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ATTEND CEREMONY . . . Members of the Texas Library and Historical Commission who attended the special ceremony in the Governor's office September 24, honoring Miss Doris H. Connerly, were: left to right, Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian, Texas State Library; Walter E. Long, Austin, Commission member; Miss Connerly, Governor Price Daniel, C. Stanley Banks, Sr., Commission chairman, San Antonio; Dr. Edmund Heinschn and Jake Jacobsen, Commission members, Austin. Governor Daniel praised Miss Connerly's many years of service to the State, pointing out that he recognized her ability soon after becoming a freshman member of the Legislature. "Later when I was Attorney General," the governor stated, "I asked Miss Connerly to join my staff, however, she declined, and told me that her place of service was in the State library. She has been one of the outstanding State employees." Governor Daniel is shown presenting Miss Connerly with a unique and colorful resolution of appreciation on behalf of the Texas Library and Historical Commission. Mrs. Eltea Armstrong, gifted artist of the General Land Office, drew the 18x24-inch, six color and gold leaf scroll on parchment. A copy of the resolution (in color) may be seen in the Legislative Reference Division of Texas State Library, Room 207, the Capitol.

CEREMONY HONORS MISS CONNERLY

(See picture of event, page 132)

After 34 years the business address of Miss Doris Connerly changed October 1, from the Legislative Reference Division Library on the second floor of the Capitol to 606 West 29½ Street, Austin . . . and therein lies one of the fine stories of "devotion to duty . . . of gladness and of thanks," Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian of Texas State Library, remarked.

She was succeeded by James R. Sanders, who has been Miss Connerly's assistant for the last three years.

Miss Connerly, who comes from a long line of attorneys, was first employed as director of the Legislative Reference Division on July 1, 1928. That was under the administration of Governor Dan Moody and Miss Fannie Wilcox, now retired, was the State Librarian.

The daughter of the late R. H. Connerly, who served more than 30 years as a clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals, was born and reared in Austin. She completed the secondary schools here and received her LL.B. in June, 1919 from the school of law, The University of Texas. She worked for one of the large Houston law firms from 1920 to 1924.

Miss Connerly's maternal great-grandfather, James Wright Simmons was treasurer of the Republic of Texas under Pres. Mirabeau B. Lamar (1840-1841), the second president of the Republic.

Legislative Reference Division was established by the 1909 Legislature that re-organized the State Library. Its location was more clearly defined by recent acts of

the Legislature. It is unique in library service in that its main purpose of existence is to furnish the members of the Legislature with basic factual information helpful in bringing the Legislative program to a successful conclusion and to assist the public in obtaining facts not available from any other source.

This function of service on a completely unbiased basis to legislators, those associated with the Legislature and the general public has been Miss Connerly's standard the past 34 years . . . "a devotion to duty . . . of gladness and of thanks. . ."

"I don't recall any great problems or crisis," she stated. "Of course we had the business boom that followed World War I, the trying times of the money-scarce thirties, and shortages of World War II, but no earth-shaking happenings worthy of repeating.

"My salary the first year was \$150 per month and that was considered very good money for a woman. You see, there were then no male employees of the library, except part-time student help.

"Texas has long been a leader in having a reference library for its legislators and in the early 1940s with emphasis again centered on knowledge from books, the entire State Library was given a boost that has not yet reached a climax and I hope it never will.

"Legislative Reference has worked closely with the Legislative Budget Board and the Legislative Council, both of which were created in 1949 and organized in 1950. I am happy to say that Texas State Library also has very

friendly relations with the Institute of Public Affairs of The University of Texas and the privately financed Texas Research League.

Miss Connerly pointed out that she had seen the division grow from one person to five full-time and three part-time employees. "If our division has a creed or motto it could be: 'To do a professional job and to furnish information on an impartial basis.'"

Legislative Reference Division's collection is "unusual in Texas", the keen-eyed librarian said. "One might list the specialties of the collection in the following categories:

"1. Legislative histories of bills and resolutions and a card index of subject matter of bills and resolutions since 1923.

"2. Extra copies of printed bills and the Daily Journals are available from 1929.

"3. Complete files (two sets) of all printed bills since 1907.

"4. A service file on all members of the Legislature from 1891 to the present.

"5. Our big clipping file—12 five-drawer vertical files, that contain literally millions of words about: Politics, government, economics (new industries, etc.), biographical sketches, individual campaigns and world events.

"6. Pamphlet file—covering every subject that we think the Legislators need for aid in the process of government.

"7. State Statutes and Session Laws—without a doubt this is one of the 'jewels' of the Texas State Library. Some of these date back more than 150 years and we have the current statutes and session laws from all of the 50 states. "and finally our division keeps a small up-to-date law library, session laws, statutes and laws of

Texas and a 'working-collection' of the Congressional publications."

When asked to single out a governor, Miss Connerly said, "I would have to name Governor Beauford Jester since we were in school together and I knew him longer. Rather than point out any favorite, I will say that I was fortunate to serve during the terms of Governor Coke Stevenson, Governor Allan Shivers and Governor Price Daniel. These men played an important role in Texas' growth in economics and culture."

Miss Connerly was honored by her fellow employees in 1957 when she was named "Public Employee of The Year." The citation stated in part—"For distinguished public service . . . for 30 years service to the State . . . for devotion to your tasks and faithful performance of your responsibilities . . . for the high standards which have governed your public conduct . . . for the inspiration you have been to those you have worked with and served . . ."

She is a member of the State Bar, American Judicature Society and is noted in Who's Who of American Women.

Miss Connerly has one sister, Mrs. M. A. (Louise) Greathouse, Fort Worth. Mr. Greathouse is a practicing attorney.

"Looking back is not one of my better accomplishments," the veteran librarian remarked. "I have always regarded my work as semi-confidential and this bars me from telling some interesting stories. Although my work is routine to many, I have always been anxious to stay on the job because one becomes a part of what is going on. I consider my chief contribution

to be my durability."

What are your retirement plans, she was asked. "Just say that I plan to do some yard puttering, to travel in bits-and-pieces, to rest, to read several blood-tingling mysteries and to be thankful to my State for allowing me to have had a small part in its progress."

Do you have anything else to add before closing the interview?

—"I certainly do. I think we (Texas State Library and the State) are very fortunate to have had Jim Sanders for the past three years. Jim has shown a keen desire to learn the position. He has the interest and the ability and has absorbed the fine details necessary to this operation. I recommend him without reservation."

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EDITORIAL

DOING MUCH WITH LITTLE!

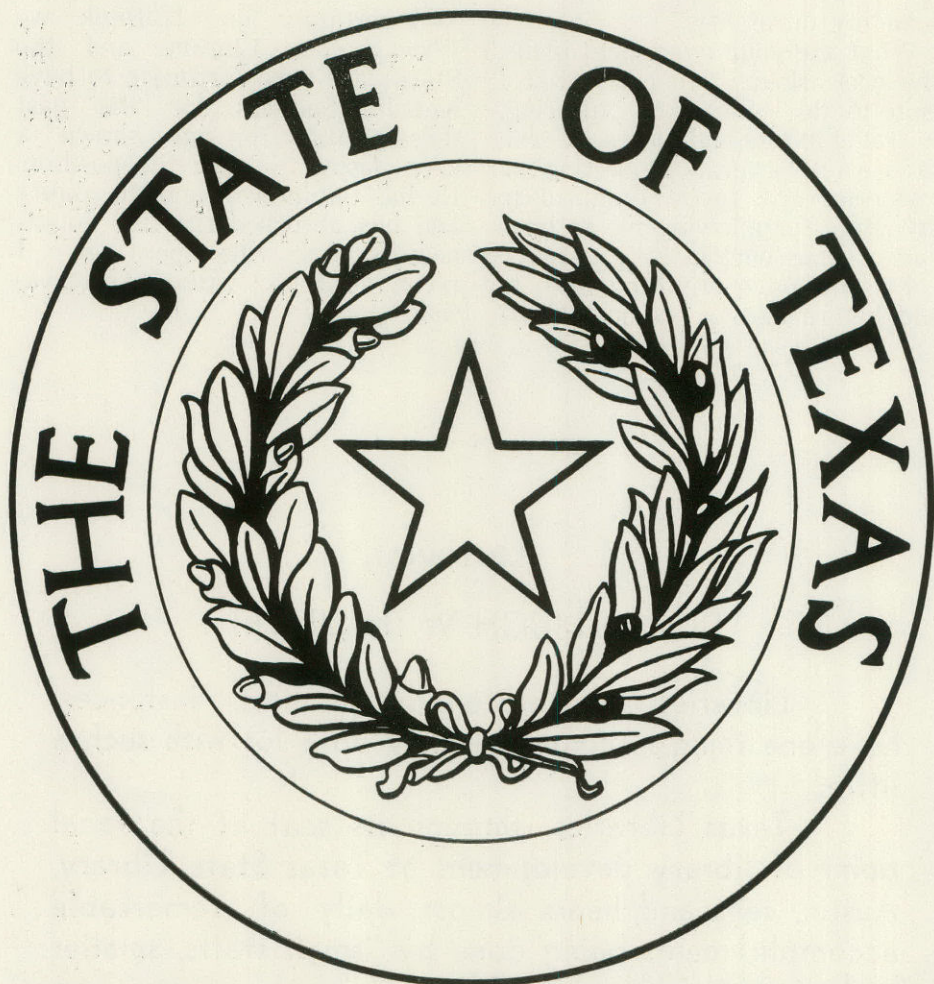
Libraries, as missionaries in most instances, have one thing in common—they do a lot with such a little.

