

# OREGON STATE LIBRARY SALEM

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at the Least Cost"*

ELEANOR STEPHENS, LIBRARIAN

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TO OREGON LIBRARY WORKERS:

## Archives Sponsored

D.C. DUNIWAY Governor Earl Snell on January 5, 1945, in his Message to  
TO BE OREGON'S Oregon's Forty-third Biennial Legislative Assembly, added twenty  
FIRST ARCHIVIST words which may have great bearing on the efficient administration of government for all time. He said, "May I call to your attention the desirability of establishing a department of archives in conjunction with the Oregon State Library." The Legislature in March, 1945 took heed by adding, to the budget of that library, funds whereby this work, approved by the Conservation of Cultural Resources Committee and the Board of Trustees of the Oregon State Library, might be put into operation. The latter body has for several months been considering applicants, and David C. Duniway was finally the successful candidate. Mr. Duniway, who has an eight year record in the National Archives, and has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Association for State and Local History for five years, came on duty at Room 202 in the State Library Building in Salem, on January 5, 1946.

## To Grow We Must Grow

POSTWAR BUILDING - The Library Journal of January 1, 1946 (which we wish to compliment on its attractive new format) gave four columns and a half to an article on possible developments in Oregon's library world. Medford, Astoria, Albany, Eugene, Newport, Myrtle Point, Cottage Grove, Bandon, are the communities from which something definite in the way of library planning was reported. There are doubtless many others where civic consciousness is stirring. We liked the evidence given in the Albany Democrat-Herald of January 1, 1946, emphasizing, during the impending period of growth which the entire Northwest faces, the need for increasing public expenditures. To quote: "It lies within the power of local residents to better their condition henceforth by working together toward building up the community... Recreational and educational plants that may have been adequate for many years can be outgrown... The Albany Public Library is virtually bulging with a 30 year accumulation of books, and space there has become entirely inadequate." Albany already has its local architect, Cleo Jenkins, at work solving the problem of their much needed expansion.

POINTERS FOR The American Library Association has given us, upon request, a  
P.L. PLANNERS few copies of their recent listing of Public Library Building Planning Aids which we shall be glad to send to the first libraries that ask for them. This list should be supplemented by two articles in the Library Journal for December 15, 1945, Modern Library Building Trends, by Schunk (p.1157-59) and New Possibilities in Library Planning, by MacDonald (p.1169-74); and by a Wilson Library Bulletin, January, 1946, article, entitled A Primer of Library Planning, by Donald K. Campbell and Clinton F. Goodwin. The latter article defines some "800 points to be considered before moving from blueprints to actual construction," and is intended to serve a city that may eventually reach 100,000. Just in case you haven't taken time to look over Pointers for Public Library Building Planners, by Russell J. Schunk (A.L.A., \$1.25) we'd like to call attention to the fact that it has chapters on such subjects as: the planning team, site, team play in planning the library, small or large, selling the project, remodeling, moving, structural information, equipment information, etc.

The Year of DecisionOREGON  
BOUNDARY  
ANNIVERSARY

The one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the boundary dispute over Oregon, ended by a treaty between the United States and Great Britain, will be celebrated on June 15, 1946. In the year 1846, Oregon had a population of only 6,000 people. By 1860 the population had increased nearly tenfold. The great influx of migration which began to inundate the West after Pearl Harbor now gives evidence of further growth in the Beaver state - a challenge which intelligent library planners must prepare to meet.

BUDGET TIME  
APPROACHES

It is time for libraries to take stock of themselves. With the sparse population in rural Oregon, and limited tax base in many communities, it is not possible to secure an adequate budget or salaries for a library staff commensurate with that available for positions requiring similar educational preparation. City councils and county courts are apt to want to meet the demands of their clientele if librarians and library boards can marshal their evidence and give good proof of what could be accomplished with more adequate support. In March you will probably begin preparation of your budget. If your library is not located in a county where there is unified county library service, and is not adequately supported, NOW IS THE TIME TO CONSIDER WHAT YOU CAN DO TO BETTER THIS CONDITION. Your State Librarian is ready to work with you on this problem.

BY WAY OF  
ENCOURAGEMENT

The Oregon Spectator, of which volume 1, number 1 was first published on February 5, 1846 in Oregon City, gave to its readers: "AN INFALLIBLE REMEDY FOR LOWNESS OF SPIRITS - Take one ounce spirits of resolution and an equal proportion of the oil 'of good conscience - infuse into these a tablespoonful of salts of patience, and add thereto a few sprigs of a plant called 'others woes,' which you will find freely growing in every part of the garden of life, but especially under the broad leaves of a showy herb called disguise. Gather also a handful of the blossoms of hope, which being perennial may always be obtained; sweeten these with the balm of providence, and if you can procure a few drops of the genuine cordial of true friendship, it will greatly add to the value of the medicine. But in this one ingredient especially be careful of counterfeits. There is a spurious compound, vended by one Self Interest, which is obtained easily enough, and by which thousands are imposed upon. The least admixture of it with the above ingredients, would infallibly spoil the composition. Reduce the whole to an electuary by a proper proportion of conserve of content, flavor it with the essence of good judgment, and regulate the quantity taken according to the virulence of the disease. A tried recipe never known to fail." COULD IT APPLY TO LIBRARY PROBLEMS?

