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! BUY A BOX OF BOOKS !

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE: Saturday, October 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 CHOOSE FROM THOUSANDS OF BOOKS -- on every subject you can think of!

Y O U Can Help!

Supplies needed: 1) Cardboard boxes -- all sizes -- especially trays for six-packs of beer.
 2) Paper bags, from the grocery store -- for the bag sale in late afternoon.

Workers needed: 1) To set up for the sale, on
 Wednesday, October 4, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 Thursday, October 5, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Friday, October 6, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 2) Cashiers and salespeople on the day of the sale, October 7,
 Saturday. Three-hour shifts: 9-12, 12-3, 3-6
 3) Clean-up crew, Saturday, 4:30 to 6:00.

A sale of this size needs ALL of us. Many hands make lots of fun.

If you can give even an hour of your time, please call:
 Marjorie Woods, 377-6986.

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - FALL 1978

For those of you who may have misplaced their copies of the June issue, here are the fall programs.

Sept. 11 BILLY PHELAN'S GREATEST GAME
 by Jay Riedell
Reviewer: Robert Fichenburg

Sept. 18 MIND CONTROL
 by Peter Schrag
Reviewer: Dr. Len Ochs

Sept. 25 THE STRANGE RIDE OF RUDYARD
 KIPLING
 by Angus Wilson
Reviewer: Carl Niemeyer

Oct. 2 BLOOD TIE
 by Mary Lee Settle
Reviewer: Sister Katharine Hanley

Oct. 16 THE YOUNG HAMILTON
 by James Thomas Flexner
Reviewer: Manfred Jonas

Oct. 23 PERJURY: THE HISS-CHAMBERS CASE
 by Allen Weinstein
Reviewer: Francis Anderson

Oct. 30 SOFT ENERGY PATHS
 by Amery Lovins
Reviewer: A. T. Goble

THE REVIEWERS

BSI has always been fortunate in finding knowledgeable people in the area to review the books. The Capital District, with its large number of educational institutions and its group of distinguished professionals in many different fields, supplies an expertise from which the planning committees have been able to draw. Robert Fichenburg, for instance, our first speaker for the fall season, is the executive editor of The Knickerbocker News in Albany. A magna cum laude graduate of the School of Journalism of the Syracuse University, he had considerable newspaper experience in the Northeast even before getting his degree. He came to The Knickerbocker News in 1957 as managing editor and was named executive editor in 1966. He has served as president of the New York State Society of Newspaper Editors, and of the New York State Associated Press Association.

Dr. Len Ochs is a psychologist in private practice, who uses a combination of techniques from bio-feedback to psychotherapy. He is a consultant to Sunnyview Hospital (Schenectady), the Capital District Psychiatric Center, and the Albany Medical College. His doctorate in social psychology is from SUNY (Albany) and he has also studied at the New School for Social Research (New York City) and the School of Medicine of Emory University (Atlanta). He has been school psychologist in the Schalmont and the Voorheesville districts, a staff psychologist at Samaritan Hospital (Troy), and director of the Student Counseling Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed in some departments and branches of the Schenectady County Public Library. Most assignments are routine and clerical in nature, but all NEED TO BE DONE. If you have two or three hours to spend each week as a volunteer, please call: Gladys Karlin, at the library, 382-3524.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FAIR

The date is September 16, Saturday; the place, the County Library building; the time, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. The day will start with a magic show at eleven. At two, there will be two bluegrass bands, "Yankee Strings" and "Sweet Cider." There will be an all-day puppet theatre. At 1:30 the Schenectady Outreach Project will show "The Mabie House: Portrait of a Dutch Homestead," a slide-tape program that will be on continuously until four and whose subject is Dutch pioneer life in this area. Many area educational and cultural agencies will have staff available to explain the services they provide. Some of these groups are: the Schenectady County Planning Department, the Soil Conservation Service, Co-operative Extension, the Environmental Advisory Council, the Office for the Aging, the Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, the Human Services Planning Council and Infoline, the Schenectady Museum, the Arts Council, Union College - Continuing Education Division, and--of course--The Friends of the Library. The Friends are also making possible the gift of balloons to the first 400 children who come to the Fair. There will be many other attractions during the five hours the Fair is open, including a bake sale. Pick up at the Library a leaflet with the time schedule and a listing of the participating agencies.