Texas Libraries, through its seat at the focal point of library development at Texas State Library, Austin, sees and hears almost daily of remarkable accomplishments being done by "small staffs, smaller budgets and inadequate facilities."

For this extra dedication of effort let us all rejoice because Texans are beginning to place a new emphasis on the need and support of information centers.

Now we must also look deep into our own house—let's not be caught doing anything but our best, even in the absence of staff, money and facilities.

Texas librarians and other professional personnel need not be bashful to "leap on the library band wagon" for your patrons are realizing your ability to do much with little!



A black and white etching of the State Seal drawn by Colonel M. H. Wilson.

THE SEAL OF TEXAS

by John Holmes Jenkins, III
Reprinted by popular demand
from the January-February,
1960 issue of *Texas Libraries*.

While Texas was a Spanish province, its seal and coat of arms were those of Spain—the royal arms of the Spanish kingdom. After Mexican independence was achieved and the Constitution of the Mexican republic was created in 1824, the legendary Aztec sym-

bol of the eagle and cactus became the official arms. On the coat-of-arms the representation of the eagle on the cactus holding the serpent was encircled by wreaths of olive and oak. The State of Coahuila and Texas had a separate modification of the national arms—the eagle on a nopal was crowned with the cap of liberty within the figure of an ellipse.¹

During the revolutionary period of 1836, the provisional government of Texas under Governor Henry Smith used a simple home-

made seal. Although thought by many to be the imprint of the five-pointed star from one of the buttons on Smith's overcoat, Smith's personal secretary, Charles B. Stewart, wrote in 1880 that the seal was a mother-of-pearl button that "had been in our family a long time, brought from England preserved by my father as a relic of an ancestor."² The impression of this seal on documents in the Texas State Archives appears more like an eight-petaled daisy, approximately three-fourths of an inch in diameter in a pattern described by Llerena B. Friend as "similar to those still in use on ladies' pearl buttons."³

On March 12, 1836, a short time after the fall of the Alamo, the Convention at Washington-on-the-Brazos adopted the following resolution offered by George C. Childress: "That a single star of five points, either of gold or silver be adopted as the peculiar emblem of this republic: & that every officer and soldier of the Army and members of this convention, and all friends of Texas, be requested to wear it on their hats or bosoms."⁴

After the Texas Republic was established, an act submitted to the First Congress was passed providing "That for the future the national seal of this republic shall consist of a single star, with the letters 'Republic of Texas,' circular on said seal, which said seal shall also be circular."⁵ The same act provided for a national Texas flag, "the conformation of which shall be an azure ground, with a large golden star central." President Sam Houston signed the act into law on December 10, 1836, but evidently the seal was not made until some time later, for letters from the first envoys to

the United States show them to have been embarrassed because their commissions had no seals.⁶

This seal, when finally obtained, had a varied career following its official use. Just prior to the War between the States, F. M. Trimble found the seal at his farm near LaGrange, in Fayette County, and used it as a handy tool to drive back tacks in boots and as a pecan cracker. Later it was presented a gift to Mrs. W. D. Ellis of Menard County, "who always had a high regard for historic things." Finally, one hundred years after its origin, the seal won first prize as the most interesting historical exhibit at the Texas Centennial celebration. Reproductions of the seal are now used on the publications of the Texas State Historical Association.⁷

During the first three years of the Republic, there was little similarity between the ensigns and seals used in Texas, and more frequently than not the flag flown by Texans would be merely an alteration of an old United States or Mexican flag. The approved seal during this period is found—by a cursory examination—on only two Republic documents out of over half a million on file at the Texas State Archives.

On January 4, 1839, however, Oliver Jones of Austin County stated that, since the Mexican emergency had passed and Texas independence had been recognized, "the future prospects of Texas are of such a flattering nature that the National Independence requires that her arms, seal and Standard assume also an independent character, by a form which will not blend with those of an other nation."⁸

Subsequently, on January 25, 1839, President Mirabeau B. La-

mar approved Jones' bill, which stated that "from and after the passage of this act, the national arms of the Republic of Texas, be and the same is hereby declared to be, a white star of five points on an azure ground, encircled by an olive and live oak branches," and that "the national great seal of this Republic shall, from and after the passage of this act, bear the arms of this nation . . . and the letters 'Republic of Texas'."⁹ The star was emblematic of the Republic, the olive branch of peace, and the live oak, indigenous of Texas, of strength and fertility.

The new seal was drawn by P. Krag, an artist, who on January 15, 1839, was paid eight dollars for his draft of the seal and ten dollars for drawing the new national flag—the famous lone star banner that still flies over Texas.¹⁰

When Texas became part of the United States, her state constitution of 1845 provided for the

same seal, substituting "The State of Texas." In 1876 the present constitution was adopted, changing the custody of the seal from the governor to the secretary of state. Separate state departments now have their own seals.¹¹

¹Dudley G. Wooten, *Comprehensive History of Texas, 1885-1897*, I, 699n.

²Sub-Miscellaneous File, Texas State Archives.

³W. P. Webb and H. Bailey Carroll (eds.), *The Handbook of Texas*, II, 585.

⁴H. P. N. Gammel (comp.) *The Laws of Texas, 1822-1897*, I, 890.

⁵*Ibid.*, 1132.

⁶*Handbook of Texas*, II 585.

⁷H. Bailey Carroll, *A Brief Account of the First Seal of the Republic of Texas*, manuscript, Biographical and Historical Files, Texas State Archives.

⁸Papers, Third Congress of the Republic of Texas, Texas State Archives, File No. 1109.

⁹Gammel, *Laws of Texas*, II, 87-88.

¹⁰L. W. Kemp, "Official Flags of the Republic of Texas," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, LIX, p. 490.

¹¹*Handbook of Texas*, II, 586.

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See page 139 for the drawing of the 1839 seal and standard.

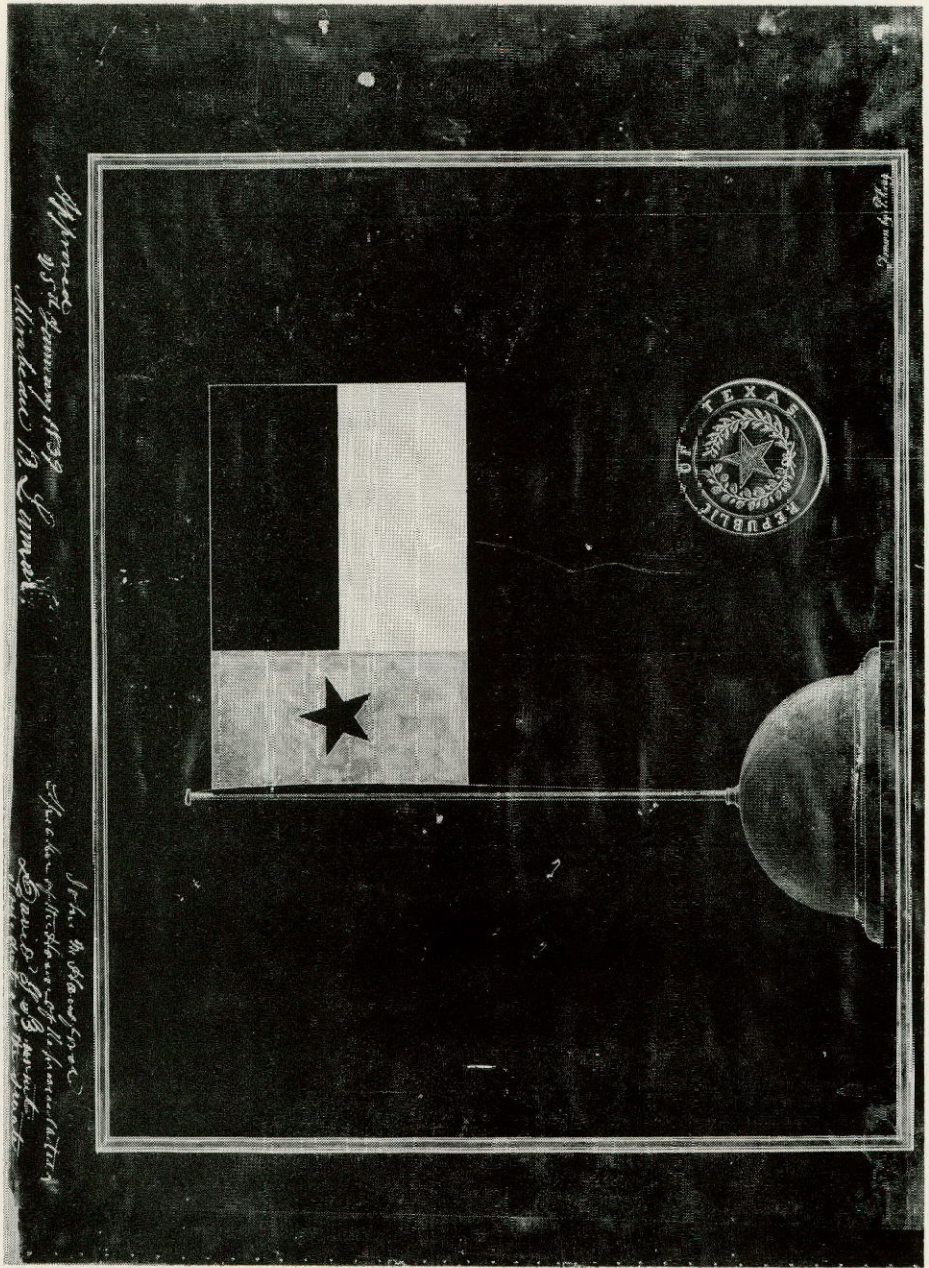
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BIG D BRANCH SETS RECORD