LIBRARIES SERVE  
WAR VETERANS

In the December 10, 1945 issue of the Portland Journal, Miss Nell Unger, Portland's city librarian, wrote a guest editorial in which she emphasized the increasing number of men wearing the honorable discharge emblem who request information from the Library Association of Portland. She stated that "They are making excellent use of the fine collection of materials about vocations and are interested in obtaining facts and figures about a wide variety of occupations and businesses, including chemical engineering, the industrial equipment market, specialty shops, restaurants, apartment house and auto-court plans, the manufacture of cosmetics and the small diversified farm." She commented upon the fact that the Circulation Department cannot keep up with requests for house plans and books about every phase of home making and interior decoration. Interest in leisure-time activities that was apparently dormant during the war, such as painting, collecting, woodworking and the like, her staff found to be again to the fore. Lillie Madsen Larsen of Silverton reports that many returned service men are taking time off for rest and reading, and some persons who previously spent spare time commuting to Portland shipyards are again registered readers at the local library.

Books with Wheels Under Them

OREGON NEEDS A Portland firm which makes automobile bodies and hopes to enter the competition for making one of the bookmobiles to be used by the fourteen new county library systems of Washington, recently contacted our State Library for material on the up-to-date "Parnassus." We regret that Oregon has only four counties where libraries on wheels are in operation, so we could not supply much first-hand information. But we have our eagle eye out for supporting evidence which may help Oregon awaken to a maximum distribution of books with minimum costs. In a University of North Carolina News Letter of November 14, 1945, we have read with interest of the regional planning in North Carolina whereby five regional units covering some thirteen counties are operating bookmobiles. In that state of 3,571,623 population they report forty-two bookmobiles serving forty-nine counties on regularly scheduled trips, for in addition to the five owned by the regional libraries, thirty-seven counties own their own bookmobiles. HAVE YOU THOUGHT WHAT YOUR LIBRARY COULD DO IF IT WERE ON WHEELS?

HAMILTON CO. TWO DECADES The Cincinnati Guide Post for January, 1946 enlarges upon what the Hamilton County (Ohio) Library has been able to accomplish by use of its bookmobile service, first begun in September, 1927. They grant that discovery of the value of the service came slowly, and in the first year their one bookmobile circulated only 59,412 volumes--while last year they had three bookmobiles working in one county and loaned 481,003 books. They say, "The time will come, no doubt, when another bookmobile will be added to the fleet, and then another... Maybe they will be bigger; maybe they will hold more than the 1,500 books carried in each of the present bookmobiles... Eventually the day will come when all men and women, as well as the children, whether they live on paved highways or down dirt roads, will find the bookmobile waiting for them in the neighboring hamlet or at the nearest crossroads." IS IT TOO MUCH TO HOPE FOR, FOR OREGON, TOO?

Library Holdings

PUBLIC LIBRARY TAX EXEMPTIONS Oregon Laws, 1945, Chapter 296, details the amendment relating to exemptions of property from taxation, as Section 110-201, O.C.L.A., which was revised at the last session of the legislature. Section 6 applies particularly to public libraries, which are listed among exemptions with the following statement, "All public libraries, and the personal property belonging thereto and connected therewith, and the real property belonging thereto and upon which such library is situated." This is only one of the many advantages a publicly supported institution has over those in which memberships are charged for patrons.

To the subscription or club controlled library not under public supervision, a recent item in the Dayton Tribune may be of particular concern:

"A law passed at the last session of legislature states that 'all literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific organizations, all church and other religious organizations, and all organizations or associations owning or operating cemeteries, crematories or burial grounds, tombs, etc., and public libraries must file with the county assessor of the county in which such institution or organization is situated on or before Feb. 1, 1946, a list of all real property claimed to be exempt and show the purpose for which such property is used before any exemption from taxation will be allowed.

"Before any exemption can be claimed on properties which are entitled to exemption from taxation, they must have a verified oath or affirmation of the president or other proper officer of such institutions or organization."