THE FRIENDS AND BSI -- SOME HISTORY

The first BSI programs were held in the fall of 1966 at the YMCA, there being no suitable meeting hall in the old Carnegie building. Mrs. T. A. Rich, first president of The Friends, recalls that they were a supplement to the Table Talks, an adult education activity that had come from the city schools, though in her opinion it was something to be done by public libraries. BSI programs, which after the opening of the new building in April 1968 moved to their now familiar home in the Meeting Room, proved an instant success although at first they alternated with the Table Talk programs. Soon, as a matter of fact, they outdid the Table Talks in popularity. The first book to be reviewed was Washington, D.C., by Gore Vidal. The reviewer was Professor William M. Murphy of Union College.

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Although Professor Murphy was no doubt chosen because of his knowledge of practical politics, he was already hard at work on his monumental biography of John Butler Yeats, which was published this spring by the Cornell University Press. The New York Times being not yet strikebound, the book received a commendatory review, on the front page, from Professor Richard Ellmann formerly of Yale, now at Oxford. Entitled Prodigal Father, the book is a carefully documented, beautifully illustrated and thoroughly readable account of the Irish painter and wit who was father to William Butler Yeats, the poet, and Jack Yeats, the painter, and who--surprisingly enough--is buried in Chestertown, New York. Though it is the biography of a great Irishman, the book has close connections to Schenectady. As Professor Murphy explains in his preface, he was "put in the way" of Mrs. Jeanne Robert Foster, a Schenectady resident, a friend of J. B. Yeats, and the owner of hundreds of his letters, sketches, and paintings. His interest in the material made her urge him to write the book, though unhappily she did not live to see its completion. Professor Murphy is still at Union College, where he is Thomas W. Lamont Professor of Ancient and Modern Literature. In the past he has been speaker at one of The Friends' annual meetings, and he has served on the governing board of the Schenectady County Public Library. The Friends hope it will be possible to schedule a review of the book at one of the BSI series in the winter or spring.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

For the second year, Nancy Thornton, an instructor of creative writing at the College of St. Rose (Albany) and at Union College (Schenectady), will offer a creative writing workshop in the Meeting Room of the Schenectady County Public Library. The three meetings, again funded by The Friends, will fall on Monday evenings, September 11, 18 and 25, from seven to nine o'clock. No reservations are necessary. Mrs. Thornton holds a master's degree from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Her articles and short stories have been published in several periodicals.

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TABLE TALKS ON WORLD AFFAIRS - FALL 1978NOVEMBER 6POLITICAL POLLING -- THE PROCESS,
THE RESULTS

Speaker: P. Frederick Hartwig,
 Asst. Professor of
 Political Science,
 Union College

NOVEMBER 13

NOMADS IN ISLAMIC ASIA

Speaker: Ms. Mandalay D. Grems,
 Retired Computer
 Systems Analyst

NOVEMBER 20UPGRADING THE U.N. FOR A
VIABLE FUTURE

Speaker: Eric Cox,
 Field Director of the
 World Federalist Assn.

NOVEMBER 27

TREATMENT OF JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

Speaker: Judge Howard Levine,
 Schenectady County
 Family Court

DECEMBER 4THE THREAT OF FOREIGN MULTI-
NATIONAL COMPANIES

Speaker: Joseph Finkelstein,
 Professor of History &
 Economics, Union College

DECEMBER 11RUSSIAN-AMERICAN UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENT EXCHANGE

Speaker: Charles W. Colman,
 SUNY Staff Office of
 International Programs

This program was planned by Marie Ple-
 tenik and Betty Burnett, who are this
 year's co-ordinators of the Table Talk
 Programs.

All the talks are at noon in the community
 room of the Library. Bring your own sand-
 wiches, Coffee, tea and bouillon are avail-
 able for a modest charge.

A NEW CAMERA FOR THE LIBRARY

The Library has long wished for photographic
 equipment to make a permanent record of some
 of the many activities under its sponsorship.
 Now, thanks to a gift from The Friends, the
 Library owns a Minolta XG-7 with macro lens
 and auto flash. Among the first pictures
 taken were some of the Hallowe'en activities
 in the Children's Room.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BOOK SALE

Each annual sale in the last few years has
 brought in more money than the one preced-
 ing. It is good to know that, because our
 pricing has remained the same, inflation
 is not responsible. We are simply handling
 a larger number of books for a much bigger
 turnover. The sale on October 7, accord-
 ing to Marjorie Woods, who was general
 director, brought in to The Friends for
 donation to the Library the sum of \$4,469,
 about three hundred dollars more than last
 year's total. In fact, Mrs. Woods feels
 that this is about as large a turnover as
 we can handle, given the space available
 and the time covered by the sale (one day).