Walnut Hill branch of the Dallas Public Library is now the largest community branch library in the United States, according to officials of the Dallas library.

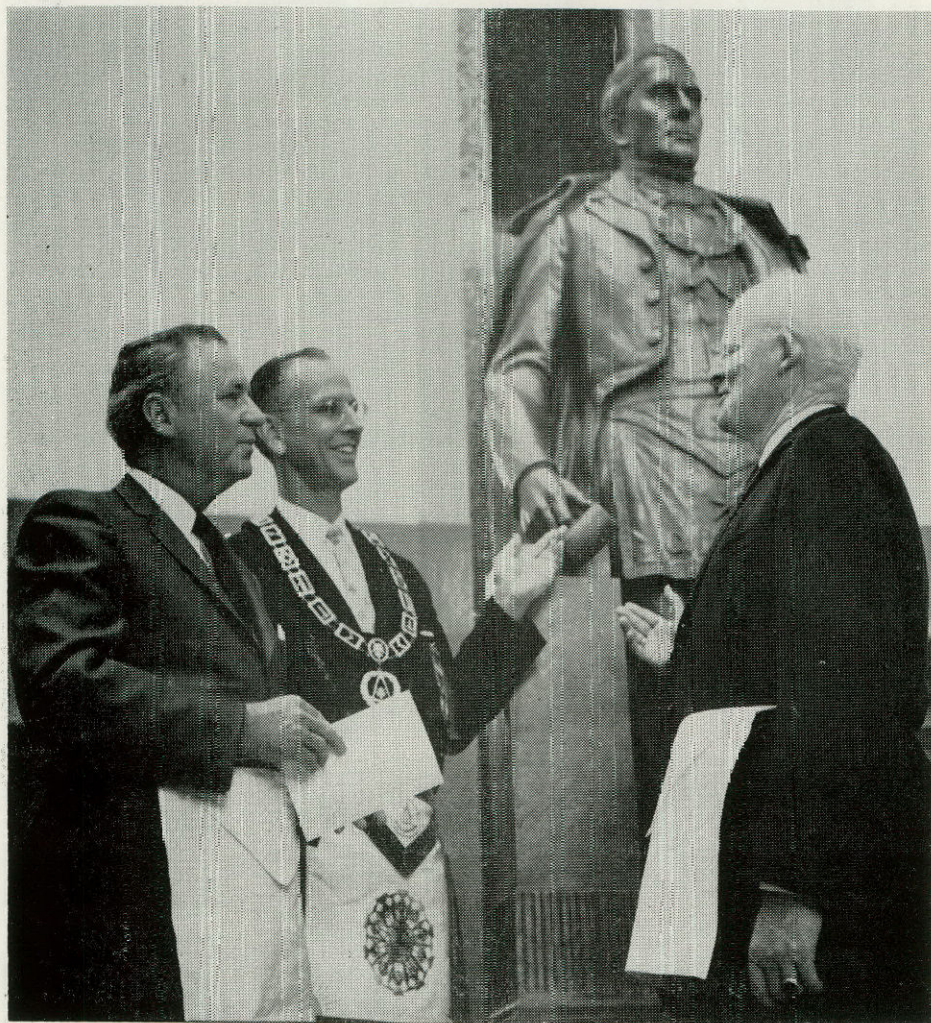
Circulation reports indicate that the Walnut Hills branch will reach more than 480,000 volumes annually, against a national average for community branch libraries of 75,000 to 150,000.

Officials also noted that the "branch" has larger circulation figures than the downtown Dallas library.



THE PETER KRAG drawing of the National Seal and Standard, drawn to accompany the Act adopted by the Congress of the Republic of Texas on January 25, 1839. (Reproduced from a drawing in the Archives Division of Texas State Library.)

ANSON JONES STATUE PRESENTED TO STATE



ACCEPTS STATUTE . . . Governor Price Daniel, left, accepts for the State a statue of Dr. Anson Jones, early-day Texas patriot, from Robert L. Dillard, of Dallas, center, Grand Master of Master Masons in Texas, who represented Texas Masonic Lodges in the ceremony. The Honorable Senator George Moffett, Chillicothe, right, former Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, unveiled the work of art that will stand in the foyer of Texas State Library. An earlier statue of General Sam Houston, also a gift of the Texas Masonic Lodges, is located near the new statue.

A life-size bronze statue of Dr. Anson Jones, last president of the Republic of Texas and first Grand Master of the Republic of Texas

Masonic Lodge, was presented to the State October 19 at a ceremony in the Texas State Library foyer.

Governor Price Daniel accepted the statue from the Honorable Robert L. Dillard, Jr., of Dallas, who is Grand Master of Masons in Texas.

Rev. Fred R. Edgar, Dallas, Grand Chaplain of Masons in Texas, offered the invocation and benediction. The statue was unveiled by Senator George Moffett, Chillicothe, Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas.

The statue is the work of Bryant Baker, who was born in London, July 8, 1881. In 1916, six years after graduating from the Royal Academy of Arts in London, he came to the United States, served during World War I with the U. S. Forces and in 1928 became an American citizen. Baker is a resident of New York City.

Baker has done several works, including the colossal bronze statue of George Washington in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

Dr. Jones served as president of the Republic from 1844 to 1846. In 1835, Jones and five other Masons established the earliest known Masonic Lodge in Texas and he served as its first Worshipful Master.

Grand Master Dillard told the gathering: "the Masons of Texas have always played a great and important role in the political and governmental affairs of Texas during the time it was a Republic as well as since statehood. The Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is, therefore, extremely proud and happy to present to the State of Texas through its Governor, the Honorable Price Daniel, himself a distinguished Mason, this statue

of Dr. Jones."

Dillard is the 124th Grand Master of Masons in Texas that has a membership of more than 245,000, with headquarters in Waco.

More than 100 persons, including several members of the Texas Library and History Commission, were present for the event.

A GUIDE TO GUIDES IS PUBLISHED

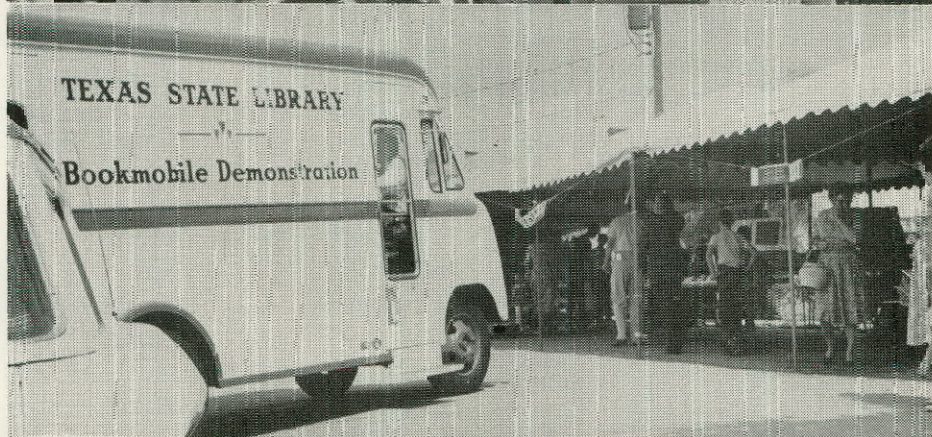
Publication of the supplement to American Library Resources is slated for October 15 by the American Library Association's Publishing Department. This comprehensive guide will open new avenues for librarians, scholars, students and research workers.

