

"BOOKS SANDWICHED IN" -- NEW SERIES

Four noon-time programs to start Monday,
January 27, at YMCA; "Table Talks" to follow

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN

January 27 - "Man--The New Humanism,"
by Roger L. Shinn

Commentator: The Rev. Lee Howe,
head of the Schenectady County
Council of Churches

February 3 - "The American University:
How It Runs, Where It Is Going,"
by Jacques Barzun

Commentator: Prof. William Wiefenbach,
Director of Special Programs,
Union College

February 10 - "Rights in Conflict,"
by the National Commission on the
Cause and Prevention of Violence
(the Walker Report)

Commentator: Dean Richard A. Myren,
School of Criminal Justice,
S.U.N.Y. at Albany

February 17 - "The People's President,"
by Neil Peirce

Commentator: Mrs. Murray Penney,
membership chairman and member of
electoral college committee, Schene-
ctady League of Women Voters

TABLE TALKS

February 24 - "Buddism and Politics in
the Far East"

Speaker: Dr. D. R. Thurston, Depart-
ment of Social Sciences, Union

March 3 - "Nuclear Proliferation: a Treaty
and its possible consequences"

Speaker: Dr. Vernon L. Ferwerda,
Department of History and Political
Science, R.P.I.

March 10 - "With the Peace Corps in Costa
Rica"

Speaker: Thomas J. Connors, former
Peace Corps worker

March 17 - "A Jones'-Eye View of Mexico"

Speaker: Leonard Jones, Department of
Art, Linton High School

March 24 - "Modern India and the Changing
Attitude toward Westerners"

Speaker: The Rev. William Hoffman, of
the Reformed Church, Schuylerville

All meetings--both the "Books-Sandwiched
In" and the "Table Talk" series--will be
held at the Schenectady YMCA on lower
State Street. Trays may be taken from the
cafeteria to the meeting room; or, for the
"Books Sandwiched In" series, sandwiches
may be ordered ahead of time by calling
the Central Library between 9 and 10 on

LORENZ TO SPEAK AT

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 14

John Lorenz, Deputy Librarian of
the Library of Congress, has agreed to
speak at the Friends' annual meeting
on April 14. His topic will be "The
Fickle Finger of Fate."

Mr. Lorenz is no stranger to Schene-
ctady. He worked at the Central Library
here for a period in the 1940's, im-
mediately after his graduation from
library school.

Mrs. T. A. Rich, program chairman,
will announce further details about the
dinner meeting in the next Newsletter;
in the meantime, save April 14.

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exact title, author's name, and category for the records. Please notify Mrs. John Kagay, chairman of volunteer services, if you know of someone who might help. Her phone number is 377-6834.

Friends Give \$60 for
Records for Library

Following a request from the Library, whose funds for record purchases were already expended, the Board of the Friends voted to make a gift of \$60 for the purchase of 30 hard-to-find records from the Everett Finch collection.

New Adult Bookplate

Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Edgar A. Batzell and other G. E. artists, the Library has a new bookplate to be used on gifts to its adult collection. (The winning design for a bookplate now in use in the Children's Room was announced earlier.) The Gifts and Bequests brochure enclosed with this Newsletter carries the design of the new plate on its first page. Printing of the bookplate was made possible by gifts from the Friends.

the morning of the meeting. Coffee is for sale in the meeting room as well as in the cafeteria.

The meetings all start at 12 noon and adjourn by 1:15 p.m.; you are free to leave sooner if necessary.

Both series were arranged by Mrs. T.A. Rich and her program committee.

Membership: A New High

The Membership Committee, headed by Mrs. John Mahar, announces a total of 231 memberships, involving 337 individuals, for a record high since the founding of the Friends three years ago. A new membership year begins again in May, and the committee encourages each member to bring in one new member for the year 1969-1970. Mrs. Mahar suggests the Friends aim for 500 members when we can use the new library and expand our program accordingly.

New Board Members

Mrs. Concordia announces the appointment of Mrs. Lyman Johnson and Mr. Harry Goldschlag to the Board to fill the unexpired terms of Mrs. Harold Dewhurst and Mrs. Murray Sprung, who resigned.

Translators Wanted

The Library would welcome help from volunteers who can translate Polish, Czech, and Hungarian. A volunteer would be asked to come to the Library perhaps twice a month, or to be on call, to look over new acquisitions and translate the

The Director's Chair

Furniture has been arriving at the new building, and the shelving will be delivered soon (it will take four weeks to install). Specifications for the moving operation were completed the first of November. They were then to be reviewed by the County attorney, and after review the bids were to be advertised for the moving contract. Current estimate is a mid-April moving date.