There is evidence that the sale is becom-
 ing a true community project with many
 groups giving us their aid. Mrs. Woods
 wishes to thank Price Chopper for a forty
 dollar gift-certificate for coffee, tea,
 and doughnuts. Thanks are owing as well
 to the many volunteers from The Friends
 who served as salespeople and cashiers --
 to John Kucij from the Boys Club, who pro-
 vided a crew of young men to move tables
 and books -- to the young people from the
 Red Cross, who also helped with moving --
 and to the Boy Scout troop, also helpful
 in moving. The YMCA and the Hellenic
 Center kindly supplied tables for display.
 Members of the Library staff gave aid
 not only on the salesday but throughout
 the preceding year in receiving and stor-
 ing donated books. The well picked over
 remainders were carted away by the City
 Mission, who also brought tables to and
 from the YMCA. Such widespread response
 from community volunteers is just cause
 for pride in Schenectady and in the Li-
 brary itself.

It is not too early to begin thinking
 about next year's sale. The Library is
 already receiving and sorting donations.
 Mrs. Neff of the Library staff welcomes
 all donations. Those not suitable for
 the sale may well be used in the "Out-
 reach" and "Headstart" programs with
 which she is concerned. There is also a
 call for books and magazines from nursing
 homes in the city. The books, magazines,
 and recordings you no longer wish to use
 may well be a source of profit for The
 Friends.

FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL

Several film classics this fall have al-
 ready appeared on this Friends-sponsored
 series. Showings are on Fridays at 3:15
 and 7:00 P.M. Two more are still to come:
 "Call of the Wild" on November 17, Jack
 London's well known tale of Buck, the
 wolf-dog; and "Oliver" on November 24, a
 musical based on Dickens's novel. These
 showings are open to the public without
 charge. They are to be seen in the Meeting
 Room.

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN-WINTER SERIES

A complete list of books and reviewers will appear in the next NEWSLETTER. The series will begin on Monday, January 8, at noon, in the Meeting Room of the central library. The first book reviewed will be "Prodigal Father" by Schenectady's own William M. Murphy (see the last issue of the NEWSLETTER for more information about Professor Murphy). The reviewer will be Harold W. Blodgett. Before his retirement, Professor Blodgett was Lamont Professor of Ancient and Modern Literature at Union College, the title now held by Professor Murphy. The second review will come on January 15, when Marjorie Cray will discuss Richard Poirier's study of Robert Frost, entitled "Robert Frost: The Work of Knowing." Four more presentations are scheduled for the succeeding Mondays, through February 12. Co-ordinators of this series are Mrs. Blodgett, Mrs. Klemm, and Mrs. Wallender.

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DANIEL SCHORR AT THE LIBRARY

Daniel Schorr, the former CBS-TV correspondent who is well remembered for his presence on the Nixon "enemies" list, his forthright broadcasts on the Watergate scandals, and his investigation of Richard Helms' CIA, will be at the SCPL on Tuesday, November 14, at 11 a.m. He will be available to autograph copies of his book "Clearing the Air," paperbound editions of which will be available. Schorr's book is not only an account of Watergate Washington, but emphasizes the importance of a free press against a government-regulated news medium. The autograph session will be in the Meeting Room of the central library.

A MIME SHOW FOR CHILDREN

Ivan Molina Castrillon is a young Schenectadian who has embarked on a career of miming. He has already been seen at a performance during Library Fair Day on Saturday, September 16. Now The Friends are making possible his appearance in some shows for children. The performances, whose schedule is given below, are free to all, but they are designed primarily for children of the ages six to eleven. Friends who wish to see our sponsorship of something a little out of the way would be particularly welcome.

