

# 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 the library system in the state. Their 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 state.

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 competition tests: Helen Balmann, Hazel Goldsby, Geraldine Good, Mabel Hammons, Mary Hurt, Helen Van Liew, Caroline Maas, Lucille McCallie, Zora McIntire, Vonda McIlroy, Alberta Niemeyer, Helena Schmertz, Frances Terry, Fanny Yensel, Mary Vihrel, Mary Butcher, Martha Clements, Marion Dyer, Aileen Gillespie, Ida Knapp, Loraine Lasley, Helen Miller, Alberta Parkey, Irma Reese, Irene Rotert, Marian Stiers, Ruth Schwab, and Dorothy Wray.

Miriam Schurmann of roll room No. 178, 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 Crisler, 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 Kimmer 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. 78 Pupils Entertain With Two Performances.

## Parent-Teacher Club in Play



Members of the Parent-Teacher Club of School No. 73, School and Thirtieth streets, will present a play, "Joyville Junction," at the school building to-night. They are:

Front Row (left to right)—Mrs. Olga Burleson, Mrs. Fanny Wood, Mrs. Fred Reynolds, Mrs. Hazel Harrison, Mrs. Mary Henderson, Mrs. Marie Reiche and Mrs. Lottie Seaman, president.

Second Row—Mrs. Laura Newhart, Mrs. G. S. Decius, Mrs. Ethel Beaver, Mrs. Hazel Haught, Mrs.

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. H. F. Davis.

## SENIORS' CLUB HOSTS TO TEAM

Washington Players Are Dined; Get Gifts.

Washington high school football players were honored by the "Minute 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 Shirkey, Arthur West, Ray Marshall, Harold Haines, Lawrence Lantz, Emerson Carter, Marion Miller, Homer Corner and Orion Gabert.

Other boys honored were Emil Unser, Frank Bloemer, Worth Puley, Robert Hedge, Norman Long, Raymond Martin, Frank Luzar, Harry Sanders, Richard Carlstedt, Chas. Lewis, Herbert Land, George Filer, Jay West, Dean Harding, John Vaughn, Robert Wade, Ray Baker, Ralph Middaugh, Edward Haus, Floyd Duckworth, Clifford Baumback, Gordon McCalmert, Donald Boreff, Charles Dula, Harry Oliver, Robert McTarnsey, Glen Warden, Herman Schmuck, Kenneth 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.

Pupils from every grade in the school were given a chance to contribute to the last issue of The Emersonian, school publication. The cover page was designed by George Kristofek of the eighth grade. Regular staff members are: Reporters, Joan McDermid and Jane Anderson; circulation committee members, John Warren Hoy and Harold Riser, all of the eighth grade.

Work of pupils who contribute articles from the lower grades is directed by staff members. Contributors to the last issue were Mary Louise Milburn, Colleen White, Geneva Senefeld, Leland Scholl, Julia Skyle, Jack Lilly, Lois Crofts, Virginia Whitley, Catherine Akin, Eugene Goss, Maxine Powers, Olive Gunder, Jane Bosart and Omer Larson.

GIRL RESERVES ELECT

Mary Pauline Robbins Heads Unit at School No. 32.

One of the most active pupil organizations at school No. 32, 2100 North Illinois street, is the Girl Reserves Club, of which Mary Pauline Robbins recently was elected president.

This organization is comprised of older girls in the school, and is sponsored by the Y. W. C. A.

Y. W. MAKES AWARDS

Twenty Girl Reserves at School No. 19 Get Memberships.

Twenty Girl Reserves of school No. 19, Quill and Palmer streets, who made citizenship grades above 95 per cent, recently were awarded memberships in the Y. W. C. A. by Miss Ollie Day.

Boys of the school who received highest grades were given complimentary tickets to a music recital by John Green, baritone, and Norman Merrifield, pianist, in the Harriet Jordan Music Hall. The Y. M. C. A. boys' department has organized a Pioneer Club at this school.

PUPILS PREPARE PLAY

Thanksgiving Entertainment is Arranged at School.

## 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 Bobbe-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, cap ball relay, tumbling, pyramid building and a topsy-athletic dance.

1,000 PUPILS AT TECH ELECT LATIN STUDY

Teachers See Disregard of Easier Subjects Good Indication.

More than one thousand pupils are studying Latin at Technical high school this semester. Forty of this number elected Virgil and thirteen chose Cicero, judged to be the most difficult subjects in the high school curriculum.

Teachers say the fact that so many take this subject, when easier subjects might be studied, is indication that youths of today do not always choose "the easy way."