Oregon Library Association

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS The Letter to Libraries for October 8, 1945 gave the names of the officers of the Oregon Library Association, whose paid-up membership approximates 180. Miss Agnes Shields, O.L.A. President, has announced that membership on the Association's committees for this year is as follows, with the person whose name is starred acting as chairman in each case:

Constitutional Revision

\*Mirpah Blair  
Hugh Morrow

Legislative and Library Standards

Katherine Anderson  
Mildred Cline  
\*Hugh Morrow

Membership

Mell Carter  
\*Martha Hansen  
Dorothy Johnsen

Nominating

Mabel Doty  
Loretta Fisher  
\*Ruth Hewitt

Program

William Carlson  
Isabel Goodenough  
\*Gladys Windedahl

(THE ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR  
N.B.----- (SALEM ON SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1946.  
(Let's plan to have a 100% turnout then.)

Dues are only fifty cents per person and are payable to Mrs. Marie Hull Jackson, O.L.A. Treasurer, whose address is Oregon State College Library, Corvallis, Oregon.

A.L.A. Notes

FEDERAL RELATIONS OFFICE OPEN Library publications have been full of the news of the appointment of Paul Howard, librarian of Gary, Indiana, as the representative of American libraries in Washington, D.C. Mr. Howard secured a suite of offices there at 1709 M Street, N.W., from which he is now directing our Federal Relations Office. This is one of the things which has been made possible by the contributions totaling some \$79,731, toward which Oregon librarians met their quota under Neva LeBlond's leadership in the Library Development campaign.

We hear that the American Library Association is enthusiastic over the possibility that there may be federal financing of at least one regional library demonstration in each state in order to show on a national scale the most satisfactory way of getting complete library coverage in rural areas.

LIBRARY MEETINGS The first regular midwinter meeting of the A.L.A. since 1941 was held from December 27-30 in Chicago at the Drake Hotel. The Executive Board of the A.L.A. finally voted to hold the next conference of the American Library Association in Buffalo, New York, from June 14-22, 1946. CALENDAR THAT DATE, and let's have a good Oregon representation.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION From Mary Mason of Rose City Branch, Portland, who is Oregon Chairman of the Children's Library Committee, comes the following letter which she wishes to have all children's librarians read: The Children's Library Association needs You! The accomplishments of the C.L.A. depend directly on membership support. To further advancement of library work with children and young people, to uphold its standards, and to obtain professional prestige, JOIN THE C.L.A.! If you have not been contacted, write your State Chairman for additional details."

JOIN OR RENEW NOW Personal memberships in the A.L.A. are from \$2 to \$10; institutional, \$5 to \$25. Apply to the Membership Department, American Library Association, 520 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Illinois.

Adult Education

OREGON TOO HAS SOME ILLITERATES Last year readers of the New Yorker were much touched by the story of the "Brilliant Jughead," a mature man who learned to read for the first time after he enlisted in the army. An Oregon County Superintendent of Schools recently sent in a request which may match this. She wrote: "We have in one of our rural districts a father who is very anxious to learn to read before his children reach the age when they will know of his lack of knowledge in reading. We are supplying him with primers...but...it would be much more interesting for him if he had books written for illiterate adults. Could you supply me with copies of this material and also tell me from whom I can purchase them?" Oregon rates high in literacy - BUT THERE'S NEED FOR COUNTY LIBRARIES.

B.P.W. AT OREGON CITY "The Oregon City Club of the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs will be hostess for a one-day conference of North Willamette district...at the Oregon City Public Library. A speaker from each city represented will participate in a panel discussion, 'Builders in World Co-operation.'" Portland Journal, 11/16/45

PORTLAND ACTIVITIES Forums: "The Portland Public Forum will hold its second public meeting on Friday, October 19th, at 8 p.m., in Public Library Hall ...The topic, 'Employment and the Negro in Portland' will be discussed briefly by four speakers, Edwin C. Berry, Executive Secretary of the Urban League, Stanley Earl, Secretary of the State C.I.O. Council, Thomas J. Sheridan of the U.S. Employment Service, and Doyle Pearson, Executive Secretary of the Oregon Joint Council of Lumber and Saw Mill Workers, A.F. of L., after which the meeting will be thrown open for audience participation and questioning." Portland Journal, 10/18/45

"'Man and The Atom' is to be the subject for discussion at the third free public meeting of the Portland Public Forum association... The position of the moralist in the atomic age will be presented by Dr. Richard M. Steiner, minister of the First Unitarian church. Dr. Arthur F. Scott, head of the chemistry department at Reed College, will explain the scientific aspect of the atomic age. The political and social forces unleashed by the discovery of the atomic bomb will be expounded by Richard H. Jones, assistant professor of history at Reed College. The speakers will be introduced by Dr. Norman F. Coleman, lecturer in literature and public affairs at Lewis and Clark college, who will also act as moderator during the question period to follow the prepared talks." East Side Post, Portland, 11/15/45