- November 18 (Saturday) 11:00 A.M.
Central Library
1:30 P.M.
Pleasant Valley
- November 24 (Friday) 11:00 A.M.
Quaker Street
- November 25 (Saturday) 11:00 A.M.
Wingate Branch
1:30 P.M.
Duane Branch
- December 9 (Saturday) 1:30 P.M.
Woodlawn Branch
- December 16 (Saturday) 1:30 P.M.
Scotia Branch

TWO SERIES OF WINTER LECTURES

Professors Niemeyer and Blodgett will each be giving a series of four lectures at the library this coming winter, according to an announcement by Mrs. Charles Stamm, who is co-ordinator of the two events. Professor Niemeyer will give the first course, under the title "Four Novels of Revolution," beginning on Friday, January 19, at 2:00 P.M., with a discussion of Dostoevsky's "Crime and Punishment." Professor Blodgett's four lectures will begin on March 2 at 10:30 A.M. His lecture course is entitled "An Excursion into Memory," and will deal with Edna St. Vincent Millay, Carl Sandburg, Ruth Suckow, and Thomas Wolfe. Look for further details in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.

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BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - WINTER 1979

- January 8 PRODIGAL FATHER
 by William M. Murphy
 Reviewer: Harold Blodgett
- January 15 ROBERT FROST: THE WORK OF
 KNOWING
 by Richard Poirier
 Reviewer: Marjorie Crary
- January 22 PEOPLE OF THE LAKE
 by Richard Leakey
 Reviewer: Mrs. Charles Gillette
- January 29 IN SEARCH OF HISTORY
 by Theodore H. White
 Reviewer: James Riedel
- February 5 FINAL PAYMENTS
 by Mary Gordon
 Reviewer: Cynthia Davis
- February 26 INVESTING AMERICA
 by Gary Wills
 Reviewer: Joseph Well
- March 5 LYING
 by Sissela Bok
 Reviewer: Theodore Bashore

As usual, all reviews are at noon, in the meeting room of the Library. Notice that no reviews are scheduled for February 12 and February 19, when the Library will be closed for holiday

After the January 8 review there will be a planning session for the BSI spring series. After the review on the following week, January 15, there will be a planning session for the spring series of Table Talks. All members of The Friends are urged to attend either or both, to share their ideas.

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GREAT DECISIONS

On the eight Tuesdays of February and March 1979 (i.e., February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6, 13, 20 and 27), the Capital District Chapter of the World Federalist Association and the Capital Area Chapter of the United Nations Association will sponsor the GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSIONS OF THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION. These meetings will take place at the central branch of the Schenectady County Public Library and will run from noon to 1:00 PM. Mrs. T. A. Rich and Kay Kaiser will be the discussion leaders. The Friends of the Library have joined in the sponsorship of these discussions.

Topics for discussion are:

1. The Technology Explosion: How to Harness it for Peaceful Change.

WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Under the guidance of Mrs. Charles Stamm, The Friends are sponsoring once again two winter lecture series, one by Professor Carl Niemeyer and a second by Professor Harold Blodgett. Both are emeritus professors at Union College, each having held the Lamont professorship of ancient and modern literature. The schedules are given below:

Four Lectures by Professor Niemeyer:
 "Four Novels with a Revolutionary Background"
 (Fridays at 2 PM, beginning January 19)

January 19 A New Look at an Old Classic:
 Charles Dickens' "Tale of
 Two Cities"

January 26 Poverty and Intellect: Fyodor
 Dostoyevsky's "Crime and
 Punishment"

February 2 Anarchy Exposed: Joseph Conrad's
 "Secret Agent"

February 9 A Modern Revolution: Andre
 Malraux' "Man's Fate"

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Four Lectures by Professor Blodgett: "An
 Excursion into Memory"
 (Friday from 10:30 - 11:30 AM beginning
 March 2)

March 2 Edna St. Vincent Millay Recon-
 sidered

March 9 Carl Sandburg & "The People,
 Yes!"

March 16 Ruth Suckow--Midwest Realist

March 23 Thomas Wolfe & "Look Homeward,
 Angel"

Notice that the two series are scheduled for different hours, though both come on Fridays. All lectures will be given in the meeting room of the main library building at Clinton and Liberty Streets.

2. Trade and the Dollar: Coping with Interdependence.
3. NATO and the Russians: Will the East-West Balance Hold?
4. Dealing with China: What's at Stake -- in Asia and the World?
5. The US and Latin America: Facing New Facts of Power.
6. Black Africa: More Weight in US Policy Scales?
7. World Law of the Oceans: Narrowing Options for the US
8. International Terrorism: "Do Something!" -- But What?

Admission to the discussions is free. There will, however, be a single charge of four dollars (\$4.00) per person for a packet of reading material pertinent to all eight topics.