Adhering to the pattern and scope of the basic volume, the Supplement lists and annotates 2818 bibliographical finding aids issued between 1950 and 1961 and brings the original volume, which covered the period of 1875 to 1950, completely up to date.

Truly national in scope, it encompasses all fields of knowledge, all types of library materials, and libraries of every kind.

Dr. Robert B. Downs, dean of library administration, University of Illinois, compiled the Supplement under a grant from the Council on Library Resources.

(American Library Resources: a bibliographical guide, supplement 1950-1961, Robert Bingham Downs. American Library Association. Oct. 15, 1962. 234 pages. Cloth. \$9)



TEXAS STATE LIBRARY PARTICIPATES IN COLORFUL EL CAMPO OPERATION HOMETOWN

More than 12,000 of the estimated 16,000 persons who attended "Operation Hometown", September 8 in El Campo, know more about Texas State Library and its functions today after having visited the library exhibit.

"Operation Hometown", so named by Senator Culp Krueger, who was also honored as "Governor-for-a-Day", brought every branch of State government to El Campo for the day. Visitors saw an outstanding cross-section of "government at work" and visited more than 100 exhibits that graphically told the story of Texas government.

State Library's booth was located in the same tent that served as the Capitol. Brochures from each division of TSL were handed to guests, and a most unusual collection of material from the Texas Archives was on display. The portraits of the Nine Heroes of Texas, owned by Summerfield G. Roberts, Dallas, on loan to Texas

State Library, were also shown. The most popular exhibit from the Archives consisted of a collection of portrait reproductions and original documents having the signatures of all presidents of the Republic and governors of the State, including that of Governor Krueger.

"Operation Hometown" was held in conjunction with the "All Nations Festival" that featured entertainment and exotic foods representing Sweden, Germany, Czechoslovakia, England, Ireland, Denmark, Mexico, France, Switzerland, Italy, Israel and Africa. Several State institutions also furnished entertainment.

El Campo is part of the 15th Senatorial District and is part of an area explored by the Spanish and French some 400 years ago and later a part of the Stephen F. Austin colonies.

It is a vigorous area, steeped in tradition and heritage of the Southwest and Texas.

THE PICTURES

Top—A REPLICA of the Capitol's dome marks the governor's headquarters at El Campo. The last two tents in the direction that Senator Krueger, who is speaking, looks were occupied by Texas State Library.

Center—STATE LIBRARY'S air conditioned Bookmobile drew thousands of potential patrons. This is the unit that is now serving the new demonstration area of Caldwell, Fayette and Hays Counties. The picture also shows a closer view of State Library booths. It might be well to point out that a two-inch morning rain that fell in less than 90 minutes plus a warmer-than-usual September sun, slowed the opening ceremonies from 9 a. m. to almost 11 a. m.

Bottom—GOVERNOR KRUEGER in his welcome to the guests, said: "I am deeply grateful and indebted to each of you for being here today to participate in this effort to prove again to ourselves and to the world that government of the people, by the people, and for the people has not perished from Texas. * * * * As demonstrated here today in the All Nations Festival, we must day by day work together as a people, as an area, with an overall approach to the community's problems. Together people, towns and government can enter a new area of growth and give new meaning to the right of choice for future generations. * * * "



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BIG THICKET BOOK- MOBILE

Sharing room with the Tyler County Memorial Library, the Area 10 demonstration headquarters lies in Woodville in the Big Thicket or Piny Woods country of eastern Texas. This multi-county project covers Hardin, Polk, Tyler and Jasper counties, a beautiful forest land with the roads stretching away through narrow avenues of silent pines. Mile after mile the Bookmobile wends its way without passing or

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ABOUT THE PICTURES

1. Headquarters of the Bookmobile demonstration serving Hardin, Polk, Tyler and Jasper counties is located in this building at Woodville.

2. Ruth White, Bookmobile librarian, assists two patrons make selections in the Bookmobile.

3. Bookmobile driver and "the best non-professional" librarian in Texas, Tom Cox, is checking a reference book while Mrs. White files library cards.

4. W. J. Myers, 86 years young. "No glasses for this spry Roganville patron."

5. Fred school children enjoy Bookmobile facilities.

6 . . . and three to go . . . before Mrs. White and Tom Cox close shop at Fred and drive to the next Bookmobile stop.

(All photos by Charles Gholz, TSL field consultant).

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being passed by another automobile. A deer crashes away through the underbrush; an armadillo pokes his nose out into the highway, then thinks better of it and hastily seeks cover. Marshy rivers and wooded lakes abound and birds sing everywhere. Anything is apt to happen where a six foot rattler lies dead and stretched out on the general store porch at Onalaska, or an alligator is killed near Blanchard, according to the Bookmobile librarian's narrative report.

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The Bookmobile pulls up beneath a shady tree across from a rural post office and the waiting patrons begin to come aboard. Mrs. Ruth White, Bookmobile librarian, gives expert readers' advisory service, while genial Tom Cox, the driver, climbs down from the cab and returns with an arm load of books gratefully given him by a harried mother with three children clinging to her skirts. She comes aboard, and with Mrs. White's help finds easy picture books for the children, a cookbook and fiction for herself, a book on car repair for husband and some westerns for her neighbor who is "feeling puny". Tom helps her to her car and returns to aid Mrs. White who by this time is nearly swamped with a spate of traffic.

That noon, the Bookmobile meets our patrons at the other end of the age scale as the youngsters pour out of school at Fred to line up for books and peer anxiously in, afraid that all the "best" books will be in the hands of their classmates before they can have their turn.

The local storekeeper without solicitation tells what the Bookmobile has meant to his community and the changes in his customers that he has seen through its influence. "We gotta keep it coming," he says. "Things were real dead around here before you folks came!"

Teachers are always being told that part of their compensation is in observing the joy and growth that they bring to their charges. We other educators, the librarians, know that it is so!—(Written by Charles A. Gholz, field consultant, Rural Library Services Division, TSL.)

MRS. EMILY WELTY NEW HEAD OF RURAL DIVISION OF TEXAS STATE LIBRARY

Two staff changes in Texas State Library were announced in August by Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian. Mrs. Emily Welty was named director of Rural Library Services Division and Mrs. G. J. Swafford was promoted to head the book selection department. Mrs. Welty succeeds Harold J. Marburger, who joined the San Angelo College faculty.

Mrs. Welty, one of the better known children's librarians in the state, has been an employee of Texas State Library since March, 1961, as coordinator of book selection. In this capacity she purchased more than \$140,000 in books for the various Rural Library Services programs, including five Bookmobiles.

Mrs. Swafford, librarian in the Loan and General Reference section of TSL's Main Library Division, succeeded Mrs. Welty as coordinator of book selection.

The new director of the Rural Division earned bachelor and master's degrees from Rice University, Houston, and a bachelor's degree in library science from Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, Pa. She was command librarian for the Fifth Air Force in Japan immediately following VJ Day.

She is vice president of the Austin Library Association and is a member of Texas Library Association and the American Library Association.

Mrs. Swafford served 10 years as a librarian at the University of Texas, two years as librarian at Foster Field, Victoria, and seven years as librarian in the Victoria and Flour Bluff schools. She earned a BA from Southwestern

University, Georgetown, and has done graduate work in library science at The University of Texas, Austin, and Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio.

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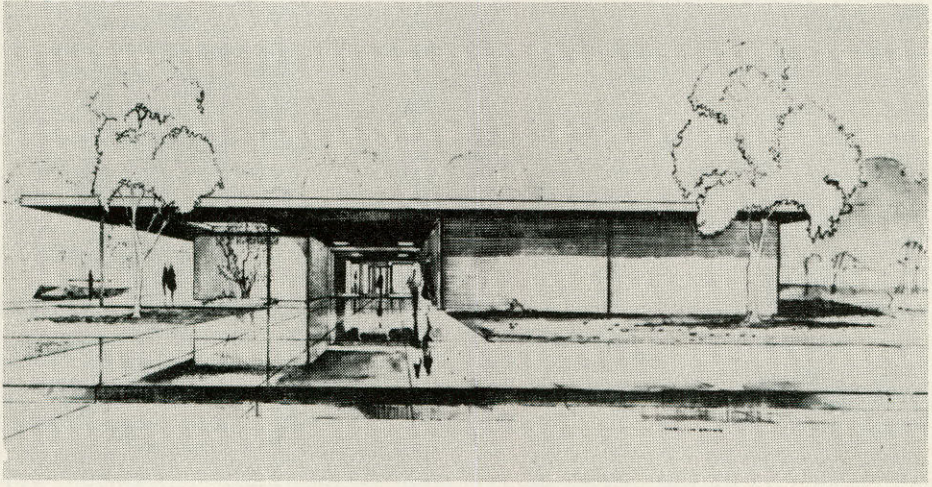
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NATIONAL LIBRARY

WEEK

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FROM DREAM TO REALITY



A drawing of the new Lampasas Library

Reproduction by Harold Harton

Written for Texas Libraries by Mrs. Stanley Walker, librarian
of the Lampasas City Library.