Condon Lectures: "Volcanic action will be the subject of the first series of Condon lectures in Central Library hall Tuesday and Friday, according to announcement from the Oregon State System of Higher Education. Dr. Howel Williams of the University of California will be the lecturer. An eminent authority on volcanoes, Dr. Williams will speak Tuesday...on Paricutin, the new Mexican volcano, illustrating his talk with colored motion pictures. His Friday topic will be volcanic action, with examples from Oregon, illustrated with lantern slides..." Portland Journal, 11/18/45

Home Decoration Class: "A class in home decoration will begin Thursday in Room H of the central library, providing enough people enroll for the course by calling Mrs. Jean C. Bloom, supervisor of adult family life education for the Portland public schools..." Portland Oregonian, 12/16/45

Survey: "The Library Association of Portland was one of 17 libraries in the United States which cooperated in a survey of reading habits made in January of this year for the American Library Association... Purpose of the survey...was to determine the actual place the public library holds in the lives of people and their communities... Seventy-three per cent of the 125 Portlanders interviewed in the survey said they felt that their public library is a valuable civic institution..." Portland Oregonian, 11/18/45

Books as Memorials

IDEA GROWING IN SOUTH      The Lancaster County Library of South Carolina has printed a leaflet suggesting to borrowers how they may contribute to their memorial fund. Mrs. Maude Kelsey, Librarian of the Lancaster County Library, writes of this project in the South Carolina Library Bulletin, v.1, no.4, October, 1945: "The past year has seen our BOOKS AS MEMORIALS idea grow into something really outstanding and worthwhile. The initial start began in the spring of 1943 when a local doctor and his wife established a perpetuating Memorial Fund, with the stipulation that it be spent primarily on historical and genealogical material. These books are for the most part rare, old and of course expensive, volumes that otherwise we would never own. Each time a friend passes on or gives his life for his country Dr. and Mrs. X donate to the fund instead of sending flowers. Mrs. X writes a note to members of the family, and this is followed up by a note from the librarian."

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO OREGON LIBRARIES      Albany: "Approximately 100 books have been added to the Albany city library collection through a gift from Mrs. Olga Hewitt Bushnell, daughter of the late Judge H.H. Hewitt of Albany... The gift consists of much of Judge Hewitt's personal library and includes many volumes of great value... The collection will be reserved as a memorial to the late Judge Hewitt but will be available to the reading public."

Albany Greater Oregon, 11/2/45

Oregon City: "Special memorial book plates have been prepared by the Oregon City Public Library to be used on those books which may be presented to the library as memorial gifts... Several books marked with these memorial plates have been presented in memory of boys who paid the supreme sacrifice overseas and of persons here at home..."

Oregon City Enterprise, 10/10/45

Portland: "In memory of Lt. Robert Hiram Culham, C-47 pilot killed in the United States October 10, 1944...Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Shippam presented two books to the Rose City Park Library. The memorial included Commodore Hornblower by C.S. Forester, and American Guerilla in the Philippines, by Ira Wolfert..."

Portland Rose City Herald, 10/12/45

"The music room of the Library Association of Portland has received from the BK chapter of P.E.O. the complete recording of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis, in memory of the late Jessie Smith Todd."

Portland Oregonian, 12/7/45

MEMORIAL FUND BOOKS DISPLAYED      Oregon State College, Corvallis: "A selected group of books, purchased from the Memorial Book Fund, will be on display in the first floor corridor of the main building of the college library during Homecoming. On Sunday there will also be an exhibit in the McDonald room on the third floor. The Memorial Book Fund was established in October 1943... Gifts are made in memory of former students and others of the college community. Twenty-three individuals and groups have contributed; in addition, a group of 54 alumni have contributed in memory of R.J. Nichols, who was the college librarian when they were in school. Twenty-one persons have been memorialized, 12 of whom lost their lives in the war. The total amount contributed to date is \$653."

Corvallis Gazette-Times, 11/16/45

REMINDE PATRONS THAT MEMORIAL GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY ARE DEDUCTIBLE FROM INCOME TAX.

OregonianaNON-  
FICTION

Clarke, R.M., ed.

A stage version of Shelley's Cenci...Based upon the Bellingham theatre guild's production of the tragedy, March 6,7,8,9, and 12, 1940. Caldwell, Idaho, The Caxton Printers. 1945. \$3.50

Gilroy, M.L.

By the numbers. n.p. Unity Press Ltd. 1944

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Soldier of misfortune. 1001 E. Burnside, Portland, Ore., Author. 1945. \$1.95

Hall, G.L.

Sometime again (E'lot neg-oo-soo-li) Seattle, Superior Publishing Company. 1945. \$2.75

Parsons, Mrs. M.H.

