

**EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN HILLSDALE**

SHOULD BE VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE  
CONTINUATION AND GROWTH OF ITS

## **Free Public Library**

**Give It Your Support on November 3, 1936**

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For a Free Public Library

(FOR FACTS, SEE OTHER SIDE)

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# Hilldale Free Public Library

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This is an effort on the part of the Trustees of this Library, to obtain from you your unsigned opinion, as well as criticism, as to the operation of this library. Please fill in the answers and deposit this questionnaire in a box provided for this purpose near the library entrance.

Do we supply the type of books you like to read? .....

If not, what are your suggestions? .....

Do we supply the type of magazines you like to read? .....

If not, what are your suggestions? .....

Does the present schedule of hours in which the library is open meet with your approval? ..... If not, what improvement do you suggest? .....

Have you any other suggestions to improve the library's service? .....

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# Library Now Loaning Books To Residents

## Many Favorite Volumes Available to Card- Holders.

Books may now be withdrawn from the Hillsdale Free Public Library by all card holders. To receive a card it is only necessary to register at the library during library hours. There is no cost to register. The trustees would like to emphasize the fact that the library is free, and can be used by any Hillsdale resident without becoming a member of the Library Association. However, the library is unendowed and must be supported by voluntary contributions. Those who feel they can pay an annual membership or fee of one dollar or more will be doing their part in making the library a permanent and valuable civic enterprise.

The library will be open every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. It will be open every Saturday morning from 10 to 12 o'clock noon, and every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. The library will be open two nights each week, Monday and Thursday, from 7:30 until 9 o'clock.

Among the latest books of fiction will be found such favorites as "It Can't Happen Here," by Lewis; "Fair As The Moon," by Temple Bailey; "Paths of Glory," by Cobb; "Edna, His Wife," by Barnes; "Heaven's My Destination," by Wilder; "The Narrow Corner," by Maughan; "Don't Ever Leave Me," by Brush; "No Second Spring," by Beith; "Men Against the Sea," by Nordhoff; "Silas Crockett," by Chase; "Stars Look Down," by Cronin; "Green Light," by Douglas; "Red Sky in the Morning," by Coffin; "Floating Peril," by Oppenheim; "Shipmates," by Carter; "Victorious Troy," by Masefield; "Now We Set Out," by Ertz; "Deliverance," by Martin; "Valiant Is the Word for Carrie," by Benefield; "Many Peters," by Chase; "Come and Get It," by Ferber; "National Velvet," by Boggs; "Middle-Aged Madness," by Dormie; "Blanding's Castle," by Wodehouse; "Death Sentence," by Miller, and "Walk Humbly," by Stevens.

The favorites on the non-fiction list include "North to the Orient," by Lindbergh; "Old Jules," by Savdoz; "A Man Called Cervantes," by Frank; "Ways That Are Dark," by Townsend; "Gentlemen of Vienna," by Wilczek; "Commonsense Health," by Bush; "Half Mile Down," by Beebe; "Seven Pillars of Wisdom," by Lawrence; "Slanting Lines of Steel," by Powell; "Enchanted Sand," by Hall, and the Woodcote Reader.

## Many Residents Use Library Facilities

At the nineteenth meeting of the board of trustees of the Hillsdale Free Public Library it was reported that during the first week the library was open to the public 544 books were circulated. One hundred and fifty-three books went out the first day. Three hundred and fifty-eight have registered and 126 of those paid for membership in the Library Association.

Postal cards asking for book donations have brought in many contributions of worth-while fiction and non-fiction. The greatest need at the present time is for reference books such as the Book of Knowledge and modern encyclopedia. The reference shelf at the present time has many other standard volumes gained through special purchases and the generosity of W. W. Livenood. The book committee hopes to make this shelf a practical help for school children and high school students.

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*Read*

*February 1936*

## LIBRARY WILL GIVE WITHDRAWAL RIGHT

### New System Is Planned By Hillsdale Library Trustees

Hillsdale Public Library has announced that starting this week books may be withdrawn from the library by all card holders.

It was explained that to receive a card it is only necessary to register at the library during the hours when it will be open, and there will be no charge for registration.

The trustees have emphasized that the library is free and can be used by any Hillsdale resident without becoming a member of the library association. However, the library is not endowed and must be supported by voluntary contributions.

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## VOLUNTEERS HELP IN LIBRARY WORK

### Trustees Of Hillsdale Organization Report On Aid Received

Trustees of the Hillsdale Free Public Library have announced that volunteer workers and citizens and organizations of the community have been aiding in completing the organization work and equipping the library quarters on Hillsdale Avenue.

The following is a statement which they released today:

"Volunteer workers have assisted the librarians from the beginning in the great task of cataloging the books. Since the library has been housed in its present quarters we have had the services of a janitor and many hours of labor have been given by an electrician, a plumber and a carpenter. Last week the library board received a ton of coal from a local coal dealer. The window cleaner is doing his work at a special reduced rate; a laundry cleaned the window hanging free of charge; the School Board loaned a floor polisher; a typewriter sent by a Hillsdale resident may be used in the library for a year without a rental charge.

"Potted plants have been donated for decorative purposes and Miss Kefter and Miss Hess have each hung one of their beautiful canvasses in the library rooms. The American Legion Post of Hillsdale donated a flag and standard similar to that displayed by local merchants on patriotic occasions. All the furniture in use in the library at present has been donated and much of the labor in designing and building the bookshelves.

"A reading table has been installed and current issues of the following magazines will be regularly donated for use in the library: "Town And Country", "Time", "The Delineator", "Better Homes And Gardens", "The Garden Magazine", "Parent-Teacher Magazine", and "Child Life".

# ARRANGE HOURS FOR OPENING OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Books Will Be Available  
In Morning Also  
At Hillsdale

## TO ADD VOLUMES

Mrs. Ruth Newman, librarian of Hillsdale Free Public Library, and Mrs. Cornelia Collins, assistant librarian, have arranged their time so that the library will be open every day but Wednesday and Sunday, it was announced today.

Although the regular library hours were to be from 1 until 5, under the new arrangement the library will be open in the mornings as well as the afternoons and two evenings a week, Mondays and Thursdays from 7.30 to 9 o'clock. This is for the convenience of the reading public.

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The Hillsdale Parent-Teacher Association has donated a subscription to the National Geographic Magazine. "Fortune" and "The Forum" have been added to the magazines on the reading table.

# Longer Hours Necessary at New Library

## Librarian Finds Reading Public Responsive To Project.

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# Local Public Library Makes Rapid Strides

## Many Books Being Borrowed and Contributions Continue.

The trustees of the Hillsdale Free Public Library decided that all money received from the rental shelf and from fines will be used for the purchase of new books. Through this arrangement it will be possible to add several new books every week. One hundred and thirty-eight new books have been purchased since the library opened on January 13th, and a new list to be purchased immediately has been made up from requests borrowers have sent in during February.

February, the second month of the library's existence, showed a continued increase in memberships and in borrowers. Sixteen hundred and eighty-three books went out during February. One hundred and seventeen of those were from the rental shelf.

Magazines continue to be popular. Eighteen different magazines are being contributed regularly and current issues of these will be found on the large reading table.

The beautiful silk American flag and standard presented by the local American Legion Post has been placed in a prominent position in the library.

Contributions of books have been received from Mrs. Harry Angell, Mrs. J. Farley, Mrs. Stieh, Mrs. Boesche, Mrs. John G. Hansen, Mrs. Hugh Rea, and Frederick Beck.

Frank Willoughby presented the library with an autographed copy of his book, "Superman," which starts the library's collection of autographed volumes. There are other local authors, of more than local fame, whose books it is hoped will soon be added to this collection.

The library is building for the future and it must further the fame of New Jersey celebrities. The trustees are anxious to begin a collection of local histories. Hillsdale is rich in history; it belongs to an historically important part of New Jersey. Through the library it is hoped to further a knowledge of that history and imbue our young people with pride in the community and the county.

