

STATE LIBRARY SYSTEM IN USE OVER CENTURY

Nearly Five Million Volumes
Now Are Accessible to Public.

As school children, librarians, and civic club members of Indiana are taking part in the national celebration of Good Book Week, the story of the rise of Indiana's library system is being reviewed in many schools.

The system started in the days when Indiana territory was the western frontier, and now embraces every county with buildings containing over 4,000,000 volumes of books.

Libraries in Indiana date back to a meeting of citizens in Vincennes during the governorship of William Henry Harrison in 1806. The Vincennes circulating library was then formed and was active until the Civil war.

One of First

When Indiana was admitted to the Union, the constitutional convention of 1816 resolved that the general assembly appropriate money "to purchase books for a library for use of the legislature and other officers of government." This was the beginning of the present Indiana State Library, founded nine years later, which was among the first six established in this country.

Additional legislation for the period from 1816 to 1850 was provided, and the census of 1850 shows that fifty-eight county libraries were in existence, containing 46,000 volumes.

The names of Robert Dale Owen of New Harmony, and Caleb Mills, father of free schools in Indiana, are intimately associated with the establishment of greater libraries in the state. Then support reverted to the townships along with the free school system, and for three years following 1850 approximately \$270,000 was spent among the townships and about 300 volumes put in each.

Commissioner Named in 1899

Establishment of the Public Library commission in 1899, through the interest of the Union Literary Clubs, proved to be the opening of a new era which along with gifts of Andrew Carnegie have brought libraries to the fore in Indiana.

More than 160 Carnegie buildings have been erected. In all there are over 200 libraries in the state, the largest of which is the Indianapolis public library, with its beautiful central building and 450,000 volumes. Other first class library cities of the state are located in Ft. Wayne, Evansville, South Bend, Gary and Terre Haute.

The first library institute to be held in the United States is said to have been conducted by Miss Cornelia Marvin in the Indianapolis public library in 1896.

Have 400,000 Volumes

Along with the state aided libraries, various schools of the state have built up large collections of books on all subjects of interest to students.

Among these are the Indiana university library with approximately 200,000 books, the Purdue university library at Lafayette with 75,000 volumes dealing in special fields, and the two Indiana State normal schools at Terre Haute and Muncie, the former with a fine library of over 100,000 volumes.

Technical

BY RYAN HALL

Bronze pins were awarded the following business pupils for perfect scores in the monthly competency tests: Helen Bulmahn, Hazel Goldsby, Geraldine Good, Mabel Hammons, Mary Hurt, Helen Van Liew, Caroline Maas, Lucille McCallie, Zora McIntire, Vonda McIlroy, Alberta Niemeyer, Helen Schmetz, Frances Terry, Fanny Yensel, Mary Wehrle, Mary Butcher, Martha Clements, Marjorie Dyer, Aileen Gillespie, Ida Knapp, Lorraine Lasley, Helen Miller, Alberta Parkey, Irma Reese, Irene Robert, Marian Stiers, Ruth Schwab, and Dorothy Wray.

Miriam Schurmann of roll room No. 173, has been elected historian for the senior A division of the June graduating class.

Louise Harshman, Tech senior, has received a scholarship to the Irvington School of Music as prize for winning a city-wide violin contest recently.

Certificates for efficiency in business studies have been awarded Eunice Crismer, Emerson Grein, Mary Frances James, Edna Johnson, and Frances Fulmer.

CAMPAIGN IS INDORSED

"Know Your School" Urged by P.T. Meeting at School 47.

At the suggestion of the American Education Week program, a "Know Your School" campaign was started at school No. 47, 1240 West Ray street, among pupils and parents.

The campaign was started at a meeting of the school's Parent-Teacher Club this week, at which Charles F. Miller, city school superintendent spoke. Mrs. Grace Kimber gave a history of the school to open the acquaintance program. An inspection of the building, with teachers as room hostesses followed the meeting.

CLUB PRESENTS PLAY

School No. 73 Pupils Entertain With Two Performances.

Dramatic Club members of school No. 73, Sherman drive and Vermont street, are presenting a two-act play, "The Lay Minstrels From Dixie," in the school auditorium today.

Performances will be given at 3 p.m. and at 8 p.m. Fourteen characters will participate in the play, which is being given under auspices of the Parent-Teachers Association.

Parent-Teacher Club in Play



Hazel Lindsay, Mrs. Esther Fink and Mrs. Mary Green.