BREAD AND BUTTER

At the last meeting of the board of directors of The Friends (on November 28), Mr. Lagasse reported that the county budget for 1979 had been passed by the County Board of Representatives. It provides for an increase of \$80,000 for the Library. The sad news is that, despite the increase, four positions will be lost to the Library through inflation. The present Library opening hours, however, can be maintained. All Friends should read carefully the remarks by the president of the Library board of trustees, Ronald C. Dixon, addressed to the County Board. "This (the loss of four employees) results in a dollar saving that is almost entirely eaten up by the regular increment built into the salary scale. . . . The combined level of employment is down to bed rock if we are to continue the present level of service. Any further cuts in personnel, either regular or temporary, will necessitate cutting hours the branches are open or perhaps closing one or more of them."

Mr. Dixon's letter, dated October 24, also drew the representatives' attention to the extent of the services performed by the Library: "Our County Library provides service to between 35 and 40 percent of all the people in the county. Almost a million patrons a year borrow every day more than 3500 books and other library materials and seek help with more than 250 reference questions.

"While these are impressive figures, we can understand their significance only by comparison with Library service elsewhere. Compared to the average of the 715 libraries in New York State our library circulates 36.5 percent more books per capita than the state average and does so at a per capita cost that is 23.4 percent less. When we make a comparison with libraries serving similar-size populations (as in Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, Yonkers, etc.) our library looks even better. We circulate 52.6 percent more books per capita cost 26.5 percent less.

"Comparing our library services today, however, with those of ten years ago, we find we are operating the same central library, the same number of branches, besides the one bookmobile we were operating in 1970. Ten years ago we had 82 full-time employees versus the 76 employees budgeted for 1979. Our book budget of \$100,000 is exactly the same as it was in 1970, although today that sum buys far fewer books, and today our book budget is much the smallest of any library of our size in New York State. Increases in the past ten years have come about not through expanding services, but only because of the great increase in salaries negotiated by the County, in employee benefits, and in the cost of services, such as heat, light, power, insurance supplies, etc."

A CALL FOR HELP

The County Board of Representatives meets the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM, in the chambers of the Board on the sixth floor of the County Office Building. Library business is not necessarily on the agenda at every meeting, but it is useful in our relationship with the Board if a Library representative is present at every meeting. The trustees are often represented in the persons of Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Dixon, the staff by Mr. Lagasse, Miss Bornt, and Miss Foley, The Friends would like to encourage some of our own membership to volunteer to attend the meetings on a regular basis. We recognize that this is a commitment, but anyone who volunteers will have the satisfaction of participating indirectly in his local government and representing an interest important to all of us. If you wish to volunteer, call Chrys Fenimore, our president (372-7960), or Mr. Lagasse, the Librarian, for a briefing on what the duties entail. Regular attendance is more important than occasional visits only when questions relating to the Library are up for consideration.

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13TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, April 3

Guest Speaker

WILLIAM M. MURPHY

Thomas W. Lamont Professor
 of Ancient and Modern Literature, Union College
 Details on Pages 2 and 3

TABLE TALKS - SPRING SERIES

March 12 - WHOSE FOOD ARE YOU EATING?

Speaker: Mrs. Lois Dodge

Mrs. Dodge holds a master's degree in religious education from Princeton Theological Seminary. She works with the Emergency Food Program, Food Pantry, in Schenectady, is a member of the Hunger Task Force of the Albany Presbytery, and recently represented the Synod at a Nashville meeting on hunger.

March 19 - TRADITIONAL CHINESE LANDSCAPE PAINTING

Speaker: Donald R. Thurston

Professor Thurston teaches Chinese and Japanese history at Union College. A fluent speaker of Japanese, he has recently made special studies of Chinese and Japanese art. His book, Teachers and Politics in Japan, was published by the Princeton University Press in 1973.

March 26 - THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Speaker: William B. Bristol

Professor Bristol has been at Union College since 1948. He has made many trips to Latin America, most recently to Honduras, Costa Rica, and Mexico from April through July 1978. He has done extensive research on Protestant-Catholic relations in Colombia.

April 2 - TERRORISM

Speaker: Graeme Newman

Professor Newman, an Australian by origin, with his doctorate in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania, is at SUNY (Albany) in the School of Criminal Justice. A consultant to the United Nations on international crime, he published last year The Punishment Response. Another book, Understanding Violence, is to appear this spring.