March 1936

# Public Library Association Holds First Annual Meeting

Walter J. McIntyre, President, Gives History of Organization and Outlines Its Service to Community; Voters to Decide Whether or Not Borough Will Take Over Project.

The first annual meeting of the Hillsdale Public Library Association was held Tuesday evening, September 29th, in the new school building. President Walter J. McIntyre, in his report, traced the history of the library and outlined its possible future.

"The library had its inception in a public speaking class for adults conducted by Miss Elsie Hubachek in the Hillsdale school. This small group of people had the idea and the determination to carry it through. It would be difficult to list the small army of workers and benefactors who have helped during the past eight months to bring the library to its present status.

"There is nothing amateurish about the Hillsdale Library," Mr. McIntyre declared. "It is not a mere conglomeration of books. It is a cultural service in the best lit-



WALTER J. MCINTYRE

erary traditions. Miss Sarah Askew, of the State Library Commission, and her assistant, Miss Ethel Brown have been in constant contact with the board and their assistance has been invaluable. We have a libra-

rian, a library clerk and an assistant who have not only worked faithfully but have worked personally for the welfare of the library. Large committees have worked on benefit entertainments while the library board has had thirty regular session in eight months."

When Mr. McIntyre gave figures he showed the growth and popularity of the library in concrete form. "When the library opened on January 18, 1936, there were 2,939 books on the shelves exclusive of the rental shelf. There are now 4,385 books and additions have been coming in at the rate of 200 a month.

"The first day the library was open 153 books were loaned. The first week 544 books were out. When we opened we had 358 borrowers, now we have the amazing number of 745 borrowers. In July the circulation was 2,138. This means that the library is not only functioning in a healthy manner, but in an amazing manner for a town the size of Hillsdale."

For those who realize that running a library is an expensive proposition President McIntyre outlined the financial side of the picture.

Up to the present time the library has cost approximately \$1,000. "This money was raised from only a very few sources and only with the greatest effort. It was received from rentals, fines, donations and membership fees. All that made it possible for the board to establish a library on such a small amount of cash was the vast amount of volunteer labor and help that was given either without charge or at a nominal charge. Running expenses will increase with the growth of the library. The venture is past the experimental stage. It has proven itself to be a part of the life of 745 borrowers. If it is to render any kind of service to these and new borrowers it should become a matter of immediate concern to the whole borough and not, as in the past, of a comparatively small group.

"At the request of the association and in recognition of the fact that the library has now developed to a point where it merits such action, the mayor and council have instructed the clerk to place on the ballot at the November election the question of whether or not the citizens want the borough to take over the library as a municipal enterprise

"The Library Association is in the proud position of being able to present the library to the borough of Hillsdale as a gift, free of debt. It is a gift that would cost the borough over \$3,000 to replace. The taxpayers, through the efforts of a small group of people, have been saved the expense of establishing a library and may have it free of cost by voting 'Yes.'

September 1936

"Every dollar the borough invests in a library aids community life. No borough can afford to be without a library." President McIntyre closed his report by thanking those who had worked with him in what he called: "The pleasantest task he had ever undertaken."

The board members will make a special effort to bring the library benefits before the public and encourage the electorate to vote "yes" on the library question in November.

The entire board was re-elected: Walter J. McIntyre, president; Jenner R. Fast, vice-president; Elise Bessell, secretary; Sarah Vander Clute, treasurer. The other members of the board include the Hon. John G. Hansen and George G. White, ex-officio; Herman Partride, Sarah Terry and Elsie Hubachek.

The benefit card party is scheduled for tonight at the parish hall. Tickets are on sale at the library. Mrs. J. R. Fast and Mrs. J. Newman head the committee.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE HILLSDALE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

\* \* You are vitally concerned in the interest of your LIBRARY \* \*

In order to assure, for the coming years, the splendid service which your LIBRARY is giving you, it becomes imperative that the Borough assume its support. In order to get the problem before the voters, it is necessary for YOU not only to VOTE favorably on the matter, but to explain to your neighbor and to your neighbor's neighbor why they should do likewise.

Here are some pertinent LIBRARY facts:-

Opened January 27, 1936 -- A growing debt-free institution. Now inadequately maintained by private contributions and temporary Federal aid.

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Number of borrowers . . . . . 745

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Estimated increment in taxation rate for support of LIBRARY, only . . . . 8/10 mill

A good LIBRARY is a mark of distinction in your community. Every child needs and deserves the advantages of a good LIBRARY. A LIBRARY makes good children better citizens and a good neighborhood a better place in which to live.

On November 3 \* \* V O T E \* \* →→→→→

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The cards urge voters to vote for the library on November 3rd.

The book committee and the librarian have had repeated requests for many old books which it has not yet been possible to buy. Probably friends of the library have these books on their shelves and would be willing to share them with others by donating them to the library. Any of the following titles would be greatly appreciated by the trustees:

"Royal Road to Romance," "Glorious Adventure," by Halliburton; "Two Years Before the Mast," Dava; "Twenty Years at Hull House," Jane Addams; any recognized biography of Abraham Lincoln; "Odyssey," "Iliad," Homer; "Aeneid," Virgel; (these are among

the particular needs of high school students).

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Stevenson; "Puddin' Head Wilson," Mark Twain; "Jinx Ship," Howard Pease; any of Conrad's books; "Kim," Kipling; "Alice Adams," Tarkington; any of Kenneth Lewis Roberts; "Bob, Son and Battle," Ollivant; "Forsyth Saga," Galsworthy; "Lost Horizon," Hilton; "Of Human Bondage," Maughan; "Years of Grace," Margaret Ayres Barnes; "Time Out of Mind," Field; "Personal History," Sheean; "Road to War," Miller; "Iceland Fishermen," Pierre Loti, and "Skin Deep," Phillips.

Good books such as these often grow dusty on private library shelves, they are books worth owning but not often re-read because time does not permit. They are books that a growing public library needs and has calls for. Have you any you can share with others?

Nov 23

## Voters Have Opportunity To Acquire Public Library

Hillsdale voters have an opportunity on Election Day to make the Free Public Library a permanent institution. The first question on this year's ballot is in regard to the library. In voting for the library the people are voting for an educational and cultural asset to the town. Leaflets describing the advantages of a library to Hillsdale have been prepared and are being distributed this week.

The library has at the present time about 4,000 books on its shelves but it is also possible for Hillsdale readers to draw from the great resources of the State Library Commission.

Anyone desiring a book not in the Hillsdale Library may ask the librarian to send to the commission at Trenton. Books are received anywhere from three days to three weeks from the time they are requested and may be kept a week or a month, according to the demand for them. This is a service open to any community having an established free public library.

A great many students and teachers have taken advantage of this opportunity since the Hillsdale library opened. Practically every week requests for books have gone to Trenton and all the requests

have been filled. Books on hunting, trapping, photography, social science, dietetics, astronomy, the drama, old glass, old furniture, art and decoration, painting, air conditioning, flags of the nations and books of travel have been called for in the classics and best sellers of other recent weeks. Fiction is also on the list.

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Nov 30, 1936

Business Office—25 Westwood Ave., Westwood, N. J.  
Phone Westwood 213  
Plant—Depot Square, Park Ridge, N. J.  
Phone Park Ridge 20

Entered in the Post Office at Hillsdale, N. J., as  
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E. S. GUILD, EDITOR

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

## Hillsdale Voters to Make Two Important Decisions

As far the contest for the two seats on the borough council of Hillsdale is concerned, there doesn't seem to be much doubt as to the outcome.

However, there are two very important questions that the voters of Hillsdale will be called upon to decide. One is the police pension fund, which was discussed in this column a short time ago, and which should meet with the approval of all of the voters.