On Sun-dial road. 2d ed. 238 S.W. Fifth, Portland, Kilham's. 1944. \$1.00

Sayre, M.G.

Missionary triumphs in occupied China. Winona Lake, Ind., The Women's Missionary Society of the Free Methodist Church. 1945. \$2.00

PORTLAND  
NOVEL

Greve, Mrs. A.W.

From out this house. Binfords. 1945. \$2.50

"A narrative of settlement, with romance, too, and adventure and conflict in the new country. Contains much of historical fact, into which the author has worked a story of love and intrigue, even a little politics, with place names of familiarity to Oregonians,--Portland, Oregon City, Milwaukie, the Willamette Valley--adding a measure of local color and zest to the telling. The repercussions of slavery and its discussions, reflected as a discordant force in the settlement of the valley in the period from 1851 to 1860, is one of many threads woven into the interesting story." Portland Journal 12/23/45

JUVENILE

Baker, Charlotte

Necessary Nellie. Coward-McCann. 1945. \$2.00

Hall, T.A.

A child's book of prayers ... pictorial studies by Emily Sammons. Binfords. 1945. \$1.50

Powers, Alfred, ed.

Buffalo adventures on the western plains...illus. from old prints. Binfords. 1945. \$2.00

Rush, W.M.

Yellowstone scout. Longmans. 1945. \$2.00

The Beekman Essay Contest subject for 1946 is The Life and Work of George Abernethy. The Oregon Historical Society and State Library have for distribution a bibliography on this governor.

PersonnelOREGON  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

"Resignation of Nellie B. Pipes as librarian of the Oregon Historical Society was announced by the organization's board of officers Saturday. She has held this position for more than a quarter of a century. The board accepted her resignation with regret and stated she was voted a new title of 'librarian emeritus.'

"Almost every book written on the northwest in the past twenty years complimented her assistance and gave thanks to Miss Pipes for her help in providing material,' stated Mr. Pollard, superintendent of the Society. She holds a wide reputation as an authority in her field and has contributed materially to issues of the Oregon Historical Quarterly and to editors and writers of this country, said Pollard. In submitting her request, Miss Pipes indicated to the Society officers that she planned to take time off to carry on research which she has been unable to do because of her duties."  
Portland Oregonian, 1/28/46

COLLEGES AND  
UNIVERSITIES

Oregon State College: New appointments include the following persons: Caroline Martin, Catalog Assistant, effective January 14, 1946; Mary Louise Steere, Circulation Assistant, effective January 1, 1946. Both assistants are graduates of the University of Michigan Library School. Irene Louise Craft, (University of Illinois Library School), who resigned in September, 1945, was reappointed Serials Assistant January 1, 1946.

Resignations included Edna E. Van Syoc, Catalog Assistant, who left December 22, 1945 to accept a position as Head Cataloger at the Florida Women's State College; and William E. Jorgenson, who had been on leave for military service since August, 1942. Mr. Jorgenson resigned as Engineering Librarian, effective January 1, 1946, to accept a position with the Southern California Edison Company at Los Angeles.

Reed College: Pauline Calendine, Documents Librarian at Washington State Library, has been appointed Documents and Periodical Librarian beginning March 1, 1946. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois Library School.

University of Oregon: Notes gleaned from the December 31, 1945 issue of the Call Number tell the following bits of information about the staff at that institution:

New appointments include Margaret Markley, "who has been at the libraries of both the Universities of Illinois and Georgia, is now in charge of the Reserve Book Room."

Resignations include Beverly Caverhill, "recently returned to civilian life...(who) has accepted a position at the Seattle Public Library to make a survey of foreign book stock and service"; "Mrs. Mabel Houck who has been Art Librarian...has resigned to take care of her sister at Medford" and whose place Mrs. Frances Newsom is filling temporarily; Susan Howard, member of the Reference Department, whose husband, Dr. Charles G. Howard, has returned from service in Germany; Marjorie Reynolds, who has been Supervisor of Reserves for a number of years and whose husband has returned to the States.

Willamette University: Esther Clausen of Minot, N.D., joined the faculty as assistant librarian when Willamette University opened its fall session. Librarian at the North Dakota State Teachers College for several years, Miss Clausen received her B.S. and L.S. degrees at the University of Denver, and took her Master's at the Colorado College of Education.

COUNTY  
LAW LIBRARY

Klamath Falls: "Dora Goddard, sheriff's clerk, has been appointed by the county judge to succeed Annabelle Newton as librarian of the county law library in the courthouse."

Klamath Falls Herald & News, 11/2/45



Personnel---Cont'd.PUBLIC  
LIBRARIES

brary work.