A year and a half after the long-held idea of a proper library building for the city of Lampasas was given an effective "shot in the arm" by Dr. W. M. Brook, the new library is a reality.

Dr. Brook is a civic minded physician and surgeon who was once mayor of this central Texas town, and has long headed its hospital. It took a considerable head of steam and much work by several committees of representative citizens to get the project going, but by mid-summer 1962 the fine building was completed. Dedication ceremonies were held November 11.

The Lampasas Library had for many years been housed in City Hall, first on the ground floor, later upstairs in a large, high-ceilinged room which was in
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adequately lighted, poorly heated in winter, and hot in summer. In the last three years its books had overflowed the shelves.

No man to give in half measures, Dr. Brook pushed and prodded, gave talks, met with the City Council, and convinced other influential citizens that his town deserved a good library. He persuaded the council to designate a fund of \$75,000 toward building and furnishing the library, the fund to be spread over a ten-year period from tax receipts of 17 cents per \$100 valuation. A site was chosen, and the present mayor, **Henry V. Campbell and his family, long residents of Lampasas, purchased the site and gave it to the city.** An outstanding architect, Hamilton Brown of Houston, was engaged to draw

plans and present them for approval by the library board and the city.

The result is a highly attractive building, of fairly modern design, but in keeping with some of the newer buildings and homes in the city, and comparing more than favorably with other new library buildings. It is convenient to schools and the downtown area. The building occupies a corner quarter block of more than 12,000 square feet, with off-street parking at the rear, and contains 4800 feet of floor space, including covered patio and center through lobby. Glass doors and windows at either end of the center lobby, and ceiling to floor windows at either side provide daylight and outside view.

Interior lighting is indirect fluorescent, with honeycomb grill. The building is air-conditioned and centrally heated. It is of double brick construction, a subdued Williamsburg red outside, lighter dusty pink brick inside.

Most walls carry book stacks, and double stacks are spaced at the end areas of each wing. One wing, the larger, holds all books from primary through junior high school grades, the reference material, charging desk, work and storage rooms, rest rooms and mechanical room. The smaller wing, across the lobby, holds adult books, magazines, archive material, and a small lounge area. Reading and study tables for children and adults occupy center area of each wing, with outside view. The lobby has space for displays of books, pictures, etc.

A pleasing feature is a small shallow pool, under the covered patio, containing an appropriate piece of bronze sculpture, a gift to the library. In addition to the

site and the sculpture, many donations of money have been made to the library for purchase of new books, and the city budget for the current fiscal year provides a greatly increased fund for books. The library is operated by a library board of eight members, of which Dr. Brook has recently been made a member. The city pays maintenance, librarian's salary, and utilities.

The library, which was started in the early years of this century by a group of high-minded women who formed the nucleus of the Pierian Club, the official sponsor of the library; has contained as many as 12,000 volumes. Many old and worn out books have been discarded, and 5,000 new books have been added since July, 1956. The new building is equipped to house 20,000 volumes, and the building itself may be extended in the future. The library already has a fine section, an excellent collection of reference books, an up-to-date section of books pertaining to ranching and farming, the gift of former residents who ranched in the area; also an extensive collection of nature, animal and scientific books for young people, the accepted classics, an extensive biographical collection, and gift collections of the drawings and paintings of Charles M. Russell, Frederick Remington and Tom Lea.

SMALL LIBRARY BROCHURES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The first four pamphlets to be published by the American Library Association Small Libraries Project have been received by Texas State Library.

These pamphlets, "The Public Library—A Tool for Modern Living," by Helen E. Wessells; "The Trustee of a Small Public Library," by Virginia G. Young; "Reference Services in a Small Public Library," by Hannah Severns; "Library Service for Adults," by Ruth W. Gregory, are available from State Library at no charge to all libraries in communities under 10,000 population.

The Small Libraries Project, supported by a grant from the Council on Library Resources, Inc., plans twelve additional pamphlets for publication through this fall. The pamphlets, and all supplementary materials to come from the project, are aimed at the untrained community librarian. The material, much of it written by outstanding librarians, will aim toward helping these persons to effect a better job as librarian in their community, inform them on methods and principles of library service, and indicate areas in which library cooperation can increase library service in their communities.

BOOK REVIEW

BETTER LIBRARIES MAKE BETTER SCHOOLS. Selected by Charles L. Trinkner. Shoe String Press, 1962. 336 pages \$6.

The fourth volume of Shoe String Press's **Contributions to Library Literature** series is now available to the Library Profession and it promises to be a significant addition to its field. Titled **Better Libraries Make Better Schools**, this volume, like its predecessors in the Series, is a collection of articles dealing with a specific area of librarianship. J. D. Marshall, general editor of the Series, outlines the scope of the present volume by calling it a "collection of September-October

short, helpful essays and articles in the craft of school librarianship . . . assembled principally with the library school student and the beginning librarian in mind. The more experienced librarian should, however, find its contents of no mean interest."

Indeed the librarian in a small library be it school, public, or college will certainly find this collection of great practical value regardless of his experience or lack of it. Here are treated such mundane problems as library fines, book losses, overdues, student assistants, book selection, cataloging costs, promotion aids, reading motivation methods, censorship, and many others.

Problems peculiar to junior and senior high schools are discussed and the small college library also comes in for recognition. Taken as a whole, the articles cover an extremely wide range of subjects. Although there is no subject index, the table of contents or the title and author index will reveal subjects included with a little effort on the part of the reader.

The 70 articles in the book are organized into three large categories: 1. The ideal school library; 2. Improving library administration and 3. the library and reader service. Full bibliographic data is given for each article and many a librarian will likely recognize here more than one item he noted at the time of original publication and marked for closer reading later but then forgot in the press of other things. This book offers a second chance (a rare opportunity today) to the busy librarian who only glanced over (or missed entirely!) a helpful article at the time of first publication.

Compiler Charles Trinkner, who

is librarian at Pensacola Junior College in Florida, has performed a real service to the great number of librarians who are responsible for relatively small libraries, a category which includes a majority of Texas librarians. Each of us should have this book available in our personal collections for frequent consultation.

(Reviewed by J. P. Vagt, librarian, Odessa College, Odessa, Texas.)

CHILDRENS BOOK EXHIBIT EXPLAINED

Texas State Library participated in the 44th celebration of National Children's Book Week, November 11-17, by making the State Traveling Exhibit of Children's Books available to any library or organization in the State, Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian, Texas State Library, announced.

The Traveling Exhibit of Children's Books contains more than 1,200 volumes, and Mrs. Madeline Owens, who is in charge of the collection, stated that the books were available for exhibit purposes from a box of 25 to a large collection of several hundred.

Books are furnished free-of-charge to the State library by publishers who are cooperating with the American Library Association and Children's Book Council, Inc. After the books have been in the State Traveling Exhibit for one year they become the property of State library.

Mrs. Owens stressed the fact that any Texas group who desires to stage a book fair, promote the further use of children's books, or use the books to "show the products of today's publishers", is encouraged to ask for a demonstration collection.

It was announced that more

than 1,500 children's book titles were published in 1962, bringing to a grand total of more than 19,225 the number of titles in print.

JACKSON TAKES STATE POST

H. Kenneth Jackson, former head of the Kilgore Public Library, has accepted the position of assistant director of Rural Library Services Division, Texas State Library.

The division, under the direction of Mrs. Emily H. Welty, is responsible for promoting library development in areas not served by a public library, and assists existing libraries extend services offered to patrons.

Jackson is a native of Fort Worth, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Jackson reside. His father is a general contractor.

He earned a BA degree from The University of Texas in 1957, majoring in anthropology and a BS in library science from North Texas State University, Denton, in 1959. Jackson went to Kilgore in April, 1961, from the Fort Worth Public Library. In Kilgore he was also the current president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Jackson's brother, Captain Bill M. Jackson, Colorado Springs, has a rather unique distinction—he is the only space computer officer in the Air Force. In the event of an enemy attack, Captain Jackson's calculations would be used as part of the vast Armed Forces alert system.

