescent lighting."

Los Alamos

The Los Alamos Times reports that a shipment of 10,500 books has been received and will be divided among various units "on the hill."

Lovington

Mrs. Barbara Hill, librarian of the Lovington Library, has resigned and moved to El Paso. The B & PW Club,
Portales

Edwin S. Mirise began his duties as librarian at Eastern New Mexico College July 1. Mr. Mirise holds a B.A. degree from Denison College; M.A. from Ohio State and B.S. in L.S. from Columbia University. Mrs. Kenneth J. Brough, acting librarian for the past three years, has joined Lieutenant Brough at Port Bliss.

Ranchos de Taos

From Taosillo:

"The Citizens of Ranchos are dreaming of a building to house their library permanently. The library is being set up for the summer in the old Boy Scout H Club headquarters building which is used during school term by the St. Francis school. Unpacking the books and recataloguing is a strenuous job and the volunteer librarians shudder at the thought of having to close up or move out when school opens. The library is being reopened as a community service. We have so far no funds; none of the librarians is being paid; the library can keep going only as long as those who use it are willing to help out, each in his own way. We need more bookshelves; we need a few people who are willing to act as librarian one afternoon each week; we need a permanent building—even one slightly in ruins that we could fix up might do! If you think you can help us out on any of these angles, please speak to Ruben Martinez, chairman of the library committee."

The original Ranchos de Taos library was started during the days of the Taos County Project under the direction of Leonard Fritz.

Raton

The county extension service of the Raton Public Library under the direction of Evelyn Shuler, Librarian, opened its first branch library at Dawson. The Dawson Book Club has assumed responsibility for quarters and an attendant. The second branch at Cimarron opened June 30, under the sponsorship of the Sorosis Club. Other similar branch libraries will be established in Colfax county. The program was made possible by increased appropriations from the city of Raton and the county commissioners matched by state funds.

The library has also opened a home service for shut-ins. A library-minded group, the Koshare Club, will pick up and deliver books to people unable to go to the library.

The Public Library Art Association has been formed by twelve Raton artists. The association will arrange for local painters' exhibits to be hung in the library. The library continues its picture lending service. Patrons may borrow from the library's collection of paintings and lithograph pictures to hang in their own homes. The loan is for six months.

Roswell

Louise Hamilton, Librarian of the Roswell Library, and Will Lawrence, chairman of the board, have worked hard in support of the Public Library Demonstration Bill with newspaper publicity, telegrams to congressmen and other concrete efforts.

Santa Fe

Arlie Poldervaart, State Law Librarian, was honored by being elected president of the American Association of Law Librarians at the annual meeting in St. Louis. Mr. Poldervaart has been librarian of the Supreme Court Library since 1938. During this time he has been active in the national organization, serving on various committees. Since 1944 he has been a member of the editorial staff of the Law Library Journal, the quarterly publication of the Association.

Evelyn Baeur has been appointed librarian of the Museum of New Mexico, succeeding Leslie Murphy Long. Miss Baeur is a graduate of the University of Colorado, and the University of Denver School of Librarianship. She majored in romance languages, Latin, Spanish, French and Portuguese. Among other accomplishments she is a musician and has played the violin with the Albuquerque and Boulder Civic orchestras, and the University of New Mexico string quartet.

As one woman looks at life

Back the Bookmobile

"According to the American Library Association, 34 million Americans have no way of getting books. This is why the organization urges Congressional aid for traveling libraries—called bookmobiles. Two sponsors are at work on the plan, Rep. Douglass, (D. Ill.) and Senator Hill (D. Ala.)

"Bookmobiles have been tried in many states and have proved popular and beneficial. Lack of funds slows down the effort. A small amount of Federal aid, it is said, would make the project a success.

"I can think of many worse ways we have spent Government money. It would seem that any means to increase education and keep people happy 'down on the farm' ought to be worth a trial.

"Book reading is a good habit. Even mediocre books are better than none at all, and it's always possible to acquire a preference for good literature.

"Remembering my own childhood hunger for books in a region where there were few, I think there is no starvation so terrible as that felt by people who lack food for their growing minds. Such people live in every hamlet. Thousands of children with curious, avid minds are stunted mentally because during childhood and adolescence they have nothing to satisfy their intellects.