Ashland: Mrs. Roy Peck is the new clerical assistant at the public library, making the third in the staff. She is a graduate of the Kansas City Teachers College, where she had a course in li-

Clatsop County Library, Astoria: Miss Lucile E. Glover, formerly librarian at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, is now assistant librarian. Miss Glover received her library training at the University of Oklahoma. Prior to her army service at Fort Sill, she was for several years assistant and later librarian of the public library in El Reno, Oklahoma.

Corvallis: It is difficult to keep up with the changes which have taken place in the Corvallis public library since Evelyn Krueger left last summer for training in the Yale School of Nursing. Mrs. Betty Allen, who has been head librarian since June, is leaving to rejoin her husband who has been discharged. Miss Elizabeth Ritchie, former head of the catalog department at Oregon State College, substituted a month this fall for Mrs. Allen, who is now leaving permanently to make her home in Portland.

Miss Oloanne Dykeman has been appointed to replace Mrs. Allen as librarian. Miss Dykeman, a native of Lakeview and graduate of the University of Oregon, received her B.L.S. from the School of Library Science of the University of California, following which she was employed at the Oregon State Library. Miss Dykeman has for the past two years been serving as a WAC in the United States Army.

Newberg: After more than 25 years of continuous service as head librarian, Miss Jennie Miller resigned in November. Starting with a collection of only 1,000 books, the library under Miss Miller's direction has grown into a collection of more than 9,000 volumes. Mrs. Homer Chamberlin is the new head librarian, with Mrs. Russell Hoch assistant.

Portland, Woodstock Branch: Mrs. Wilma B. Koehler, librarian of the Hood River County Library from 1939 to 1944, has been appointed librarian of the Woodstock branch.

Sweet Home: New librarian is Mrs. Alice P. Storey, appointed in October when the city budgeted a sum for the library.

JANITOR  
HONORED

The Woodburn Independent of January 10, 1946 pays tribute to a public employee under the caption of "More than just enough" with words which might be echoed in many a library in Oregon:

"Every city, large and small, has men and women who quietly contribute to the welfare of their community through continuous giving of time and energy. Such a one is Anthony Sule, who for twenty-five years has not only carefully cared for the city library building, the lawn, the parkings, but through his thoughtfulness and mechanical ability has added many conveniences for the patrons of the library. Mr. Sule has sent his resignation to the city library board. Woodburn is grateful for his years of fine service."

LIBRARIAN TELLS  
BUSINESS TRENDS

Miss Nellie M. Fisher, head of Business and Technical Department of the Library Association of Portland, is author of the leading article in the November 15, 1945 issue of the Library Journal.

An account of the service given by her library to government offices, service men, business men and labor unions during the war is detailed in this article, entitled Trends in Business-Technology Libraries.

Personnel--Cont'd.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY Miss Nell Unger, Librarian of the Library Association of Portland, has been granted a six months leave of absence from her work in order that she may teach the courses in public library administration at the School of Library Service of Columbia University from January through June. During her absence, three of the library division heads will serve as an administrative committee. These assistants are Miss Constance Ewing, Head of Circulation, Miss Katherine Anderson, Head of Reference, and Miss Lena V. Brownell, Head of Catalog.

Summer session announcement for Columbia University classes for the period from July 8 to August 1 has been received. The complete announcement of courses is to be published early in April, and those desiring further information should address the Secretary of Columbia University, New York 27, New York.

CIVIL SERVICE SEEKS LIBRARIANS Leaflets detailing opportunities for librarians in war service jobs are being mailed with this bulletin. Cities where the examinations are to be held are listed. Noting that the basic annual salary ranges from \$2,100 to \$2,320, library boards will do well to prepare budgets which may in some way meet the competition they may encounter in securing library employees if Oregon staff members are tempted to apply for federal work.

Materials Available

READING LISTS Attached to this Letter, Oregon librarians will receive a finding list on Modern Homes. Owing to the need to rush this list, it was not possible to annotate this publication. If you have need of books in this field, the Oregon State Library will lend whatever is available upon request. Even though some titles have been duplicated heavily, they never seem to be in. If you desire to purchase books in this field, and will send in the list of what you own, telling the amount you have to spend, the cost of buildings in which your community is interested, the State Library will give further advice as to most suitable titles and their prices.

Books to Review, (separate lists of fiction and non-fiction) should not be taken as buying lists for every library. For small libraries needing advice regarding individual titles about which you have no knowledge, your State Library is glad to share knowledge with you. This reminds us that the new 7th edition of the Buying List of Books for Small Libraries has just been published by the American Library Association (520 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois). This listing of 1,800 books, most of them published since 1940, is something which no small library should lack if trying to purchase books for a well rounded library. The book costs \$2.25, but you may borrow a copy for examination from your State Library if necessary. YOUR LIBRARY, no matter how small, SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN COPY TO CHECK FOR YOUR HOLDINGS.