The other question is whether or not the borough will take over the operation of the Free Public Library, which has been so successful since its inauguration about a year ago.

It is not very often that any borough has the opportunity to acquire a library which has already been established, and which has made such progress as the Hillsdale library in the comparatively short time that it has been in existence.

That the residents of Hillsdale realize the value of the library to the borough is unquestioned. There seems every likelihood that the question of acquiring the library will be acted upon favorably by the voters.

## MEXICAN DISPLAY AT LIBRARY

### Exhibit Attracting Attention to Book About That Country; Plan Election Leaflets

A Mexican window display is attracting attention to books about Mexico at the Hillsdale Free Public Library. Mrs. Jenner Fast, Mrs. J. Newman and Miss Florence Walker have contributed the authentic exhibits.

A Mexican dress, bright with spangles, samples of woven goods, and grass cloth, baskets with native designs, Mexican pottery and glassware make a colorful display. The dolls in native dress should be of particular interest to young readers of "The Mexican Twins," one of the most popular of the "Twin" books, and the other articles to those who do their traveling by the fireside.

The educational pictures on the bulletin board show scenes connected with the life of Christopher Columbus. Comparatively little is known of the life of the Discoverer of America beyond the story of his voyages, yet America's first great author, Washington Irving, gathered the facts and wrote a fascinating biography, Washington Irving's "Life of Christopher Columbus" should not be overlooked by those who enjoy biographies.

Leaflets giving the story of the Hillsdale Free Public Library will be ready for distribution before election day. "Vote for the library" is the theme.

October 1936.

## Moving Picture Benefit Planned for Hillsdale Free Public Library.

A double feature program at the Westwood Theatre at regular box office prices will help the Hillsdale Library treasury if tickets are bought in advance at the library or through any of the sponsoring committee members. The benefit performances will begin ~~thax~~ Friday evening May 15 and continue throughout the week with the exception of Saturday and Sunday. The pictures to be presented are Myrna Loy and Robert Montgomery in "Petticoat Fever" and Warner Baxter in "Robin of Eldorado". Tickets will be on sale on Monday. A double feature...no advance in price...an opportunity to see a good show and help the library. Mrs. H. B. Bonnell and Mrs. Jenner Fast head the sponsoring committee. The money is to be used for new books and necessary library equipment.

At a meeting of the Trustees it was reported that one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven books were circulated during the month of April. Of these over five hundred were juvenile books. The library is stressing the importance of children's books and the trustees are planning to increase the children's section as soon as possible.

To draw children into the library the Board is sponsoring a marionette club which meets every Friday afternoon at 3.30 in the Library. It is free to any child interested in the making of puppets and the presentation of a marionette show. The children choose a favorite book character make a puppet representing that character and later will use the puppet in a show. The club is under the leadership of Miss Lillian Jackson of the Recreation Division of the W.P.A.

A new shelf for the rental books has been placed in an advantageous position and a new magazine rack adds to the attractiveness and efficiency of the library. Fifty books from the State Traveling Library will be available this week. This is the first of the traveling library to reach Hillsdale. These books will be changed at definite intervals.

Six hundred and ninety-five tickets were sold by Mrs. H. P. Bonnells committee for a moving picture benefit for the Hilldale Library. As a result of the ticket sale the library treasury received \$62 to be used for needed library equipment.

Working with Mrs. Bonnells were: Mrs. East, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Jahelka, Mrs. McIntyre, Miss Sarah Vander Clute, Miss Nan Purcell, the Misses Marie Ann Beck, Dorothy Tufts, Lorraine Stack, Barbara Mittag, Mrs W. Collins, Mrs. G. Ansel, Mrs. Burhorn, Mrs. C. Huser, Mrs. M. Hoffman, Mrs. F. Beck, Mrs. Adelsten, Mrs. J. Fluhr, Miss M. Bell, Miss G. Collett, Miss Florence Walker, Miss Margaret O'Brien, Mrs. Wolfangle, Miss M. Demarest, Mrs. E. Collignon, Jr., Mrs. Clyde Day, Mrs. G. Decker, Mrs. M. Travis, Phillip Fluhr, L. A. Abramson, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. W. W. Livengood, Mrs. C. Beuerlein, Mrs. A. H. Wilson, Mrs. H. Wise, Mrs. Richard Saunders, Mrs. Kinbacher, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. E. Anderson, Mrs. J. Beissbarth, Mrs. A. Tiedemann, Mrs. H. W. Gelnow, Mrs. Jerome Lawrence, Mrs. Maher, Mrs. Henry Muller, Mrs. K. Tietgen, Mrs. R. Stannard, Mrs. A. Maitland, Mrs. T. Mullan, Mrs. M. Ford, Mrs. Meehan, Mrs. Pizzaraia, Mrs. Nancy Slater, Mrs. G. White and Mrs. H. Drenning. Friends of the library in Woodcliff Lake, Montvale, Park Ridge, Westwood and River Vale helped to make the drive a success. The committee wishes to thank all library friends for their co-operation.

Donations of books have been received from Mrs. Henry Huser, Mrs.

Joseph Farley, Mrs. Cremonesi, Mrs. Peter Sandison, Fred Olley, East Orange and Ridgewood friends and the Westwood library.

A card catalogue has been purchased and a magazine rack of recommended library type has been put into use.

At the regular meeting of the board of trustees held at the home of Mrs. George White on May 19, the need for storage room was discussed. The library has already outgrown its present quarters but there will be no need to look for new quarters for some time to come if arrangements can be made to store books which are not in general circulation. These books are catalogued and would always be available to those who want them but would not be taking up room on the library shelves.

The window displays in the main window of the library are constantly being changed. Music week was recognized by an interesting display of music, books on music and biographies of noted musicians, a garden display followed that and the book committee, headed by Miss Vander Clute, plans several interesting window arrangements during the coming month. Watch the library window. The displays prove the scope of the material already in the library. Hilldale Free Public Library is only four months old, close to 2,000 books were circulated last month; new books on the best seller lists are purchased every month and reference books are being added as quickly as funds are available.

# HILLSDALE LIBRARY NOTES

A Memorial Day exhibit in the library windows gives a brief history of the patriotic holiday, shows a picture of one of the newer memorials to Abraham Lincoln, and includes collection of books, fiction and non-fiction with a Civil War theme. These window exhibits arranged by the book committee, draw the attention of the school children to the pictures and the typed information about holidays and special events.

Outstanding among the new books on the rental shelf is "Wake Up and Live," This book, by Dorothea Brande, was reviewed in the April issue of Readers Digest. The quotations from it stirred such an interest that the book was second on the non-fiction best seller list last week. Undoubtedly it will reach the top. It is making people think. Better than that it makes people want to make the best of things, to make life more worthwhile, in other words, to wake up and live.

"Johnny Q. Public Speaks," by Ecake Carter, will be read with interest by all followers of the radio commentator's programs. "Inside Europe," by Gunther, is an excellent man's book. "Goodbye Mr. Chipps," by James Hilton, is the pathetic little story included in the Woolcott Reader, and described by Alexander Woolcott as "a tender and gentle story as warning to the heart and as nourishing to the spirit as any I can remember."

"Mrs. Astor's Horse," by Stanley Walker, is a farcial description of people and things the world takes rather for granted. It pokes fun at human foibles and gives us as a nation a chance to laugh at ourselves.

"Marriage By Conquest," by Warwick Deeping, is a novel rich in adventure and romance; "Spun Gold," by Ruth Wright, is light romance good for summer reading. "The

Bright Hill," by Clarissa Cushman fits into the same category.

Noteworthy in the list of new non-fiction is "Sweden the Middle Way," by Marquis Childs. Mr. Childs gives an excellent and complete picture of the adjustments of the Scandinavian countries to the machine age. It describes a system of government that worked and is still working.

May 1936.