New hours will be in effect in the new building. The Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. This will enable the staff to have the first hour in the morning free for meetings and other staff functions. However, telephone reference service will continue to be available from 9 a.m. on.

--E. Leonore White

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APRIL 14 - ANNUAL MEETING
OF FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library will be held on Monday, April 14, at the Edison Club. A social hour will start at 6 p.m. and dinner (roast beef) will be served at 7 p.m. Advance reservation is requested (see blank below), and a discount is provided if payment for dinner is sent in in advance.

John Lorenz, Deputy Librarian of the Library of Congress and former Schenectady resident, will speak at the dinner on "The Fickle Finger of Fate."

Other features of the meeting will be a statement from James Schmitt, one of the architects of the new County Library building, on "What We Learned about Libraries from Building One"; recognition of the volunteer of the year; and presentation of a gift from the Friends to the Library staff.

Please make your reservation for dinner by Wednesday, April 9. If you cannot attend the dinner, you are of course welcome to come to the meeting which will follow.

Please reserve _____ places in my name for the Friends of the Library dinner on Monday, April 14, at the Edison Club.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (@ \$4.25 per person).

I will pay at the door (\$4.75 per person) _____.

Name _____

Address _____

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library.

Mail to: Miss Helen Mynderse, 10 Sunnyside Road, Scotia, N.Y. 12302.

Reservation deadline: April 9.

The Director's Chair

All members of the Library Friends are especially invited to inspect the new building on the corner of Liberty and Clinton Streets during the week of March 31 - April 4. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Come in and look over our new house.

The staff extends its thanks to the many members of the Friends who will be helping to welcome the public to the new Library during "Open House" week. With the Friends, we look forward to this new chapter in the history of public library service in our county.

--E. Leonore White

New Membership High

Mrs. John Mahar, Membership Chairman, announces a total of 244 memberships in the Friends, comprising 355 individuals-- a new high in the three-year existence of the Friends.

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New Piano for Library
Honors Mrs. Gorton Fonda

Fittingly, the first major gift to the new Library--a Baldwin grand piano--honors one of the Library's staunchest friends, the late Alice Chapman Fonda. Given by her husband, Dr. Gorton R. Fonda of Buffalo, the piano will be placed in the meeting room of the new building.

Mrs. Fonda was a trustee of the Schenectady Public Library when it was still a city institution. She was appointed to the first board of trustees of the county library when it was organized in 1948, and continued on that board until her death in January 1965. For many years she was chairman of the personnel committee of the Library board, and she also served as chairman of the committee from which the present building program evolved.

New Editor for
Friends' Newsletter

New editor of the Newsletter will be Mrs. Lyman Johnson. Karen came to Schenectady one year ago from Boston, Mass. Last summer she and her husband were instrumental in producing the outdoor movie series in the Horace Mann School neighborhood, under the sponsorship of the Friends, a program that will be continued this coming summer. Karen is the mother of a two-month old son.

Assisting Karen will be Mrs. Ronald H. Wilson, who will handle the Newsletter's circulation.

Slate for 1969-1970

The following slate of officers and Board members will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting on April 14:

President: Mrs. Charles Concordia
1st V. P.: Mrs. John F. Brown, Jr.
2nd V. P.: Stephen A. Fitz
Secretary: Miss Ruth Ann Evans
Treasurer: Kent Dixon

Directors (New):

Larry Bellamy
Robert Snow
Fred O. Dutcher

Directors (Renominated):

Walter Grattidge
Mrs. Lyman Johnson
Fred McChesney
Mrs. Herbert Poller

Retiring Board Members:

Mrs. J. E. Bigelow
Glenn Burrows
Mrs. Paul A. Frank

Continuing Elected Directors:
(other than officers)

Vincent Aceto
Harry Goldschlag
Mrs. John F. Kagay
Mrs. Donald Kerr
Mrs. Fred Luborsky
Miss Helen Mynderse
Mrs. R. Hosmer Norris
Mrs. T. A. Rich
J. F. Heaword Robinson Jr.
Miss Anna M. Turkalo

Mrs. Norris served as chairman of the Nominating Committee preparing the above slate. Other committee members were Mr. Aceto, Mrs. Robert Burgess, Mrs. John Mahar, and Alvin Price.

Summer Film Series
to be Continued

Once again, the Friends will sponsor a series of film programs this summer in the Horace Mann school area. There will be opportunities for volunteer assistance with the programs. If you are interested, call Mrs. John F. Kagay, chairman of volunteer services, at 377-6834.