FREE TO THE FIRST COMERS In June of 1945 the New Jersey Public Library Commission published a Library Bulletin of a Library Public Relations Institute which was held at the Trenton State Teachers College from July 24-29, '44. When your State Librarian wrote last fall requesting an additional copy of this pamphlet because it has so much practical material about publicity, she was overjoyed to receive some copies for free distribution. If you want to know how to make posters or write a news article, you may have a copy upon request, as long as these last.

THORNE-THOMSEN RECORDS TO LEND Have you ever heard Mrs. Gudrun Thorne-Thomsen tell her fascinating children's stories? Do you not have a story hour for which you might borrow from your State Library her recordings which the A.L.A.'s Division of Libraries for Children sponsored last year?

Library Jottings

**TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY**      Deschutes County: Celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary as a county library, the Deschutes County Library held an "Open House" the evening of November 3rd, with nine exhibits highlighting the evening's showing. They were: (1) Building plans, homes of tomorrow (2) Hawaii and the Pacific Islands (3) Hobby table (4) Veterans' information (5) World of Tomorrow - Science and Invention (6) Horses (7) United Nations in peace (8) Young People's table with western exhibits (9) Boy Scout and Camp Fire exhibit.

Tours were conducted by members of the library staff to show the fifteen steps in the preparation of books. Special guests of the occasion were the state librarian and Miss Loretta Fisher, readers' adviser on the State Library staff.

**OTHER COUNTY LIBRARY MEETINGS**      Clackamas County: "New books dealing with current affairs, biographies, poetry, plays and important novels were the subjects for the talk given by Miss Nell Unger, librarian of the Library Association, Portland, at the quarterly meeting of the Clackamas County Library Association... Her reading of several poems by Emily Dickinson and a few pages from Corwin's 'On a Note of Triumph' was received with much enthusiasm..."  
Oregon City Banner Courier, 11/16/45

Umatilla County: A group of Umatilla County branch librarians and board members held a luncheon meeting December 7th, at which the state librarian spoke, taking as her theme "The Atomic Age Opens," predicting a great impetus in adult education, and emphasizing the necessity of libraries meeting the increased tempo of the modern world. During the morning, the state librarian attended the branch librarians' workshop meeting, presided over by Miss Neva LeBlond, Umatilla County librarian.

**CENTRAL OREGON LIBRARY ASSN.**      Members of the Central Oregon Library Association held their annual meeting in Bend, Saturday, November 3rd, and elected Mrs. Maude Lee, Redmond Public Library, President; Mrs. H.T. Ward, Redmond librarian, Secretary-Treasurer. The theme of the meeting was "Inducing the Library Habit--and How." Guest speakers were the state librarian, Miss Loretta Fisher of the Oregon State Library, and Mrs. Helen Abrego, Deschutes County Home Demonstration Agent. Miss Fisher discussed the personality and adaptability of the librarian, and Mrs. Abrego talked on the relationship between the homemaker and the library.

**EXHIBITS**      Heppner: "In connection with the monthly topic, 'Health and Physical Fitness' the school will have a health display and the Heppner Library will show some of the latest and best books for different age groups encouraging better reading for children..."  
Pendleton Oregonian, 11/12/45

La Grande: "La Grande's public library has on display an interesting set of pictures from the British Information Service on penicillin, the 'golden healer.'"  
La Grande Observer, 11/5/45

Oregon State Library: "A display of service medals has been set up on the second floor of the State Library as a special Armistice day showing... The display, arranged by Miss Loretta Fisher, includes one of each type medal available from men of the area. They are placed before a background of copies of the instrument of surrender in both Japanese and translated forms."  
Salem Statesman, 11/3/45

Portland: "On display this week in the entrance lobby at the central library is an exhibit on atomic power arranged by Miss Nellie M. Fisher, head of the Business-Technical Department of the library, with the assistance of E.M. Kinderman, University of Portland, who has recently returned from the University of California..."  
Portland Oregonian, 10/30/45

Library Jottings--Cont'd.