The new employee is a member of Texas Library Association, Southwest Library Association, American Library Association, Friends of Texas Libraries and Alpha Lambda Sigma, an honorary library fraternity.

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Entries are now being accepted for the distinguished Oberly Memorial Award made every two years by the American Library Association for the best bibliography in the field of agriculture or the related sciences.

RECRUITING BROCHURE PUBLISHED

A new brochure, "The Librarian, Idea Consultant," prepared and published by the Recruiting Committee of the American Library Association, is available for distribution.

The new leaflet, a courtesy of Demco Library Supplies, was written by the newly appointed director of the Office for Recruitment of ALA, Miss Myrl Ricking. A general brochure directed at the entire profession, it is the first in a series of 11. Others to follow include one of opportunities in library education, four on opportunities in different types of libraries, and five devoted to the kinds of work in libraries.

Limited copies are available at no charge.

MANUSCRIPT CATALOG

The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, 1959-1961, prepared by the library of Congress and published by J. W. Edwards, Inc., of Ann Arbor, Mich., has been released. The price of the volume is \$9.75, and it is for sale by the publisher.

P/R REPORTER MAKES DEBUT

Public Relations office of ALA, Chicago, has issued volume one, number one of "P/R Reporter", a library public relations newsletter. Subscription \$8, issued monthly.

The first issue is crammed with September-October

"goodies"; more than enough to keep a library's publicity committee busy for several months.

And as an added bonus P/R Reporter devotes space to 10 radio and TV spots.

Texas Libraries endorses P/R Reporter and suggests it would be a fine reference tool for any library, regardless of size. In fact the new publication mentions Texas State Library's publicity brochure, "Library Publicity—A Guide For The Library Information Chairman."

STATE LIBRARY ISSUES 6,014 CERTIFICATES

Texas State Library's summer reading program that attracted more than 20,731 school-age children in 285 cities and communities is officially closed and final reports show that 6,014 certificates were earned by the participants; Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian, reported.

Colorful certificates were awarded to each club member who read 12 books in his reading level during the summer vacation period that closed Sept. 1. Last year 1,150 young Texans won reading diplomas. The annual event, now in its fourth year, is sponsored by local libraries and State library.

Texas State Library furnished libraries with reading logs, certificates and in many instances several hundred books were loaned to stimulate interest in the event.

Described as "the nation's largest reading club", the summer reading program is part of the State's library development plan to "promote the further extension of library services in every Texas city and community," Dr. Winfrey

explained.

"Next year we anticipate an even larger club membership and through the fine cooperation of

librarians throughout the State our goal of 'library service for all Texans' will be a step nearer realization," the director concluded.

TEXAS LIBRARY ACTIVITY

ALVIN A little green teapot was used as a receptacle for money for the building fund given at the library by boys and girls who have been reading during the summer. When the little teapot was emptied at the end of the season it contained \$11.00 mostly in pennies. So, through the help of the city's youngsters, another brick has been added to the library building.

AMARILLO Edward Lynn, Southwest area director of the Great Books Foundation, reviewed the finer points of group discussion for a gathering of 20 persons at the Mary E. Bivins Memorial Library on August 18. Techniques of literary discussion and methods of critical thinking were explained to the group. The course is designed to aid persons interested in participation in literary discussion groups.

AUSTIN During the first week in July, Miss Mary Rice, director of library service for the City of Austin, observed the 18th anniversary of her appointment as head librarian at the Austin Public Library. The occasion was marked with separate birthday parties by the staff and by the Austin Library Commission at which cake and coffee were served. During the first year of Miss Rice's service as librarian, the total budget for the Austin Public Library was \$30,000. The current budget carried requests totaling \$427,670. Provision was made in the budget for the addition of a new library station in Northeast

Austin.

BAYTOWN Names of all future library board members will be placed on a plaque at the Sterling Municipal Library as the result of action taken by the city council. The names of past and present library board members will be placed on one plaque which will have space for future additions. On a second plaque will be the names of present city council members, former council members who served when the library was approved, the city manager and the librarian.

BIG LAKE A new copy of "Santa Rita," the story of Reagan County's discovery well in 1923, has been presented to the Reagan County Library by the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce. The copy, which had been in the library since 1944, had become badly worn. The author of the book is Martin W. Sweattmann, former teacher in the Texon school. Mr. Sweattmann, who was working on his master's degree from the University of Texas, compiled the information on Santa Rita No. 1 to be used as the subject of his dissertation for graduation. The book was published in 1943.

CAMERON The City Council will provide some support from the 1962-63 city budget to help support the Cameron Public Library. The Cameron Library Board members asked the council to include a \$900 library fund in its new budget. The Mayor said the city will aid in the support of

the library out of contingency funds in the new budget year.

COLORADO CITY The City Council signed a contract which will put the Federated Library back in business financially. The Council also passed an ordinance which authorized the mayor and city clerk to enter into the contract. The Federated Library has been cut off from city funds for the last three months because of legalities. The contract signed allows the city to pay money to the Mitchell County Library Fund. Previously, the city paid the library directly, a situation which has been called illegal. Although the library has been receiving funds from the county, those payments alone were insufficient to keep the library running.

DAYTON An enthusiastic response greeted the opening of the Dayton Public Library on June 9. The library is located in the Civic Center and is sponsored by the Lambda Alpha Sigma of Dayton. Support for the library program is being sought from other Dayton civic clubs. Some outstanding books have been donated to the library, and donations are continuing.

DIBOLL With the publication of plans, Diboll citizens are one step closer to a new building for the Diboll Memorial Library. Of simple yet practical and functional design, the building and its surrounding area are plainly beautiful. The simple, warm beauty of the library's interior will be seen through large glass panels by motorists traveling through Diboll on Highway 59. Native wood, much of it the engineered or laminated kind, will be

featured inside and outside. Furniture also will be of wood. Small but effective gardens will grace the outside lawns, and there will be ample parking space. One of the best features is a meeting room that will accommodate 50 persons, with a small kitchen on one end.

LAKE JACKSON Several new items of furnishings have been added to the Lake Jackson Library. Eight new tables, two for children and six for adults, will greatly increase the working space available for library patrons. A new display rack for magazines and other periodicals will be put into service as soon as glass facing can be installed. These items have been provided by funds from the Lake Jackson Library Association. Many more improvements are needed for the library which cannot be obtained from county funds. The Lake Jackson Library is a free public library with facilities financed by Brazoria County and augmented by the City of Lake Jackson and the Lake Jackson Library Association.

LAMPASAS Mrs. Stanley Walker, librarian, termed the grand opening of the \$75,000 new Lampasas Public Library Building in August as a success with 101 visitors and 10 new members on the first day. Approximately 225 books were checked out the first three days whereas 50 to 60 titles a day have previously been checked out.

PASADENA Pasadena's development as a center of culture is strongly exemplified through one of the finest libraries to be found in any city of comparable size. The beautiful \$300,-

000 structure was dedicated June 17, when open house was held. A bond issue was passed to finance the construction of the building. The building has 18,000 square feet of floor space with a capacity of 100,000 volumes. Many outstanding gifts have been made to the library.

REFUGIO Mrs. J. D. Bramlette has been hired to help establish and manage the Refugio County Library. Mrs. Bramlette, who has been a librarian in the Sinton Independent School District, recently retired from her duties there. Dennis O'Connor gave the building and a sizable sum of money to help establish the library. The new building was completed about six months ago.

ROCKDALE Rockdale very likely will soon have a new public library building, thanks to Dr. George Patterson, a Los Angeles neurosurgeon. Patterson has donated more than \$12,750 to a library fund in memory of his mother who once lived in Rockdale. A drive for cash donations has been started, and the fund has reached a total of \$25,682. City councilmen are expected to authorize city funds totaling \$5,542 to complete the fund solicitation. Construction is expected to begin in the near future.

SEGUIN Friends of Katherine Diehl, former TLC librarian, will be happy to have a report from her which she sends from The Carey Library in Serampore, West Bengal, India, where she is currently doing another book - A Catalogue of the Carey Library. She is now in the very heart of work that she believes is primary for the book world—de-

tailed, descriptive accounts of the early Indian imprints which the Carey Library has, including the oldest, the Tamil Bible, doubtless issued about 1714.

STAMFORD Stamford Garden Club was given permission by the city council to landscape the grounds around the Carnegie Library. After the recent remodeling, new top soil was hauled in and city workmen have planted grass. The Garden Club hopes to enter the project in a state competition and will plant shrubs and look after the grounds.

STANTON A special fall effort will be made to collect sufficient funds to start construction of a new building for the library. More than \$8,000 has been collected to date for this splendid community project. Pledges totaling approximately \$2,000 will be collected when actual construction starts. The September drive for the balance needed to insure a library for Martin County will be launched as soon as possible in that month.