" 'Education,' says President Truman, 'is the only defense against the atom bomb.' Are these just pretty words with which the average American will agree in theory? Or do we intend to do anything about increasing and improving education? One way to show that we mean what we say is to give our approval to the bookmobile plan."

--From the Albuquerque Tribune.

By Mrs. Walter Ferguson.

Fifty distinguished books for children

All librarians, parents and teachers should know the Horn Book which is devoted to books for boys and girls and to the people who make them. Every issue is a delight. The July issue prints a list of the 50 outstanding children's books of 1945. They are chosen for excellence of text, illustration and bookmaking by Irene Smith, Brooklyn Public Library and Julia L. Sauer, Rochester Public Library, children's librarians, and Alice M. Jordan, Editor of the Horn book list. The list is reproduced below.

How many are in your library?


Shimsa the Dancing Bear, by Christine Wouton. Pictures by Roger Duvoisin. (Scribners) Adventures of two boys against a rich background of life in India.

Clear the Track for Michael's Magic Train, written and illustrated by Louis Slobodka. (Macmillan) Childlike pictures and good fun.

Climbing Our Family Tree, by Alex Novikoff. Illustrated by John English. (International) Animated drawings and pointed captions tell a vivid story of evolution.

Daniel Boone, by Esther Averill. Illustrated by F. Rojankovsky. (Harper) A new and enlarged edition of a dis-
Distinguished and valuable book.

Donkey for the King, by Olave Price. Decorations by Valenti Angelo. (Whitney) The sensitive story of the colt who carried Jesus into Jerusalem.

Echo of a Cry, written and illustrated by Mai-Mai See. (Harcourt) Revealing chapters from the autobiography of a young Chinese girl.

First Whisper of "The Wind in the Willows", by Kenneth Graham. (Lippincott) Introduced by Mrs. Graham; this tells how "The Wind in the Willows" came to be written.

Gulf Stream, by Ruth Brindze. Illustrated by Helene Carter. (Vanguard) A beautifully illustrated account of the characteristics and influence of the great river in the ocean.

Henry's Lincoln, by Louise A. Neyhart. Illustrations by Charles Banks Wilson. (Holiday) This story makes real the great Lincoln-Douglas debate as seen and heard by a farm boy.

Henka, by Lee Kingman. Illustrated by Arnold Edwina Bare. (Houghton) Home Life in a Russian household in picture and story for little girls.

Keo the Hottentot, by Joseph Marals. Illustrated by Henry Stahlhut. (Knopf) Unusual folklore from South Africa.


Little people in a Big Country, by Norma Kohn. (Oxford) Pictures by children of Soviet Russia, all showing artistic ability.


My Mother is the Most Beautiful Woman in the World, by Becky Rehier. Illustrated by Ruth Gannett. (Howell) Pictures harvest time in the Ukraine in a warm story of a child's love for her mother.

Necessary Nellie, written and illustrated by Charlotte Baker. (Coward) An unusually kindly spirit pervades this story of young Mexican-Americans and their dog.


Plain Princess, by Phyllis McGinley. Pictures by Helen Stone. (Lippincott) An imaginative story with a touch of magic and charming pictures.

Prayer for little Things, by Eleanor Farjeon. Pictures by Elizabeth Orton Jones. (Houghton) The simple, reverent verses are attractively illustrated and have a truthful, childlike quality.

Reunion in Poland, by Jean Karsavina. Drawings by Lynd Ward. (International) This young novel of a Polish girl's return from Moscow glows with love of country.


Rooster Crows, by Maud and Miska Petersham, author-illustrators. (Macmillan) For this "Book of American Rhymes and Jingles" the Petershams have made delightful pictures with plenty of humor for familiar counting-out and rope-skipping rhymes, finger plays and folk-jingles of playground and street, the nursery and the home.


Sandy, by Elizabeth Janet Gray. (Viking) Excellent delineation of character marks this fine story of New Hampshire village life.

Sibby Rotherbox, by Mabel Leigh Hunt. Illustrated by Marjory Collison. (Lippincott) The joy of having an imaginary playmate is pictured in this understanding story for little girls.

Sing Mother Goose, edited by Opal Wheeler. Illustrated by Marjorie Torrey. (Dutton) Fifty nursery rhymes set to music and fully illustrated.

Strawberry Girl, written and illustrated by Lois Lenski. (Lippincott) A vivid sense of region and well-drawn characters give value to this story of the Florida backwoods.