**BENEFITS**            Estacada: "The Estacada Library Association will hold a bazaar on Saturday, December 1 at the library... It is hoped that the receipts from the bazaar will eliminate the last payment on the new lot..."  
Estacada News, 11/16/45

Garibaldi: "A card party is being planned to be held during National Children's Book Week, in November, the proceeds to be used for children's books..."  
Tillamook Headlight-Herald, 10/25/45

Grand Ronde: "The Grand Ronde Woman's club made enough, it is reported, on their carnival held Friday evening, to maintain their library for the coming year..."  
Willamina Times, 11/22/45

Jefferson: "The week of November 11 has been designated by the library benefit committee of the Woman's club as donate to your library week..."  
Jefferson Review, 11/9/45

Merrill: "The Merrill Library club rummage sale committee...piled up a total of approximately \$210 in two days. The fund is used for maintenance of the city library."  
Klamath Falls News & Herald, 10/13/45

Silverton: "More than \$150 was made at the rummage sale Saturday by the Woman's Club for its four projects, the Children's Farm Home, the library, the scholarship fund and the children's hospital..."  
Salem Statesman, 10/23/45

**GIFTS**            Forest Grove: "A collection of chess books has been donated to the Rogers City Library...and is expected to be in great demand..."  
Forest Grove News-Times, 12/13/45

Klamath Falls City Library: "Two hundred and eight children's books, beautifully bound and illustrated, have been presented by the Klamath Falls Rotary Club to the city library..."  
Klamath Falls News & Herald, 10/9/45

Milwaukie: "At the business meeting of the Milwaukie Library Board in the city library on Monday evening of this week, a gift of \$215 from the Milwaukie Committee for Civilian Defense was presented to the library for the stipulated purpose of buying new books..."  
Milwaukie Review, 11/8/45

Ordnance: "The Garden club has made a money gift to the Ordnance public library of \$10.70. This sum will be used to purchase late books to add to the library."  
Pendleton Oregonian, 11/2/45

Portland: "The Library Association of Portland has received a cash legacy of \$250 under the will of Mrs. Harry E. Coleman...for the library's 'free lecture and music fund,' according to Miss Nell A. Unger, librarian..."  
Portland Oregonian, 11/29/45

"The Reference Department at Central Library has received a copy of 'A Record of the Deeds, Actions and Experiences of the Fifty-Fourth United States Naval Construction Battalion in North Africa.' Written and illustrated by the men of the battalion, the book is a pictorial record of the career of the men of the 54th battalion..."  
Portland Journal, 1/4/46

**OPEN HOUSE**        Portland, Gresham Branch: "Colored motion pictures, taken by Eldon Metzger while in Italy and Africa, will be shown at an open house to be held at the Gresham Library, November 28th... An excellent collection of war mementoes and souvenirs has been secured and will be on display..."  
Gresham Outlook, 11/22/45

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LISTS

For some time, Miss Agnes Shields, School Library Specialist, and Miss Marcia Hill, School Reference Librarian, have been busily at work on the Oregon School Lists for 1946. In January they sent out for appraisal to many Oregon school and children's librarians the titles included tentatively. Most of their evaluations have been returned, and final selection for the Supplement to Part II, Books for High Schools, published in 1944, is ready for the press. Part I, Books for Elementary Schools, was last published in 1940, with annual supplements having been issued yearly. Instead of issuing a supplement in 1946, Part I is being entirely revised, in order that smaller elementary schools may have an up-to-date inclusive list of some 500 titles against which to build their libraries. Variations in price ranges for classics are being included so that the lists may be valuable to even the smallest library with limited book funds.

EVERY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN OREGON SHOULD KEEP THESE LISTS ON HAND WHERE THEY MAY BE EASILY CONSULTED BY LIBRARIAN AND PATRONS! Notify the State Library if your files of back issues are lacking. They are free to Oregon libraries for the asking. Schools must secure their copies from their County School Superintendents, for whom they are issued in quantities necessary to supply every district served.

YOUR STATE  
LIBRARY READY  
TO SERVE

The quickened tempo of an intelligent populace is constantly evidenced in the requests which come to your State Library not only from patrons in isolated communities, but also from city and county libraries. We liked very much the article which appeared in the Astorian-Budget on November 5, 1945, in which Mr. Phil Blodgett emphasized possibilities for cooperation between a county and state library. After explaining how requests are routed through the county library, to save expense of sending from Salem something available within the county, he described the services of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center as follows:

"But this State Library service which is so splendid is not all that we can offer... In the past two months alone we have obtained (among others) for you through the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center the following books from the following libraries:

Library Association of Portland	Stein	Ruins of Desert Cathay
Calif. State Library, Sacramento	-	Chinese Calligraphy
University of Washington Library	Waddell	Lhasa and Its Mysteries
Reed College Library, Portland	Jung	...Analytical Psychology
Tacoma Public Library	Hay	The Breadwinners
John Crerar Library, Chicago	Das	Journey to Lhasa
U. of British Columbia Library, Vancouver, B.C.	-	Tibetan Book of the Dead
Colorado College, Colorado Springs	Phelps	Silent Partner

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Your state librarian has plans for many interesting visits to libraries throughout the state during March, April, and May. Please make your wants known if you or your library board would like a visit.

Cordially yours,

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