WINTERS Winters Jaycee-Ettes have presented to the Winters Public Library a set of Dr. Suess toys. The toys are on display at the library. They are replicas of different animals in the children's books by Dr. Seuss. One of the most interesting toys in the library is "The Birthday Bird" taken from the book "Happy Birthday to You."

WOODVILLE Former Governor and Mrs. Allan Shivers have offered to build a museum and library for the Woodville Independent School District providing the facility also serves as a public library for all of Tyler

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County. Shivers said it is his hope that records, personal papers and mementos he and Mrs. Shivers collected while residents of the state's executive mansion will go into the museum. Shivers revealed that a site for the proposed building has already been purchased in the downtown area between the county courthouse and the high school. Tentative building plans call for a two-story structure with the lower floor used for a library and the second floor for a museum.

YORKTOWN Miss Carol Hoff, author from Yorktown, has donated 17 articles to the Archives Division of the Texas State Library. Although most of her work has been in the field of child education, these works are among some found in her late father's belongings. Two of the most important works are a survey of the old Indianola Trail and an 1861 map of DeWitt County. One of Miss Hoff's better known works was her "Johnny Texas," a writing that won the C. W. Follett Co. \$5,000 award for excellence.

WACO LIBRARIAN TAKES DALLAS POST

David M. Henington, Waco public library director, has accepted the position of assistant director for the Dallas Public Library.

Henington, 33, received his masters in library science from Columbia University in 1956. He is married to the former Barbara Gibson and they have two children, Mark, three, and Gibson, seven months.

Mrs. Lillian M. Bradshaw, library director, commented: "we are delighted that such a capable librarian is joining the staff."

BOOKMOBILE LIBRARIAN NAMED FOR NEW AREA

Mrs. James (Evelyn C.) Ford, Hillsboro, has been named librarian of the new Coryell, Hill and Somervell Bookmobile library.

Miss Elizabeth Karle, field consultant, Texas State Library, who is in charge of the demonstration, said that more than 60 persons applied for the Bookmobile librarian's position.

The new librarian was graduated from W. B. Ray high school, Corpus Christi, and is completing a 3-hour correspondence course from Baylor University, Waco, for her bachelor of arts degree. She was student assistant librarian at Midland Public Library, W. B. Ray high school and Alamo Heights high school, San Antonio.

VETERAN LIBRARIAN'S DEATH IS REPORTED

Miss Lottie Brashears, retired North Texas State University librarian, died in a Denton hospital on July 6 after a brief illness. She was 74. A native of Iradell, Texas, Miss Brashears served 50 years in Texas as a teacher and librarian.

Miss Brashears began her career in 1905 at Help, a rural school in Bosque County. After one year, she enrolled in what was then known as North Texas State Normal College, receiving a diploma in 1909 and joined the NTSU library staff permanently in the summer of 1923. She was librarian at the university for 35 years before retiring in February of 1958.

Miss Brashears was president in 1955-56 of the college division of the Texas Library Association and president in 1948 of Delta Kappa Gamma.

AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS SELECT AUSTIN

The Society of American Archivists have accepted the invitation of the Texas Library and Historical Commission to have their national meeting in Austin during 1964.

Two members of the State Library staff, James M. Day, state archivist and David Erck, records division director, attended the Society's conference at Rochester, New York, on Oct. 1-2-3. The four-day seminar featured 15 speeches and workshops on archival developments and records management.

Day and Erck also visited the New York state archives and records division in Albany.

Next year the Society will meet in Raleigh, North Carolina.

CONTINUATION OF BOOKMOBILE ASKED BY GROUP

Citizens interested in the continuation of Bookmobile library service in Tyler county are circulating petitions asking the Commissioners' Court to include such an item in the next budget, according to information given to Charles A. Gholz, field consultant of Texas State Library.

Gholz, supervisor of the Bookmobile unit serving the four-county area (Tyler, Hardin, Jasper and Polk), said that Woodville and Tyler county citizens "seem definitely determined to maintain the mobile information center—even if they have to furnish necessary funds through public subscription."

Commissioners' Courts of Hardin and Polk counties have already

included their share of the Bookmobile operating funds in their budgets.

LULING PATRONS ARE USING NEW BOOKMOBILE

Luling citizens, who have pioneered agriculture, cattle and oil developments during their 88-year history, are sampling the services offered by Texas State Library's Bookmobile demonstration, and circulation figures tend to show that they "approve the mobile information center," a spokesman for Texas State Library announced.

Recently Luling patrons checked out 422 books and 25 area residents signed Bookmobile library registration forms. A previous high one-step record had been set by LaGrange patrons earlier, when 315 books were issued by C. O. Leshikar, Bookmobile librarian.

Wilbur Michna, field consultant of Rural Library Services Division, in charge of the Bookmobile, praised the work of Luling library committee members and news media for publicizing the mobile library services.

Library service in the three-county area (Caldwell-Fayette-Hays) was established in late June at the request of citizens interested in library development, through an agreement between the three commissioners' courts and Texas State Library.

TRI-COUNTY AREA WILL CONTINUE BOOKMOBILE RUNS

Officials of the Taylor-Callahan-Shackelford Tri-County Bookmobile demonstration program

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have gone "on record" as being "satisfied with past operations and have budgeted funds for the continuation of rural library services."

Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian, Texas State Library, met with the three commissioners' courts during late summer and this was the opinion expressed by the courts.

Texas State Library's rural library services division operated the Bookmobile the first year and have been sharing the cost during this demonstration year. The Tri-County Library Boards, working through their respective commissioners' courts, will assume complete operation of the traveling library next year.

Each county has agreed to budget \$14,000 annually for the continuation of the popular program. Dr. Winfrey pointed out that the area would retain about \$40,000 worth of books now on an indefinite loan to the Tri-County Bookmobile unit.

PRAISES ASSISTANCE OF NEWSPAPERS

"Texas newspapers play a vital part in keeping their readership informed of the thousand-and-one things that add to the general intelligence of the State's citizenship. Librarians know the value of keeping full information before their patrons and they also realize that a library serves best when its many and varied functions are known by more persons," Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian, said in a statement for the observance of National Newspaper Week, October 14-20.

"The freedom of information is one of the constitutional rights of all Americans," the library chief
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commented, "and any recognition that librarians can give to the newspaper profession is justified and commendable," he concluded.

Dr. Winfrey pointed out that the current success of the library development program in Texas is proof that newspapers inform, creating a demand for improvement.

BLIND SERVICE HEAD RESIGNS

Retirement brings the standard question: "What do you plan to do—travel?" . . . in the case of Miss Emma Harrell, Texas State Library, the usual question got a very "unstandard" answer.

Miss Harrell, who retired as supervisor of the Blind Section of Texas State Library August 31, said: "I plan to work in my home at 2107 Rio Grande. It will take the rest of my life to do everything that I want to do in it."

As for travel, Miss Harrell remarked: "One is not supposed to mention one's European travels until one has made 34 crossings—I have made only three and do not plan to hasten the remaining 31 trips—so don't mention travel."

"Here's my answer to the other question always asked of a "miss"—'did your true love go off to war'—no he did not. This always reminds me of a remark made by a married friend in Washington, D. C.—'if one has not been married, one misses a lot; but a lot of it is certainly good misses!'"

Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian, said: "Miss Harrell has been one of our most faithful employees. She has done a remarkable job in a very difficult situation and has gained the respect and confidence of the blind patrons with whom she works."

Miss Harrell has been in charge

of the Blind Section for the past 15 years. The Blind Section of Texas State Library has grown from approximately 275 Talking Book readers and less than 100 Braille readers to more than 2,083 Talking Book patrons and approximately 200 Braille patrons. Talking Books are periodicals and books recorded by artists on phonograph records.

All blind persons in Texas are eligible for a free two-speed record player and records. Applications are handled by the Texas Blind Commission. Texas State Library is one of 31 distribution points in the nation for Talking Books and Braille; a service supervised by the Library of Congress.

A person is legally blind when the correction in the better eye is 20/200 or less, one one-tenth normal vision.

ACCEPTS COLLEGE FACULTY POST

Harold J. Marburger, director of Rural Library Services Division, Texas State Library, has resigned effective Aug. 31 to accept a place on the faculty of the San Angelo College, Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian, announced.

Marburger, who had been head of the important Rural division since February 1, has been associated with State library seven years. He was administrative officer of the Rural division prior to his promotion.

Under Marburger's leadership the Rural division doubled its staff and services and for the first time in more than two years all five of the State library's Bookmobiles are in operation.

CHILD LIBRARY STUDY PUBLISHED

Children's Service in Public Libraries, scheduled for release in December by the ALA Publishing Department, provides a detailed and documented picture of the organization and administration of public library service as it exists in libraries of various sizes throughout the country.