# NEW DISPLAY IN LIBRARY WINDOW

Articles Loaned by  
Mrs. H. Partridge and  
Miss Elsie Hubachek  
Make Interesting Setting.

The Hillsdale Free Public Library has a new window display this week suggested by the origin of Thanksgiving. It is a collection of Colonial antiques.

A ladder back chair with rush seat, an antique hooked rug, candle moulds, bellows, were loaned by Mrs. H. Partridge, and a flax wheel, foot warmer, and winding spool by Miss Elsie Hubachek.

Projects made in the local school by Buddy Lappin, Christopher Flanagan, Charles Brack and George Demarest add interest to the display.

Twenty-four children attended the story hour in the library rooms last Tuesday. Another story hour will be held during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Sara Askew, state librarian, attended a meeting of the library board and congratulated the members upon the success of the library. She was consulted on the technicalities connected with transferring the library from the library association to the borough.

The transfer, voted on at the November election, will take place on January 1st.

"You have no idea how often I quote the story of your library," said Miss Askew. "It has been an interesting and successful project from the beginning."

# Hillsdale Library Board Re-Elects M'Intyre Head

Library To Remain In Present Quarters, Trustees  
Reveal At Meeting—Memorial Gift Presented

Walter J. McIntyre was re-elected president of the Hillsdale Free Public Library at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees Tuesday night. Also were elected Mrs. Elsie Bessell, secretary, and Jenner R. Fast, treasurer.

## REPAIRS PLANNED

The library, which was taken over by the Borough of Hillsdale on New Year's Day after voters had favored such a move in a referendum held last election, will remain in its present quarters, it was announced. Extensive repairs are to be made by the owner of the building and during these alterations, the library will be closed for a short time.

At a meeting of the trustees, all of whom were appointed by Mayor John G. Hansen at the Council meeting New Year's Day, Dr. David L. Goldberg offered a gift as a memorial to the late Dr. James W. Fox, allowing the Board to decide what it should be. The trustees decided to accept the gift and will make its decision at a later meeting.

Committees appointed by the president were as follows: books, Miss Sarah Vander Clute and Miss Elsie Hubachek; house, President McIntyre and George G. White; finance, Fast and McIntyre; publicity, Miss Hubachek and Mrs. Bessell; personnel, the entire Board with the president as chairman.

Mrs. J. Newman was appointed temporary librarian; Mrs. William V. Collins, assistant librarian, and Axel Gustafson, custodian of the building.

The Board will meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

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# POLICE PENSION, LIBRARY PASSED; G. O. P. IN SWEEP

Council Candidates Win  
Easily At Hillsdale—  
Issues Differ

## DEMOCRATIC VOID

The police pension fund and the library issues, both on the ballot in the Hillsdale election Tuesday, carried by large majorities, according to complete returns available last night.

There were 903 votes for the police pension and 404 votes against it, which gave it the necessary majority to carry. The library referendum fared better with 1,053 for the Borough taking over the library and 330 against the issue.

Edmond L. Greenin, former Mayor, and Frank E. Hafemann former Councilman, both Republicans, easily defeated their opponents, Solomon Goldman and George Ward, Democrats, by a vote of two to one.

During tabulation of the police pension it was very apparent that those voting the Republican ticket were cutting the pension and voting for the library. This accounted for the difference of 903 for the pension fund and 1,053 for the Library issue. There was no organized movement against either project.

Councilmen-elect Greenin and Hafemann will succeed Andrew Gray, Democrat, and Howard Meehan, Republican, whose terms expire Jan. 1. At that time, the Hillsdale Borough Council will be without minority representation, when Gray retires from the Council, and it will be the first time in four years that no Democrat is on the governing body of the town.

The vote by districts:

### FOR COUNCILMAN

First District—Greenin (R), 290; Hafemann (R), 278; Goldman (D), 147; Ward (D), 133.

Second District—Greenin, 295; Hafemann, 285; Goldman, 147; Ward, 176.

Third District—Greenin, 193; Hafemann, 185; Goldman 129; Ward, 145.

Fourth District—Greenin, 343; Hafemann, 324; Goldman, 124; Ward, 135.

Totals—Greenin, 1,121; Hafemann, 1,072; Goldman, 566; Ward, 589.

### LIBRARY

First District—Yes, 263; No, 98.  
Second District—Yes, 292; No, 91.  
Third District—Yes, 205; No, 61.  
Fourth District—Yes, 293; No, 80.  
Totals—Yes, 1,053; No, 330.

### POLICE PENSION

# TO CHANGE HOURS AT LIBRARY

Will Return to  
Original Schedule;  
Borough to Officially  
Take Charge Jan. 1st.

Beginning Monday November 10, the Hillsdale Free Public Library hours will be changed back to the original schedule. The library will be open as follows:

Monday, 1-5—7:30-9; Tuesday, 1-5—7:30-9; Thursday, 1-5—7:30-9; Friday, 1-5; Saturday, 10-12 noon—2-4.

This change is necessary because the librarians have over 2,000 books to catalogue before the library is officially taken over by the borough on January 1.

The overwhelming vote on November 3 in favor of the library proves the popularity and success of the project. "We estimate that the library is serving a greater number of people than any other project in the town," said President Walter McIntyre at the board meeting Tuesday evening. "It has even a larger membership than the schools, and its membership is still growing. There have been thirty-two new enrollments in October, bringing the total to date up to 780."

A generous donation recently received from L. H. Charles Geel included the renewal of an insurance policy. Mr. Geel has donated the insurance for the library since its establishment.

Three books were received from the Irvine family, three from Miss E. Johnson, nine from William B. Meyer, five from Mrs. Elizabeth Meyer, twelve from Miss Sarah Vander Clute, one from Miss Hubachek. "Nature Magazine" is being donated by Mrs. Harry Gunther.

New books include: "White Oak Harvest," the latest of the Jaina novels; "White Banners," by Douglas; "Anne of Weedy Poplars," by Montgomery, (an "Anne of Green Gables" book); two Western thrillers, "Feud of Pistol Shot," and "Snake Bite Jones."

Next week is being celebrated as Children's Book Week. The Hillsdale Library will have an exhibit of dolls from foreign lands. There will be new books for the children and a story hour. The date of the story hour will be announced on the bulletin board in the library.

## Exhibit at Library During Book Week

New books for children are on display in the library window in commemoration of Book Week. There is also an interesting exhibit of dolls from all nations which is attracting the attention of both children and adults.

The dolls, in native costume, are loaned by Mrs. Jenner R. Fast and Mrs. William Fowler. They illustrate most effectively some of the popular "Twin" books and juvenile stories with a Western or a foreign background.

A story hour for children of 8 to 12 years will be a feature of Book Week and if the interest warrants it, a second story hour will be given during the Christmas holidays.

It has been necessary to add another copy of "Gone With the Wind" to the library. This novel, which has led the fiction list for seventeen consecutive weeks, is breaking all records as a best seller.

Although new books are constantly being added to the rental shelf, late summer favorites are still in great demand. "Beyond Sing the Woods," "The Doctor," by Rinehardt; "Listen for a Lonesome Drum," by Carmer, and other which were near the top of the best seller list several months ago are still

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## Children Enjoy Hallowe'en Story Hour at Hillsdale Public Library

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One hundred and fifty children reported at the Hillsdale public library last Wednesday at 3:30 for the Hallowe'en Story Hour. All present wore domino masks or paper bags made into a head gear, with false faces.

This newly formed group of local women, who meet at the library on alternate Wednesdays, under the direction of Miss Elsie Hubachek, con-

vene to learn the art of story telling and were more than rewarded for their efforts on this occasion, for the children, who filled the library, departed brim full of the Hallowe'en spirit.

Decorations of orange and black, Jack o' Lanterns, goblins, cats and pumpkins predominated everywhere.