"Books Sandwiched In"--
New Series Opens April 21

Five noontime "Books Sandwiched In" programs will be held this spring in the meeting room of the new Library, starting on April 21 and continuing through the four successive Mondays. Visitors are welcome at 12 noon; the program will start promptly at 12:20; and adjournment will be at 1:15 with a break at 1:00 for those who must leave earlier.

Box lunches may be ordered by telephoning the Library (377-4415) between 9 and 10:30 a.m. the day of the meeting, or you may bring your own sandwich. The box lunches will cost \$1.20. They will be purchased from Maurice's and will include sandwich, salad, and pastry. Coffee and tea will be available in the meeting room.

The programs and speakers will be as follows:

April 21 - "One Man's Taste in Recent Books"

Speaker: Earl Pudney, WGY personality

April 28 - "New Theories in the Educational Process"

Speaker: Dr. Harold Martin, president, Union College

Dr. Martin will comment particularly on three recent books: Laing's "Politics of Experience"; Jones' "Fantasy and Feeling"; and Edwards' "Education and Ecstasy."

May 5: "A Gardener Comments on Some Popular Garden Books"

Speaker: Don Christman of Quality Bulb and Garden Center

May 12: "Rights in Conflict"

Speaker: Dean Richard A. Myren of the School of Criminal Justice, SUNY at Albany, commenting on the Walker Report on the August 1968 disturbances in Chicago

May 19: "Books for Summer Reading"

Speakers: Members of the Library staff

Facts and Figures
on the New Library

- ... 152 seats in adult section.
- ... 44 seats in children's section.
- ... 160 seats in meeting room.
- ... 148 parking spaces on the site.
- ... total capacity of 300,000 volumes (100,000 volumes in old library)
- ... fully air-conditioned.
- ... carpeted throughout; stainless steel spun into carpeting to reduce shocks from static electricity.
- ... public areas have 75 foot-candles lighting
- ... study carrels and listening areas for records available.
- ... nearly four times more square feet for library use than in old building (55,000 sq. ft. vs. 15,000 sq. ft.)
- ... entire collection accessible at sidewalk level.
- ... all book storage (200,000 volumes) and staff offices and work space on second level.
- ... total cost: \$2,055,294 (\$136,706 less than amount budgeted by the county.)

(The above statistics prepared by Feibes & Schmitt, Library architects.)

Staff Changes of SCPL

Mrs. Doris Hicks, formerly clerk at the Woodlawn Branch, became secretary to the Library Director in January. Her predecessor, Mrs. Dorothy Smeallie, retired after 15 years at the Library. Mrs. Smeallie was honored at luncheon by the Library Trustees on January 3.

Mrs. Maryann Zasada retired January 3 from the book-mending and cataloging department after 16 years at the Library.

In Anticipation

It is hard to keep from cheering
As the Opening Day is nearing
And it's hard to keep from shouting
Hip hurray.

Oh, we ache to be repeating
That we'll like that extra seating
And the parking without pouting
We'll okay.

No stairs to climb? How dandy!
Periodicals, how handy!
And a carpet keeps it quiet
Night and day.

Must we really still repress it?
Can we joyfully express it?
Yes, the time has come to cry it--
HIP HURRAY!

Community College
Library to Open

With the establishment of the Schenectady County Community College, a new library will open in Schenectady. Its librarian, Mrs. Theresa Case, formerly with the Schenectady School District, began work in August 1968. She hopes to acquire, catalog, and shelve 5000 items by the September 1969 opening of the college. The library now has about 2000 books and subscribes to over 200 periodicals.

The library would welcome gifts of books suitable for college use--browsing, reference, and course books. Call Mrs. Case at 393-1380 to see if your books would be appropriate for the college's collection.

New Library Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sat.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Telephone reference service available to the public from 9 a.m.

Note These New Features
at the New Library

Single circulation desk for children and adults.

Meeting Room for library-sponsored and community meetings.

Browsing area with lounge chairs and new books and magazines.

Story-hour room for children.

Display areas for special collections of children's books and magazines.

and look for the Library's collections
that include the following.....

- ...records--classical, popular, and spoken records.
- ...microfilmed copies of local newspapers back to 1838.
- ...microfilmed copies of the New York Times back to 1851.
- ...magazines, bound or on microfilm, dating from 1857.
- ...telephone and city directories covering the United States.
- ...special collection of books and newspaper clippings on the Schenectady area.
- ...maps and atlases.
- ...travel, vocation, and general pamphlet files.
- ...college catalogs.
- ...business services and directories.
- ...file of Schenectady organizations and officers.
- ...collection of children's books from other countries.
- ...prize-award children's books.
- ...illustrator collection of children's books.