Third Row—Mrs. A. V. Hoop, Mrs. Sue Lydick, Mrs. Anita Barger, Mrs. Ruth Ewing, Mrs. Jesse Brummett, Mrs. Gladys Herbert and Mrs. Pearl Sowers.

Fourth Row—Mrs. Hazel Stewart, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. John Schenck, Mrs. G. E. Lang and Mrs. Decius, Mrs. Ethel Beaver, Mrs. Hazel Haughton, Mrs. H. F. Davis.

SENIORS' CLUB HOSTS TO TEAM

Washington Players Are Dined: Get Gifts.

Washington high school football players were honored by the "Men's Club" senior boys' organization, with a banquet and special program at the school Monday.

Each member of the team received a hat decorated in purple and white, the school colors.

Twelve senior members of the team are: Edwin Cook, Garland Burris, John King, Gerald Shirley, Arthur West, Ray Marshall, Harold Haines, Lawrence Lontz, Emerson Carter, Marion Milan, Homer Connor and Orion Gobert.

Other boys honored were Emil Unser, Frank Blommer, Worth Pullen, Robert Hedge, Norman Long, Raymond Martin, Frank Luzzo, Harry Sanders, Richard Carlstedt, Ishmael Walms, Herbert Land, George Flier, Jay West, Dean Hand, John Vaughan, Robert Wade, Ray Baker, Ralph Middaugh, Edward Haus, Floyd Duckworth, Clifford Baumbach, Gordon McCalman, Donald Boreff, Charles Dula, Harry Oliver, Robert McTarsney, Gien Warren, Herman Schmink, Harold Baldwin, Norman Parnell, Donald Pittman and John Blankenship.

SCHOOL PAPER AIDS IN TEACHING ENGLISH

Pupils of All Grades Are Urged to Make Contributions.

Teachers at the Ralph Waldo Emerson school, 301 Linwood avenue, strive to teach children to write by giving them practical English instruction.

Motion pictures of the Hawaiian islands will be shown to Indianapolis school pupils during the regular children's hour at the Children's museum, 1150 North Meridian street, Saturday at 10:30 a.m., by Mrs. Alvert E. Metzger.

The films were made by Mrs. Metzger on a recent trip. Books on the subject will be provided by the city librarian.

Arthur B. Carr, curator, will talk to the regular Saturday morning classes of school pupils at 9:30 on "The Origin of Fire and Evolution of Lightning."

Enter the Times' Contest and Win a Cash Prize

Hurry, school children, and enter The Times' Book Essay Contest, and win a cash prize before it closes.

Last hour for submitting manuscripts has been set for midnight, Saturday. Any pupil in the fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grade of Indianapolis and Marion county public and parochial schools, may join the contest by writing an essay of not more than 200 words on the subject, "My Favorite Book and Why." First prize will be \$5 in cash, second prize \$3 and third prize \$2.

The contest is being sponsored by The Indianapolis Times, in celebration of Good Book week, co-operating with city libraries. Judges of essays will be Mary Rose

Himler of Bobbs-Merrill Publishing Company, Miss Evelyn Sickels and Miss Zella Spence of the Indianapolis public library. Remember only one day left to enter! Mail your essays to the school editor, The Times.

TECH GYM TO BE DEDICATED

Last Programs Will Open Building to School.

Fourth and last of a series of programs, dedicating the new Technical high school gymnasium to various school purposes, will be given there Wednesday night.

This exercise will open officially the building of gymnastic and athletic purposes and will be given by pupils in the physical training department. It will begin with stunts, and a physical training demonstration by 500 girls.

Miss Hazel Abbott and Miss Grace Greenwood, physical training directors, are supervising the first part and Thomas Campbell is coaching the teams. Stunts will include dances, cage ball relay, tumbling, pyramid building and a topsy-athletic dance.

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R. O. T. C. News

The Shortridge high school honor unit is being reorganized as the Shortridge Rifles. The unit was organized last spring, under direction of Colonel H. C. Faught, and formerly was known as the Shortridge Guards. First Lieutenant John Bradshaw is replacing Colonel Faught as commander.

First meeting of the Shortridge Officers' Club will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

High scores in gallery practice at Manual for the week were won by William Uhl, who took 94 points; Kenneth Campbell, John Wood, and Merle Fabion, each scored 92 points.

First meeting of the Shortridge Officers' Club will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

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