This is the Christmas, by Ruth Sawyer. (Horn Book) A tender Serbian legend of a blind Gypsy boy.

Wildcat Purr to China, by Carl Gurner. Illustrated by Elizabeth Black Gurner. (Knopf) An unusual episode in American trade history told as a delightful and amusing story.

Wind Island, written and illustrated by Hofwig Collin. (Viking) Fascinating pictures make real this story of home life on a Danish island.

Within the Circle, by Evelyn Stefansen. With maps by Richard Edes Harrison. (Scribner) Fine photographs and authentic description interpret the life and activities of the people living within the Arctic Circle.

You Can Write Chinese, written and illustrated by Kurt Wise. (Viking) An unusual picture book showing how Chinese characters have developed.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION ACT

So far the news is good regarding the Public Library Demonstration Act. The Senate Sub-Committee which had the first hearing approved the bill with two amendments. The length of the proposed demonstrations was reduced from four to five years. The amount of the matching funds was increased from a maximum of $50,000 per year to a maximum of $75,000 per year. If these changes are approved it will be possible for any state to put on an annual program involving the use of $100,000 from federal funds and $75,000 from state and local funds. Think what this would mean to New Mexico!

The bill was approved by the Senate Committee on Education and Labor on Friday, June 21, and was presented to the House Subcommittee on Education on July 22. No report of this hearing has been received to date.


Testifying before the Senate Sub-Committee on Education, Russell Smith of the Farmers' Union and Fred Bailey of the National Grange, emphasized the need for library service to rural areas and stated that the one change their organizations would suggest for the Public Library Service Demonstration Bill, S. 1295, as introduced by Senator Lister Hill (D. Ala.) would be to increase its scope by providing more funds for the demonstrations.

Chairman Elbert Thomas (D. Utah) called the attention to the basic importance of this and similar bills which the committee has been considering, stating that though modest in nature they provide for fundamental needs in education and recreation which are more acute as a result of the war.

Dr. Luther Evans, Librarian of Congress, stated that "the level of informa-
tion of our people as to current problems has to be raised if we are to meet our responsibilities."

Dr. John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, stated that "public library service is truly an essential factor in the educational program of the nation".

Testifying on the success of TVA demonstration projects, Miss Mary U. Rothrock, Library Specialist, Tennessee Valley Authority, states, "We library people, going over these mountain roads, have come to be utterly convinced that the run-of-mine are not going to have access to the books they should have except through such agencies and institutions as are contemplated in this bill."

Speaking further on the results of the demonstrations, she said, "Rural people, remote from urban centers, will take advantage of such facilities when they are available... Upon the withdrawal of the T.V.A., without exception, the people have carried on the programs on approximately the same scale as during the demonstration period."

Miss Essa M. Culver, Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Library Commission, stated that 20 years ago when Louisiana made a study they found only five free public libraries in the state, but that as a result of demonstrations, the state now spends $75,000 per year on demonstrations which have brought about permanent service in 21 parishes. In all but 2 demonstration areas, people have voted tax appropriations so that libraries are now a legal part of their government.

Paul Howard of the American Library Association testified that "approximately 35,000,000 people have no library service whatsoever; that in only 11 states, plus the District of Columbia, are as many as 50% of the people legally entitled to public library service. In many of these 11 states the service is not adequate, for a large portion of the population especially in rural areas... This situation, in the light of current conditions, is positively harmful and potentially dangerous to the welfare of the United States... The American Library Association feels that this bill represents a landmark in the development of library service in the United States, that it is extremely important for it to be passed as soon as possible, and that the nation as a whole will benefit greatly from its provisions."

**LAW LIBRARY ACCESSIONS**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1946, the New Mexico Law Library accessioned 983 new law books, received and filed 16,104 U. S. documents, 552 numbers of legal periodicals, 1,153 state documents, and 371 advance sheets.

**GIFT OF STATUTES**

The law library recently acquired through gift of Judge H. F. Raymonds, a member of the New Mexico bar now residing in California, a very fine collection of the New Mexico session laws and statutes. The gift includes a copy of the 1865 Compiled Laws, a copy of the 1889 Compilation by L. Bradford Prince, the Compilation of 1897, and copies of most of the session laws from the 1870's to 1925. These books make a most valuable addition to the library collection, and the library wishes to express its appreciation to Judge Raymonds for his contribution.