Mrs. H. Akers, dressed as Miss Pumpkin, and Mrs. Partridge, portraying Mrs. Pumpkin, held the younger children interested when told the story of "The Big Yellow Pumpkin" and "The Little Black Cat."

No one recognized Mrs. W. Terry, dressed all in black with tall hat, as a witch, carrying a huge broom. Mrs. Terry taught the Hallowe'en Song.

Mrs. Fred Ackerly, cleverly dressed as a pumpkin, was ruffled profusely at neck and ankles, and held the children tense when she recited "The Man in the Moon," who is brother to Jack o' Lantern.

Mrs. A. H. Wilson also donned a witch's outfit and told the story of "Poppo, the Witch's Helper."

The story telling group at the library on Wednesday of this week, prepared a program for next Wednesday, November 10, which will be devoted to boys and girls from 10 to



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# FIFTY CHILDREN AT OBSERVANCE HELD BY GROUP

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Stories And Poems Mark  
Hillsdale Thanks-  
giving Program

## HYMNS ARE SUNG

More than 50 children between the ages of 10 and 12 attended the special Thanksgiving program of the Hillsdale Story Telling Group at Hillsdale Library yesterday. Mrs. H. M. Partridge acted as master of ceremonies and gave the introduction to the program.

Mrs. Ernest Kucher told in an original story the history of Thanksgiving. A poem was recited by Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. G. Salmons taught the children to make turkeys from blotting paper. Mrs. A. H. Wilson conducted the group in singing the Thanksgiving hymn and "Over the River". Mrs. Harold Akers read part of the original Thanksgiving proclamation, and Mrs. J. F. Ackerly, in costume, told the story of "Jerico Bob".

Miss Elsie Hubachek supervised the program. Mrs. William Terry was in charge of decorations and described the various exhibits. A fireplace was built with the help of Miss Frances Keffer and Maurice Ford, and Mrs. Partridge. Mrs. Martin Pizaaia and Miss Hubachek had on display many authentic antiques which the children expressed interest in.

# At Hillsdale's P. T. A.

A fine showing of parents and teachers marked the November meeting of the Hillsdale Parent-Teacher Association, with many fathers in evidence. Males and more males are a welcome sight, and when they begin to take an active part in the organization's work, to realize how important is the contribution they can make—since men and men only can provide the masculine viewpoint so necessary to preserve balance—the P.-T. A. will become an irresistible power in the educational world.

Men also furnished the excellent program, Richard Tuthill of the faculty of the social science department of Park Ridge, and our own Jenner R. Fast, an enthusiastic member of the Hillsdale Free Public Library board of trustees, being the guest speakers.

Mr. Tuthill, introduced by Miss Grace Heath, program chairman, gave a meaty, informative talk on the Constitution of the United States, to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its adoption.

We have reason to rejoice, said Mr. Tuthill in conclusion, if we can say: "I am an American."

Mr. Fast, whose devotion to the Hillsdale library project is well known, talked very interestingly of its inception and growth, and of its acceptance by the borough. He quoted some interesting figures; when the library opened in 1936 it had 2,200 volumes on its shelves; today it has 5,925 books, all of which have met State Library requirements, a guarantee of quality.

The circulation in 1936 for adults was 13,404; for juveniles, 6,368. In 1937, 12,455 and 6,854. The membership has grown from 816 to 1,014.

Public spirited citizens, said Mr. Fast, have given us some of the best books from their own shelves, and other gifts to the library include a stout oak tables and chairs for the use of children, given by Dr. Goldberg in memory of Dr. Fox; magazine subscriptions from the P.-T. A.; a Webster dictionary and stand, a painting by Miss Frances Keffer, a silk flag from the American Legion, flowers from the Garden Club and an afghan from Miss Cannon.

Explaining that the board felt the Encyclopedia Americana covered subjects perhaps more succinctly than the Britannica, they had purchased it, but hoped to have a late edition of the British work also, that now in use in the library being 20 years old.

Encyclopedias are, of course, in demand among high school students, and apropos, Mr. Fast spoke of the growing need to increase the reference department, which is the backbone of every library and the costliest part.

Speaking of the window exhibitions which are, incidentally, a most attractive feature, Mr. Fast said that they are arranged seasonally and that Miss Hubachek and Miss Van der Clute, in charge of these exhibits, would welcome suggestions. He stressed the fact that the library is for the people and that those guiding its course are eager to provide what is wanted.

After mentioning the great success enjoyed by Miss Hubachek's story-telling hour, Mr. Fast brought his talk to a close with the reminder that the library is already outgrowing its quarters and needs facilities for reading rooms. It would seem that Hillsdale really wanted a library!

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a list of lecturers. Cabinet ministers, members of Parliament, retired generals and admirals, businessmen, and professors from all the universities, come to the College to talk upon the problems on which they are expert.

Ashridge is a political college. It has a national basis; it is anticommunistic and has a conservative tradition, but it is not propagandist in the narrow sense. It is a College of Citizenship and therefore of study. It seeks to interpret the nation's problems and to make men and women realize the national heritage.

—Eric J. Patterson,  
*Ashridge, Herts.*



### UNEXPECTED OUTCOME

Stories with unexpected endings are almost sure to be interesting, and adult education seems to supply us with many such stories. I could show you a good example of one that is working itself out in actual life if you were to visit Hillsdale, New Jersey. Hillsdale is a small town of thirty-one hundred inhabitants. Several years ago we started a W.P.A. class in public speaking there. What has grown out of that class is the story that I have to tell.

When we planned the class we naturally hoped and expected that the men and women who joined it would be serious students; that they would get the information they wanted; and that among them—many of them strangers to one another even in so small a town as Hillsdale—friendliness and a sense of solidarity would develop as a result of their frequent contact and their common interest in a common enterprise. All these things happened, and something else, too. The something else is what furnishes the surprise element in my story. It is a public library!

The story begins with the first session of the class in public speaking. I was the instructor. Following my usual custom, I asked each student to fill out a questionnaire, which includes queries about his business, his hobbies, his favorite recreation, and opportunities for public speaking that might possibly come his way. The information thus supplied helps me to plan my course and often provides a good starting point for the first discussion.

One woman member of the class in Hillsdale came to me at the close of our initial meeting to amplify the replies that she had written on her questionnaire. "I have no definite reason for coming to this class," she told me. "I have never made a speech. I don't want to make one. I shall probably never have an opportunity. A friend of mine said that I might enjoy the class, but I had no idea that I would be expected to take an active part in it. I haven't a single hobby. I wouldn't know what to talk about if you asked me to make a speech."

Her reaction to the class and the questionnaire was so out of the ordinary that I took a special interest in her. In the course of subsequent conversations I learned that she was a great reader, and I asked her whether she wouldn't prepare a review of one of the books she read and present that as her speech. She agreed to do this. The review was interesting, and so were others that she gave later. But presently she herself grew tired of giving book reviews. "What else can I do?" she asked me. By this time I knew that she borrowed her books from the public library of a town close to Hillsdale. I suggested that as her next assignment she interview the librarian and give us a report of the interview. A day or two before she was to make the

report, she called me by telephone. "I have been writing up my interview with the Westwood librarian," she said, "and while I was working on it I got to thinking what a pity it is that we haven't a library in Hillsdale. What would you think of my giving a talk on "Why Hillsdale Should Have a Library?" Of course, I told her to go ahead.

She had found her own subject, one in which she was vitally interested. I knew instinctively that the talk she would give on this subject would be practical and well thought out. I scheduled her as the last speaker of the day and allowed half an hour for the discussion that I hoped would follow her talk. To stimulate the discussion I introduced her with a few remarks calling attention to the civic importance of what she was about to say. Among those who were in attendance at the class that evening were the wife of a minister, a politician, a university professor, the president of the local P. T. A., several clubwomen, and a number of businessmen. The discussion continued far beyond the allotted time. And the subjects assigned for the following week were all concerned in one way or another with the need for a public library in Hillsdale.