April 9 - THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA: SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES: AN OPINION

Speaker: Alan Williams

Mr. Williams, born in Capetown, nineteen years ago, is an American Field Service foreign exchange student from South Africa. Here since August 1978, he is at BHBL High School doing post-graduate work. When he returns home in July, he hopes to get a job as reporter on a Capetown paper. After performing his military service, he wishes to go to a university and prepare for a career in Journalism.

 This program of Table Talks was planned by Mrs. Naomi Bristol. The speakers will be introduced by Mrs. Mary Dunham. All talks will be given at noon in the meeting room of the Library, under the auspices of The Friends. Bring your own sandwich lunch; hot drinks will be available at a modest charge.

FRIENDS' MONEY: INPUT AND OUTGO

The date of the Annual Meeting is a good time to think about renewing and, if possible, upgrading your membership dues. The Friends have two major sources of income, one of course being the dues from members. The other is the annual book sale, which comes up again early next fall, with Mrs. J. R. Woods in charge. These moneys go for the programs sponsored by The Friends: Books Sandwiched In, for instance, whose reviewers are given the books they tell us about. Our Outreach program is probably best known in the community for the summertime Doorstep project, with librarians going out into various parts of the city, telling stories to young listeners and distributing books. The Library itself wishes often to reach its readers in ways for which no money can be provided from the County budget funding. A good example is the plan, described elsewhere in this issue, for celebrating National Library Week. Finally, there is the duplication and mailing of the five annual issues of the NEWSLETTER with its announcements of the various opportunities The Friends make possible.

Most libraries in towns our size have organizations of Friends. Ours in Schenectady, measured by public response and by the quality of its offerings, is certainly one of the best, thanks to your support.

FROM THE 1978 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the Annual Meeting of The Friends on April 3, the nominating committee will present the following report:

Nominations for Officers:

- President Mrs. Charles Fenimore
- 1st Vice-Pres..... Mrs. Charles Stamm
(Program)
- 2nd Vice-Pres..... Fred Tromel
(Publicity)
- Recording Secretary . Mrs. K. C. Wallender
- Corresponding Mrs. Stanley Brown
Secretary
- Treasurer Miss Elizabeth Taylor

Nominations for Directors:

For a second three-year term:

- Mrs. Charles Fenimore
- Carl Niemeyer
- Rufus Wheeler
- Mrs. J. R. Woods

For a first three-year term:

- Dr. Edwin Brown
- Miss Margaret H. Dickson
- Robert A. Moore

Retiring Directors:

- Mrs. George Connelly
- Mrs. Isabella Dewhurst
- Richard Raymond

Continuing Directors (with year of retirement)

- (1980) Mrs. William Bristol
- Mrs. Christopher Jones
- R. H. Norris
- Miss Mildred Parkinson
- Mrs. Charles Rouault
- Mrs. Charles Stamm
- Mrs. Peter Watrous
- (1981) Mrs. Stanley Brown
- Earl Bucci
- Mrs. R. J. Dunham
- A. T. Goble
- Frank Lindsay
- Owen South
- Miss Elizabeth Taylor
- Fred Tromel
- Mrs. K. C. Wallender

Members of the Nominating Committee

- Mrs. Dunham
- Mrs. Jones
- Miss Parkinson
- Mrs. Watrous
- Mr. Wheeler
- Mr. Goble (Chairman)

BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - SPRING 1979

- April 16 TUTANKHAMUN: THE UNTOLD STORY
by Thomas Hoving
Reviewer: Mrs. Hans Rozendaal
- April 23 SHOSHA
by Issac Bashevis Singer
Reviewer: Mrs. Morris Shapiro
- April 30 A TIME FOR TRUTH
by William Simon
Reviewer: William Milton
- May 7 THE COUP
by John Updike
Reviewer: Mrs. Harold Martin
- May 14 A DISTANT MIRROR
by Barbara Tuchman
Reviewer: Neal W. Allen, Jr.
- May 21 TROTSKY
by Irving Howe
Reviewer: Stephen Berk

The series, arranged by Mrs. T. A. Rich and other committee members, covers a wide range of topics: ancient, medieval, and modern history; modern finance; and contemporary fiction by the most recent winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature and by America's most highly regarded living novelist. Of the reviewers, Mrs. Rozendaal, a trustee of Skidmore College and of the Schenectady Museum, has herself visited the site of the Tutankhamun excavations. Mrs. Shapiro has done other reviews for The Friends and has conducted a book column. William Milton is an officer of the Schenectady Trust Company. Mrs. Martin, a former resident of Schenectady, well known to BSI audiences, now divides her time between Hartford, Connecticut, and Rensselaerville, New York. Professor Allen is the holder of the John Bigelow chair of history at Union College. Stephen Berk is an associate professor of history at Union.