The following beginning Latin pupils received A-plus grades for the first month: Ernest Harrison, Margaret Hedges, Clifford Hewitt, Jack Cronin, Blanche Rife, Millicent Cummings, Paul Henderson, Mary Morrison, Georgia Paldrick, Lois Wilson, Frank Bridges, Harold Kottowski and Florence Norris.

Shortridge

BY JAMES STEWART

Frank B. Wade, head of Shortridge chemistry department, will address the chemistry section of the Illinois State Science Teachers' Association, at Illinois university next week.

Classes in food preparation are holding bake sales, the funds from which will be applied to the fund for an organ for Caleb Mills auditorium.

Miss Betty Jeanne Davis, Shortridge graduate in 1926, who now is attending Butler university, has been selected to edit the sorority section of the Butler Drift, university yearbook.

Robert Thompson, author and newspaper correspondent, addressed Shortridge pupils this week. He told of interesting experiences in meeting famous people for publication of his book, "Famous Living Americans."

Good Book Week was observed with book window displays which were changed each day during the week.

The following pupils have received the Gregg typing award: Margaret Anderson, Frances Dobyns, Ruth Eastwood, Margaret Hetzler, Marguerite Johnson, Leona Lischke, Mildred Peacock, and Katherine Spurgeon. This award is given pupils capable of typing sixty words per minute for five minutes.

Seven Made Chief Draftsmen

Because of outstanding work, the following boys have been appointed chief draftsmen in drafting classes at Manual high school: Alvin Brechob, Clarence Walton, Charles Baerman, Malcolm Creaser, William Marney, Winifred Fox and Bruce Ruark.

## SHORTRIDGE IS RAISING FUND TO BUY ORGAN

All-School Revue Arranged to Assist in Drive of 3,000 Pupils.

Most important activities at Shortridge high school this month are centered around a drive in which approximately 3,000 pupils, aided by teachers and mothers, are seeking funds for purchasing a pipe organ for the Shortridge auditorium.

The movement started shortly after school opened this fall and now is taking definite form. Various methods for securing money are being worked out by pupils. A committee of the student-body, representing each class, has been working with committees appointed by the faculty and by the Parent-Teacher Association.

Revue Arranged

The whole school is boosting plans for an all-school revue, to be given Dec. 13, for benefit of the organ fund. John Engleke, revue chairman, today announced the presentation will be one of the largest ever attempted by the school and will offer twenty acts. The cast was chosen in competitive try-outs and is made up of leading talent in the school.

Two performances of the revue will be staged in morning and afternoon. Tickets will be put on sale next Monday at the school building.

Chairmen Are Named

Chairmen of the various acts, who are directing the rehearsals, are Donald Coffin, Dorothy Cring, Nan Elizabeth Reasoner, Louise Watson, Nelson Cooper, Mildred Oland and Helen Schlesinger.

Mothers of the school added to the growing fund Wednesday with a candy sale. The sale was directed by Mrs. W. D. Lewis and Mrs. James Breedlove, hostesses.

Several departments are working as units in raising money. Included in these are the photography division of the physics department and the home economics department.

Washington

BY ROSS DORSETT

The Art Club met Thursday and re-elected Marion Ratcliff as president. Other officers elected were Bertha Warthen, vice-president; and Mabel Wenzel, secretary-treasurer.

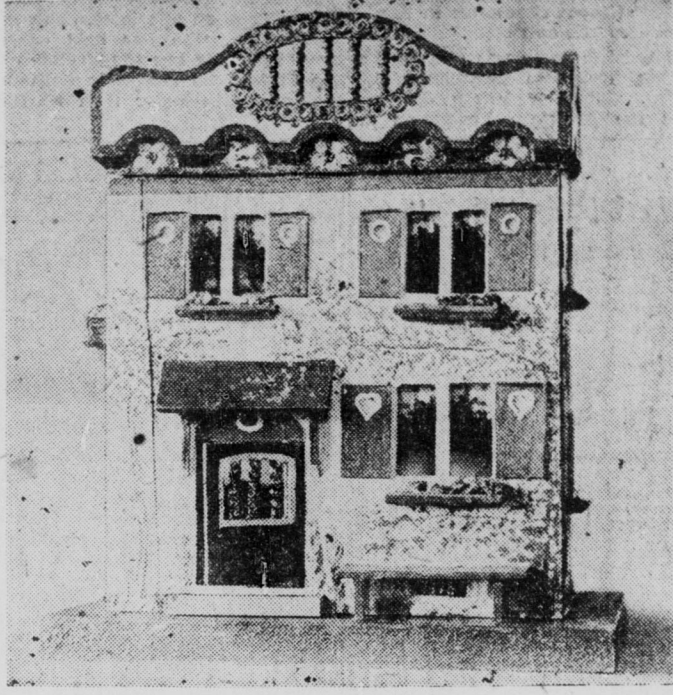
Session room No. 106 sponsored a candy sale Thursday to raise money for school colors.