After this we regularly reserved the second hour of every session for discussion of ways and means to obtain a library. We gathered around a table during the second hour and transformed ourselves into a committee. I became chairman, rather than instructor, and I had absolutely no difficulty in making even the shyest of the group talk "out loud." The hour was seldom long enough to bring out all the information that had been gathered and to talk over its implications.

Two men took particular interest in looking up New Jersey library laws;

others investigated the running costs of libraries; several undertook to find out how libraries in other towns had been started; one concentrated on the problem of a suitable location for a Hillsdale library.

Library law proved to be quite involved, and we invited the town recorder to attend one of our sessions to answer certain questions that had arisen. We needed legal advice, too, and the recorder, who has since become a criminal court judge, offered his services free. He is now president of our library board. Our school principal was another of our guest speakers. He had had considerable experience in building up a school library. He told us of many incidental expenses connected with a library. We learned that, according to the law, he and the mayor would be ex-officio members of our library board, if one were established. The mayor's opinions were made the subject of a speech. By now, everyone in the class, spurred on by interest in the library project, had made a speech, without being at all embarrassed or self-conscious about it. Everyone carried on research, conducted interviews, and employed all the usual techniques of gathering information. All this work was done with the zest of play, but at the same time the members of the class were getting excellent practice in preparing informative speeches.

At the final session of the class we took our first definite step toward establishing a library. We formally organized ourselves into a committee and invited a group of representative citizens to meet with us on a specified day. On the day set we gathered in the board room of the school. The mayor; several clergymen; the presidents of the P. T. A., of the American Legion, and of the school board; and a few other civic-minded

persons were asked to be present. As temporary chairman, I stated the purpose of the meeting and presented the salient facts that we had already gathered in regard to the proposed library. An executive of the American Book Company who lives in Hillsdale was made chairman, and the discussion got under way. The meeting ended with a decision to go on with the project.

Our next move was determined by law. We called an open meeting to which all citizens were invited. The secretary of the State Library Commission was chosen to make the principal speech. The mayor of Hillsdale, heads of various local organizations, and librarians from other New Jersey towns were also asked to speak. In spite of unfavorable weather—the night set for the meeting was the hottest of the year, and a thunderstorm broke just as the hall was opened—fifty men and women attended and voted that Hillsdale should have a public library. At this point those of us who had started the ball rolling could feel that our work was over, but much remained to be done by others.

Our legal adviser, who had been elected chairman of the public meeting, chose six library trustees; and a library association, with a membership fee of one dollar, was organized. A trained librarian who lives in Hillsdale offered her services free until such time as we could afford to pay her. It would be difficult to enumerate all the persons who helped and the variety of services that they rendered. A vacant store on the main street of Hillsdale was rented to us for a nominal sum. Books came from everywhere. Carting was done free. Members of the library association washed windows, scrubbed whatever needed to be scrubbed, mended and catalogued books. The teacher of manual

training made our bookshelves as inexpensively as possible. Library association membership fees came in rapidly, but more money was needed to get started. A few generous gifts, supplemented by proceeds from card parties, movie benefits, and a play given by the local dramatic club, kept the project going. Once or twice we had to be tided over financially by one of the trustees, but a year after the library was opened it could not have been replaced for less than \$3,000.

In November, 1936, the voters were asked to decide whether or not the town should take over the operation of the library. The vote was 1,053 in favor and 330 against. This, in a year when economy was the watchword!

The library is now a little more than two years old. It occupies two stores near the post office and railroad station, having moved into larger quarters to provide a reading room for children. It is open 26 hours a week, has almost 6,000 books, subscribes to 25 periodicals. In 1937 the circulation was 25,166, and it is growing steadily. Our librarian, who served for a year without pay, now receives a salary, and she has an assistant who is a trained library worker.

Attractive window displays and story hours for children have drawn us new patrons and added to the usefulness of the library. It is not a mere conglomeration of books, this library: it is a cultural center. We believe that it will grow in importance with the years. The town is proud of it. So are we, the members of the class in public speaking, who had the pleasure of planting the library idea and of seeing it grow into a reality. Though this outcome of our class was unexpected, we feel that it is a well-deserved reward of our labors. And I think we all have a new appreciation of

how a clearly seen objective can be accomplished in a democracy.

—Elsie M. Hubachek  
Hillsdale, New Jersey



# Hillsdale Library Notes

March 1939

Mary Wolfe Thompson (local author) - Irish authors. Nature books + books for Spring.

This week the library has an especially interesting window display. Mary Wolfe Thompson, of Saddle River, has loaned the original drawings from which several of her books were illustrated. Mrs. Thompson's books are among the most popular juveniles in the library. Her clean, wholesome, entertaining stories are winning a large public among the teen age, boys and girls who like thrilling fiction with true to life characters. "Highway Past Her Door," Mrs. Thompson's latest book for girls, has a local setting, the highway of the title being Route 4. We think of Mrs. Thompson as one of our "local" authors and a special friend of our library. She was a guest speaker at last year's library tea and has autographed her books for us.

While we are talking about books for boys and girls it might be interesting to mention that Miss Grace Heath's class has a 100 per cent. record at the library. Every member of that class holds a library card and uses the library. We hope that other grades will soon equal that record as we are constantly working for closer co-operation between the library and the school.

March brings St. Patrick's Day, and St. Patrick's Day made us think about Ireland. It is an interesting subject to think about in these controversial days and especially appropriate to consider in the library. For centuries Ireland has been the subject of song and story, contention and strife. It has given us great writers and great statesmen and consequently some great literature.

Appropriately enough among the new books we are going to put on our shelves this month is "The White Steed," Paul Vincent Carroll's popular play still running on Broadway and considered one of the great plays of the season. It is Irish and it is beautiful. Naturally you cannot think of Irish playwrights without thinking of George Bernard Shaw. We have a volume of his plays which contains nine of

his best known. Shaw has a great reading public. His plays are actable plays, but they are also readable plays which is one of the marks of his great genius.

If you want to get acquainted with a fascinating Irish family, read "My Son, My Son." If you want to chuckle over Irish humor get out that good old classic, "Mr. Dooley in War and Peace," by Finley Peter Dunn. If you want to laugh with an Irish-American, who has all the Irish wit of her forebears, read "My Sister Eileen," which is still among the best sellers but has been taken off the two cent a day shelf. It is a cheerful little book.

We should have mentioned "Parnell" when we were talking about plays. No amount of well-written biographies could have done what one play did to make the Irish patriot popular in America. A good play and a good movie can make history popular and a personality vivid and alive. Since "Parnell" made theatrical history, biographies of the great Irish statesman have found a public. We have one by Haslip which is considered authentic. And when it comes to the political scene in Ireland the number of books on the subject seem to be legion. "As I Walked Up Sackville Street," by St. John Gogarty; "Army Without Banners," by Ernie O'Mally, and "Twenty Years Agrowing," by O'Sullivan, are among those which we have for our readers.

Did you see "Peg O My Heart" years ago as a play or more recently as a movie? J. Hartley Manners' novel by that name, from which both were dramatized, as a grand old story for those who like romance and humor and a little bit of pathos mixed in for good measure. It is one of those stories that will never grow old. And should you want something old that is still new, look over Thackery's "Irish Sketches." They are interesting if for no other reason than for comparison with present conditions.

E. M. H.

# Hillsdale Library Notes

Spring is here, according to the calendar, and Spring with its promise of warm weather and sunshine seems to put new life into all of us. It makes women think of new clothes and house cleaning, of gardens and vacations, and starts many a man thinking of golf sticks and fishing tackle. Even a library has to be prepared for new trends of thought.