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WINTER LECTURE SERIES - A REMINDER

As announced in the last NEWSLETTER, on the first four Fridays of March (March 2, 9, 16, and 23) at 10:30 a.m., in the meeting room, Professor Blodgett is lecturing on "An Excursion into Memory." The four writers to be discussed on the successive dates are: Edna St. Vincent Millay, Carl Sandburg, Ruth Suckow, and Thomas Wolfe.

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

- WHEN: Tuesday, April 3, 1979
- WHERE: The First Unitarian Society
(1221 Wendell Avenue)
- TIME: 6:30 p.m. - Sherry, Cheese and Crackers
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner (Beef bourguignon and Tenth Anniversary cake are featured on the menu)
- 8:00 p.m. - Address: "Transgression and Repentance in New Haven: The Story of Delia Bacon and Alexander MacWhorter"
Professor William M. Murphy
- Cost: Five dollars (\$5.00) per person
- RSVP: Use the tear-off at the bottom of this page.
The deadline for reservations is March 23.

The business meeting after dinner will be for the election of officers for the coming year. It will be brief in order to allow more time for our speaker.

William M. Murphy, the speaker for the evening, is the Thomas W. Lamont Professor of Ancient and Modern Literature at Union College. Last fall his years of work on the biography of John Butler Yeats came to a triumphant conclusion with the publication by the Cornell University Press of the 680-page Prodigal Father, a book almost unique in that it is both rigorously scholarly and thoroughly readable. Its pages recall to life a distinguished painter and conversationalist, who was father to remarkable children, the most famous among them being William Butler Yeats the poet. Professor Murphy has been a Schenectady resident since 1946, when he joined the Union College English department, after having been educated at Harvard and having served as lieutenant in the United States Navy. He has been a member of the Board of the Schenectady County Public Library.

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Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ @ \$5.00 per person. (Make checks payable to THE FRIENDS OF THE S.C.P.L.)

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LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week this year is celebrated from April 1-7. SCPL is announcing a number of events throughout the week. The programs will be built around two themes. First, this is the tenth anniversary of the Central Library Building. Second, this is the International Year of the Child. Here is a listing of the events:

Tuesday, April 3 -

Noon: "Ancient Egypt," a talk by Susan Staffa. All Day: Tut videocassette
6:30 p.m. Unitarian Society FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL DINNER - (Look elsewhere in this issue for program and reservation form.)

Wednesday, April 4

Noon: "King Tut," a talk with slides, by Julia Wyatt
7:30 p.m.: Tut slides

Thursday, April 5

8:00 p.m. RECEPTION: TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (Central Library)

Friday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Arnold Lobel, author and illustrator of children's books. (Sponsored by the Children's Room)

Saturday, April 7

10:00 a.m. Book-a-Thon, a race co-sponsored with the Parks and Recreation Department.
2:00 p.m. George and Vaughn, Folksingers. Sponsored by CSEA

Programs have also been arranged for the Branches:

Monday - 4-5:30 p.m.

Duane - Macrame for Children

7:00 p.m.

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Tuesday - 10:30 a.m.

Scotia "Celebrating Children" (a special program, including a film)

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Woodlawn - Shakespeare Festival (a concert with recorders and Shakespeare readings)

Outside suggestions are solicited. Friends should call Marjorie Woods or Mrs. T. A. Rich.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AND THE FRIENDS

The Board of Directors of The Friends have agreed to give financial support to the celebration of the week at SCPL, making possible the purchase of prizes for the Book-a-Thon, balloons for distribution at the Central Branch on Saturday, April 7, and refreshments for the reception on Thursday, April 5.

If the celebration is to succeed, there must be volunteers to aid at the Book-a-Thon on Saturday. People are needed to help time, to stand on the course and give directions, compile race results, and hand out water to the racers. To help, call Barbara Germain at the Central Branch (382-3500) and give your name, phone number, and a time commitment for Saturday.

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