The book is based on the results of a study of 950 questionnaires, interviews and visits, made in 1957-58 by ALA's Library Administration Division in cooperation with the School of Library Science, Western Reserve University under the direction of Elizabeth H. Gross.

This study provides librarians, for the first time, with the factual bases for valid comparisons with the types of organization and procedures of other libraries.

FORMER LOUISIANA LIBRARIAN VISITS

"Your state library has one of the finest buildings I have ever seen," Dr. Essae M. Culver, who retired July 1 as librarian of the State of Louisiana, said when she visited Texas State Library in late October.

She told Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian, "you have the friendliest staff of any state library I have ever visited."

Dr. Culver recalled some of the highlights of her 37 years as Louisiana's librarian. "I was the first librarian of the state, and started the library in 1925 with a \$15,000 budget to serve more than 1,500,000 persons. Surely it was the valor or ignorance that

took me from California to Louisiana. However, in all of that time I was too busy to consider whether or not I had made the right move."

The distinguished guest was in Austin at the invitation of Miss Mary Rice, librarian of the Austin Public Library. They had become acquainted several years ago when Miss Rice was a student at Louisiana State University. Mrs. May Lea McCurdy, assistant to Miss Rice, was also in the group to visit State library.

Dr. Culver gave much of the credit of the Louisiana library system to the late Judge J. O. Modisette, a Jennings, Louisiana attorney who "was responsible for most of the legislative acts that made library development a possibility," the veteran librarian remarked.

"You Texans have a fine library booster, James L. Love of Diboll, who is the son-in-law of the late Judge Modisette, and a former member of the Louisiana Library Board," Dr. Culver remarked. Love, a lumber executive of Diboll and Lufkin, is the current president of the State Friends of Texas Libraries organization and a member of the Texas Library Trustee Association, formed last spring at the Texas Library Association's Galveston meeting.

It was interesting to note that in 37 years Louisiana library service grew from 5 small libraries and two trained librarians to outstanding library service in 58 of the state's 64 parishes. The state is also recognized as having one of the fine library colleges in the nation at LSU, Baton Rouge.

Dr. (Miss) Culver, is a resident of Baton Rouge and had attended the recent Southwestern Library Association conference in San Antonio.

STATE LIBRARY CONSULTANT WILL AID BOOKMOBILE

Charles Arthur Gholz, field consultant, Rural Library Services Division, Texas State Library, will be the temporary replacement for Mrs. Evelyn Maples, Bookmobile librarian, who resigned November 1, Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian, announced.

Mrs. Maples had served as Bookmobile librarian for the San Augustine and Newton county demonstration unit since September, 1961. Shelby county is now the third member of the library demonstration.

Before joining Texas State Library in August, Gholz was public relations director of the Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso and worked for a year in the Austin Public Library reference department.

The San Augustine - Newton Bookmobile has been in operation since August, 1961. During September more than 3,300 books and recordings were borrowed by patrons.

Persons desiring to apply for the Bookmobile librarian's position should address their inquiry to: William H. Carlton, personnel section, Texas State Library, Austin 1, Texas.

WACO LIBRARIAN IS SELECTED

Lee Brawner, Dallas, is the new director of the Waco Public Library. He was formerly head of the Lakewood Branch in Dallas.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree in library science from North Texas State University, Denton and in 1960 completed his master's degree in library science

at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

Brawner is a native of Seguin.

SOUTHWESTERN AWARD

Robert A. Vines, author of "Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines of the Southwest", and science supervisor of the Houston Spring Branch schools, received the Southwestern Library Association's annual book award at San Antonio during the fall meeting.

CAMPAIGN OPENS

A public library building fund campaign was opened in Trinity during October after the county commissioner's court agreed that the library can be situated permanently on a lot adjoining the courthouse annex. Judge Jewel Price started the fund with a pledge of \$100.

Columbia University has authorized G. K. Hall & Co. of Boston to publish the Index to Learned Chinese Periodicals, compiled in the East Asian Library.

MAINE BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Bangor Public Library, Bangor, Maine, has authorized G. K. Hall & Co. of Boston to publish the Bibliography of the State of Maine.

CATALOGING CODE BEING REVISED

Plans for completing a revision of the prevailing rules for author and title entries in cataloging books have been announced by David H. Clift, executive director of the American Library Association.

The prevailing rules of cataloging are based on the Anglo-American rules of 1908. The rules

have frequently been amended since that time, however, and as a result have become so complicated and difficult of interpretation that the value of the code is in good part negated.

Work on the revised American Library Association Catalog will be carried on with the aid of a \$35,100 grant from the Council on Library Resources, Inc., of Washington, D. C., Clift said. The Council has previously contributed \$8,900 toward the project.

The Library of Congress is cooperating in the project and has given C. Sumner Spalding, leave of absence to serve as editor.

It is hoped that the revised rules will serve as a guide for catalogers throughout the English-speaking world, and to this end liaison is being maintained with British authorities during the course of the revision. The code is being prepared within the framework of the principles agreed upon at the International Federation of Library Associations' Conference on Cataloging Principles, held in Paris in 1961.

VAL VERDE VOTERS APPROVE BOND ISSUE

Val Verde County voters approved a \$193,000 bond issue Tuesday, Nov. 6, to be used in financing a new county library, according to Mrs. Albert R. Cauthorn, Del Rio, member of the Val Verde Library Board and Texas Library and Historical Commission.

Mrs. Cauthorn informed Texas Libraries that the bond election was approved by more than two-to-one.

Val Verde County Library drew national fame last January when it was one of nine libraries to re-

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NEW AREAS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR BOOKMOBILE LIBRARY DEMONSTRATIONS

Bookmobile library service is being used by residents of 15 Texas counties and plans are now being drawn to include new counties in multi-county areas next year, Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian of Texas State Library, announced.

"Free" Bookmobile library demonstrations are available to any multi-county area in the State, who meet population and "library interest" requirements, Dr. Winfrey pointed out. Multi-county areas agree to furnish a Bookmobile headquarters in a central location. Texas State Library, through the Library Services Act, furnishes all other needs, including a Bookmobile, a librarian, Bookmobile driver, part-time clerk, approximately 8,500 books, supplies and all other operation

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ceive \$1,000 as an honorable mention award from the Book-of-the-Month Club. The award, known as the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Library Award, is given in recognition of outstanding management, service and financial need for new books. Although not sponsored by the American Library Association, the competition has the sanction of ALA and many of its officials assist the publishing firm in the annual event.

Val Verde County Library, located in Del Rio, is "the only cultural center in a 155-mile radius, providing the only source of contact with the world of arts and letters for a great portion of the population," a library spokesman said. The library operates substations in Pumpville, Langtry and Pandale.

expenses for the first year.

"After the first year we expect the multi-county area to make a valid attempt to continue Bookmobile service or to form a regional library, a city-county library or a county library to serve the rural patrons," the director and librarian explained.

"During the five years that Bookmobile library service has been available," Dr. Winfrey said, "libraries have been established in 10 counties where no information center was available. We believe that the Bookmobile demonstrations are directly responsible for this progress."

Last year Texans invested more than \$4.4 millions in library construction. "Our State is enjoying a boom in library development and it is our duty to kindle this flame of renewed recognition and to assist all counties in the State to develop a library program suitable to the needs of the residents," Dr. Winfrey remarked.

The five State library Bookmobiles furnish graphic illustrations of the good to be derived from "taking library service to the people." "Bookmobiles are used by patrons in areas served," the director stated; "records back up this statement and a steady increase in the number of books used in an area served by a Bookmobile is positive proof that residents will use this facility when it is offered," he concluded.

Individuals, civic organizations or clubs interested in more information about the State's Bookmobile program are urged to write Dr. Winfrey at Texas State Library, Drawer DD, Capitol Station, Austin.

CEREMONIES MARK BOOKMOBILE OPENINGS



INTERESTED CITIZENS of Caldwell, Fayette and Hays counties were present when the late Judge Edgar Black, Sr., county judge of Caldwell county, cut the ribbon in front of a Texas State Library Bookmobile at Lockhart. The ceremony inaugurated mobile information service to residents of the mid-Texas area, representing a rural population of more than 44,000. The two other county judges are: Judge H. J. Schovajsa, Fayette county and Judge C. M. Decker, Hays county.



THREE COUNTY JUDGES participated in the opening day event that introduced Bookmobile library services to citizens of Coryell, Hill and Somervell counties. Judge Temple Summers, Somervell county, is doing the ribbon cutting honors with scissors used by Colonel George Durham in the financial affairs of the Republic of Texas, while Judge Norman C. Storm, Coryell county and Judge Hugh Phillips, Hill county, look on.

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