It is just about time to get out all the nature books. When the first bunch of Pussy Willows is in the house and the first search for Arbutus is made, wild flower enthusiasts are happy. How many wild flowers can you name? Have you ever counted up how many different kinds you can find around here? "How to Know Wild Flowers," by Horner House, will help you identify them. And if some garden flower puzzles you, look through the Garden Encyclopedia. It is really a fascinating volume.

Have the Purple Finches visited you? Or have you seen your first Robin? This is the time to begin to attract the birds. "Methods of Attracting Birds," by A. H. Trayton, the Boy Scout pamphlet and the government pamphlet on birds give practical suggestions. The Cypress Association's "Bird House Book" is a new booklet that will probably interest you if you want to make bird houses and bird shelters this spring.

We have a book about butterflies another about insects, several about snakes, a scout pamphlet on trees, and many an interesting article on gardens and garden furnishings will be found in "Better Homes and Gardens." It is interesting at times to look over the back numbers of magazines for practical garden and home suggestions. And the Boy Scout merit badge pamphlets are worth your consideration. Although they are planned for the scouts they are a valuable addition to any adult library. Concise, practical, authoritative, they give information on a great many subjects dealing with the out-of-doors.

This is the time of the year when "Vogue" and the "Vogue Pattern

Book" are almost in constant use. Have you planned your spring and summer wardrobes? Marjorie Hillis gives some suggestions in "Orchids on Your Budget," and there are some exceedingly practical bits of advice in Elizabeth Hawes' "Fashion Is Spinach." Then when you get right down to definite decisions look over the magazine rack. "Vogue," "Vogue Pattern Book," "The Woman's Home Companion" and "The Ladies Home Journal" may save you money.

The house is certain to need something to freshen it up this season. Have you been looking at "House Beautiful" lately? The homes it pictures may be far more elegant than ours, but the color schemes they suggest, the furniture arrangement, the slip covers, the curtain drapings may be copied on the slimest budget. "Better Homes and Gardens" gives us the simpler homes and often very clever economies. "American Home" is another favorite that has helped many a home maker freshen up her home economically.

Somehow or other we all manage to renew our wardrobes, redecorate our homes and revive our interest in the out-of-doors about this season of the year and if we are house keepers we must not forget to brighten up the menus of those everlasting three meals a day. How about a new tempting dessert tomorrow? A vegetable cooked in a brand new way? Or the usual leftovers camouflaged? We have Fanny Farmer's cook book and one by Ida Bailey Allen that should give you any number of suggestions. And if you know any little girl who is just aching to mix and stir and bake, take her Lucy Maltby's "It's Fun to Cook." If she does not like it, you will.

Then, by the way, have you seen "First Aid to the Ailing House," by Roger B. Whitman? That's a book that has just come in and should be particularly helpful and popular at this season of the year. It's a man's book, but many a woman will enjoy it.

E. M. H.

# Hillsdale Library Notes

March 1939

*Books about our neighbor-  
hood.*

*Books about New York.*

With all the world flocking to the Flushing Meadows and the World's Fair, no one with a spare room is apt to escape guests this summer. That may not be an unmixed pleasure, but surely there are some people it will be a joy to show around. If you have any New Englanders among your possible guests be sure to brush up on local history. This part of New Jersey, and the bordering section of New York state are as rich in history as Concord and Lexington, but somehow or other the facts have not been as well advertised.

We have in the library a set of pamphlets by John C. Storms that would be a good start for anyone reading up on Bergen county history. His "Story of Wampum" gives surprising and authentic facts about the wampum mill and the trading posts in Pascack Valley. "The Origin of the Jackson Whites" is a fascinating true story that belongs particularly to this section of the country. Both of these booklets are illustrated. They can be read in the library as they belong in the reference section. Ask Mrs. Newman to let you see them.

The Federal Writers' Project, "Stories of New Jersey," will get you better acquainted with your state and will suggest many a drive for your summer holidays whether you have guests or not. If the early history of New Jersey is a bit hazy in your mind why not look over Francis Lee's "New Jersey As a Colony." You will find many an interesting fact about New Jersey if you read Carl Van Doren's "Benjamin Franklin," one of the year best sellers.

Mentioning a biography makes me think of some of the great and famous people of this section. Hamilton and Burr fought their famous duel on Weehawken Heights. We have Henry Cabot Lodge's biography of Alexander Hamilton and a life of Burr, by Alfred Henry Lewis. Both men led such exciting lives in such a formative period of our country's history that their stories are always good reading. And remember the wealthy widow Aaron Burr married when his own finances

were at a low ebb? Mme. Jumel lived in Ho-Ho-Kus and the wedding took place in the village church. And just a little north of us across the New York line we begin to hear about Major Andre and Benedict Arnold. Their stories have been the theme for many a dramatic tale.

After all, you would not miss showing a guest from out of the state how near we are to the Hudson! Have you read "Hudson River Landings," by Paul Wilsbach. It's beautifully illustrated and a fine book to read before your summer vacation. And how well do you remember Rip Van Winkle and Washington Irving's other delightful tales of the Hudson Valley? Do you know where the Headless Horseman rode at night? Have you heard old Peter Stuyvessant and his crew playing at ninepins some summer night? Could you tell any of the legends connected with the great river? How about "High Tor." If you did not see the play have you read it? It is in last year's collection of "Best Plays." You will want to ride up to look at High Tor after you have read it!

It might interest you some warm Spring day to begin looking for famous old houses. Elsie Lathrop's "Early American Inns" and "Historic Houses" will tell you of several not many miles from home. They may lead you to a search for others.

If you like to get your local color through fiction, read "Seven Beads of Wampum," "Katrina Van Ost," "A Loyal Traitor," from the juvenile books, and you will pick up many an interesting fact about the part of the country in which we live. New Englanders may be justly proud of their section of the U. S. A. Southerners may boast of theirs. Westerners tell thrilling tales of the land beyond the Great Divide, but with a little preparation any New Jerseyite should be able to have a good comeback. For a glorious history, fascinating legends and scenic beauties are the heritage of our "Garden State."

E. M. H.

# Hillsdale Library Notes

Last week's notes on books about New Jersey brought up the question of "How much do you know about New York?" New York, in this instance, meaning the big city just across the bridge. Just because it is only across the Hudson from us it would take an out-of-town visitor to make us go on a sight-seeing trip through the most wonderful city in the world. Perhaps those World's Fair guests will show many a New Yorker and New Jerseyite what New York is really like.

How well prepared are you to act as guide? We have a book called "A Tour Around New York," by John Flavel Mines, that is very helpful, and Moses King's "Handbook of New York City," which gives an outline of the history and a description of the Metropolis. On the other hand, "Fifth Avenue, Old and New," by Henry C. Brown, might be a good start, and if you want to be a perfect guide according to travel office standards you will have to brush up on the history and politics of the city. Then the book for you is Ullman's "New York From Stuyvesant to Roosevelt."

Fiction can give you history and local color in a far more interesting way sometimes, so look over Edith Wharton's fascinating novels and short stories. She knew New York, its history and the society of her day. She knew and wrote about a New York that was glamorous and romantic. Do you remember "Black Oxen," "The House of Mirth" and "The Age of Innocence?"

If you want to go back to quaint old days when Twenty-third Street was up-town and Washington Heights a summer resort read "A Maid of Maiden Lane" or other of Miss Amelia Barr's delightful tales of a picturesque period. It is hard to believe that a few decades can

bring about such drastic changes and rather pleasant sometimes to look back to a less hurried day.

There is a Federal Writers' book on New York and, of course, endless things to look up in the various books whether you are interested in the Metropolitan Opera House or Madison Square Garden, The Cloisters or Aquarium, cathedrals or bridges, dates or famous people.