At the regular meeting of the Science Club this week the following officers were elected: Harvey Bundy, president; Jack Loudermilk, vice-president; Edith Mae Pearson, secretary; David Schrader, treasurer. This club is open for membership to all students.

Thrift Essays Are Judged

In a recent thrift project, conducted at Manual high school, Lewis Pollack won first honors for an editorial entitled "Thrift." Ruth Perry won second place with a composition on the same subject and Elizabeth Brouhard won third position with a biography of Benjamin Franklin.

## Style in Black Forest



Among interesting objects in the children's museum, 1150 North Meridian street, is a miniature model of a peasant home from the Black Forest of Germany.

The model is nine inches high and is complete even to checkered curtains and interior furnishings. In it is a double-decked bed, typical of those used in European countries.

## Thousands of Pupils Aid in Book Week Programs

Teachers Are Entertained at Library as Feature of Observance.

Final programs in commemoration of National Good Book Week were presented in Indianapolis schools today.

Thousands of pupils participated in various plays, contests, and special programs during the week.

More than 800 books were read by pupils of school No. 26, Sixteenth street and Columbia avenue, in a contest called "The Book Sale." Twelve pupils from the group who had the best book reports took part in a special program at the school this morning. They were James Hawkins, Robert Scott, Lillian Brooks, Maurice Carter, Constance Baker, Wilma Blackwell, fifth and sixth grade pupils; and William Randolph, Martha Hays, Rodney Williams, Rachel Ferguson, Elaine Glens, and Warren Danks of the seventh and eighth grades.

New teachers in public schools were entertained at tea in the Central library Tuesday afternoon. Pupils of the Metropolitan School of Music gave a book play, "The Enchanted Kingdom" in Croseye auditorium at the library Tuesday night.

Parents took advantage of open house in the children's room at the library all week, and visited the select display of books for young people.

A collection of rare books was on exhibition at the Indianapolis Teachers' college and students celebrated the week with story programs and by giving book reviews in literature classes. Louis J. Bailey, state librarian, lectured to students on the value of books Tuesday.

## SCHOOLS TAKE PART IN ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Acquainted by Teachers With Welfare Work Carried Out.

All the eighty-six Indianapolis schools are taking an active part in the tenth annual Community Fund campaign, which opened Nov. 15 and will close Nov. 25, it was announced today at Community Fund headquarters.

Pupils are not solicited for funds, but it is the aim of teachers to acquaint them with the welfare work done by the Community Fund.

Teachers are responding with pledges. Last year 1,933 school teachers subscribed \$10,688.75 to the fund, and campaign leaders are expecting this to be equaled or exceeded in the present drive.

Presenting Plays

Many schools are presenting plays with Community Fund agencies as their topics, and it is estimated that 60,000 school children will take part in plays and programs during the drive.

Work of the Community Fund in supporting thirty-five welfare agencies offers excellent material for study of civic enterprises in classes, teachers assert. This study is not limited to the period of the drive, but is continued throughout the year as practical social material for pupils.

Twenty-two thousand school books issued by the publicly department of the Community Fund to third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades of public and parochial schools are receiving attention. The book contains lessons in English composition, arithmetic and art.

Play as Social Factors

Purposes of interesting support of school children are to lead them to appreciate the part they play as social factors in betterment of the city, to show each child how the school through his education is aiding the community, and to acquaint each child with welfare work.

The booklets were endorsed by Charles F. Miller, city school superintendent, in a special letter to teachers and principals. The Community Fund school committee includes: Mrs. Royal McClain, chairman; Charles F. Miller, the Rev. E. Francis Miller, Mrs. Clayton Ridge, Mrs. Logan Hughes, W. A. Stockinger and Mrs. May B. Hubbard.

PUPILS HEAR FROM BELGIAN BROTHERS

School No. 47 Receives Booklet as Correspondence Answer.

For several years pupils of school No. 47, 1240 West Ray street, have been corresponding with pupils in Jumet, Belgium, and recently received a booklet telling of school life in the Belgian town.

This correspondence is sponsored by the Junior Red Cross Association, with the aim of promoting international friendships among children.

In connection with English work, the pupils of school No. 47 recently wrote descriptions of the booklet, received from Belgium. Ruby Sexton of the seven B grade submitted the best description.

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