You may not be even remotely interested in sight-seeing just now; you may be concentrating on the annual spring cleaning. That seems very far from a library interest, but it really is not. If you discover a stain that you can't get out, some metal that won't get shiny, or a floor that you cannot get to look right, there are two books that might help you. One, quite a new acquisition, gives formulae for soap and polishes and such things, and the other is the Good Housekeeping Institute's little book on Household Management, which gives valuable laundry and cleaning aides and many a helpful hint for house cleaning time.

How about stopping in to look over the outdoor magazines if you are a fisherman? Are you mapping out your summer vacation trips? Travel Magazine is kept so that you can look over back numbers.

Have you ever thought of keeping bees in your back yard? We have a new book on Bee Keeping that is good for the beginner as well as the expert. And, oh, those garden books and the household magazines; some of them will be certain to give you the right inspiration to go ahead and grow the best flowers in Hillsdale. Remember, it is not too soon to begin planning for the garden show that the garden club puts on every autumn.

# Hillsdale Library Notes

Among the letters read at the February meeting of the library board were two of particular interest. One was from the fifth grade, Section 1, of the Hillsdale school. The class has formed a Good Citizenship League and its aim is to help all worthwhile civic organizations and projects and it hopes to do some good in the community! Undoubtedly it will and it cannot help but make better citizens of its members.

The league certainly means what it says because the secretary enclosed a dollar in her letter and asked the librarian to choose a worthwhile book, which could be purchased for that price, and present it to the library. The matter is under consideration and next week we will be able to announce what book was bought. The board sends its appreciation to the boys and girls of the Fifth Grade, Section 1, and wishes the Good Citizenship League every success.

The other letter, which attracted particular attention, was from Dr. Morrow, of Bergen Pines, thanking for the library's contribution of books and magazines. A great many of our duplicate books have been sent to Bergen Pines from time to time and we have had stacks of magazines for the hospital. In fact, the librarians have been doing an especially fine thing in collecting magazine and books for Bergen Pines.

Our readers have been bringing in their contributions, and the librarians have kept them until a worthwhile number have been collected and Dr. Morrow sends for the contributions. As the doctor wrote in his letter, there is a great need at the hospital for all types of good reading matter and contributions are very gratefully received. If you have back numbers of magazines bring them into the library and they will be sent to Bergen Pines. If you have trade journals or magazines devoted to some special subject the hospital is the place to send them because there you will find people of all trades and interests anxious to

find material on their own particular subject.

We are proud that our library has been able to help at Bergen Pines and has from time to time sent books to the State Librarian, and to libraries in the vicinity. We were helped when we started and now we are getting to the stage where we can help others in return.

With Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday on the calendar of holidays this month we began to think of the books in our library which tell us something of the men who have occupied the White House. Have you read "A Puritan in Babylon," by William Allen White? It is high up on the best seller list just now and it is a well written biography of Calvin Coolidge. It is definitely a book by an admirer, but as many critics agree, it gives a very fair picture of a man and his times. It gives a fascinating inside story of many things which made newspaper headlines only a few years ago.

Mrs. Wilson's story in the Saturday Evening Post is interesting to follow in connection with Mr. White's book and "The Political Education of Wilson," and Reeve's "This Man Hoover," add to the picture of our own changing times.

"Looking Forward," by Franklin D. Roosevelt; "It's Up to the Women" and "This Is My Story," by Mrs. Roosevelt, give us graphic stories of the present occupants of the White House. But then we can go back and read about other days and other presidents because we have books about Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

"The Story of the White House," by Whipple, and "Children of the White House," by Cananah, will be found in the children's room but they will interest many adults.

How many of these books have you read? Reading the lives of the presidents is a rather interesting way to build up your knowledge of your country's history for, after all the occupants of the White House are the makers of history.

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Good Citizenship League of  
Local School

Local organizations + the  
library.

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Rated high among the opportunities which small towns afford are listed community organizations. Hillsdale has its share of them. You may never become a "Joiner," but surely eventually you or some members of your family will become an active member of a club group. Organizations are the life of a small town; they usually spring from some civic or group need, and many and varied are their objectives. Because a free public library recognizes the value of club groups it tries to co-operate with them. In Hillsdale we can often further club interests through window displays and by supplying special books when requested.

This week the window is filled with a fascinating display of things arranged by Troop 81, Boy Scouts of America. It is well worthwhile stopping to look it over. It graphically illustrates the variety of subjects in which the troop is interested. Just the titles of the booklets in the window give a list of hobbies from which any boy could choose a fascinating one. The window makes one dream of hikes and camping, of fun through creative work of summer vacations and winter pastimes. It has been particularly well arranged and makes us proud of our local troop.

Naturally, the library has a few of the essential scout books, the Handbook for Boy Scouts, the Handbook for Girl Scouts, Merit Badge pamphlets for Boy Scouts, and Boy Scout Book of Outdoor Hobbies. If there are any other scoutbooks needed, we hope that the scoutmaster will notify the book committee. We know that many of the boys enjoy "Open Road for Boys," a magazine which is donated every month by a scout, and that the Girl Scouts enjoy "American Girl," which a thoughtful Girl Scout donates every month.

Very recently another of our worthy organizations was represented in window displays—the P.-T. A. With its three successful educational programs the highlight of its winter work, it has been brought into closer co-operation with the library than ever before.

The special books which were purchased through the suggestions of its members are in constant use. "A Handbook for Parents," by Fisher and Gruenberg; "Parent Questions," by the Child Study association; "Practical Child Training," by Berry; "The Healthy-Minded Child," by Crawford, and two magazines, "The National Parent-Teacher Magazine" and "Parents." The latter is donated by a member of the P.-T. A.

The State Library has many times been able to supply requested books, and the book committee is always anxious to hear of new titles dealing with child study.

The Garden Club has from the beginning been a very good friend of the library. All through spring, summer and autumn our rooms are gay with flowers presented and arranged by garden club members. Few things have added greater charm to the library than these beautiful bouquets.

They cause a great deal of favorable comment and we are anxious for the time when gardens will yield their blooms again. The club has a loan shelf of garden books. These are reference books for the garden lover and can be used in the library. Our own shelves have a few garden books and the magazines "Better Homes and Gardens" and "American Homes" are popular with our gardeners.

No community is complete without political groups and the library, being non-partisan, offers every man a chance to read what he believes. Our political readers like Chase's "A New Deal," Atkins "Our Economic World," Arnold's "Folklore of Capitalism," Carter's "Johnny Q. Public Speaks," Chase's "Rich Land, Poor Land," Walker's "Political Economy," and others on varying ideas of economic and political subjects.

So, no matter what organization you belong to, or what special interest supplies you with a hobby, come to the library and look over the shelves. You will find something that will interest you.

E. M. H.

# Hillsdale Library Notes

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Magazine Subscriptions  
New Non-fiction.

February happens to be the month when magazine subscriptions must be renewed for the Hillsdale Free Public Library. This, by the way, is a much more important matter than it might seem. In fact, the book committee decided that it should be discussed by the entire board and consequently considerable time was given to the subject at the last meeting. From the number of magazines published, aside from the trashy and sensational ones, it looks as though we were definitely a race of magazine reads. I doubt whether there is a science, a profession, a business, or a hobby without a magazine representing it.

In the final choice we tried to cover popular fields of interest, to supply magazines which in many cases would be luxuries in the average home, to give the children the best juvenile magazines and to have representative adult fiction magazines that have been asked for most frequently.

A few of last year's magazines were not renewed because Mrs. Newman's records showed that they had not been used, but we are glad to say that we have been able to add ten new magazines to our list and have sent for trial subscriptions for two others.

The new ones are, "American Boy," a Boy Scout favorite; "American Magazine," which is a leader among the general interest magazines giving fiction and non-fiction about equal space; "Art Digest," which was chosen after due consideration from among the art magazines. The call for books on art proves how definitely an art magazine is needed in the library and we hope that this addition to our magazine list will be very popular. "Good Housekeeping" was given us occasionally and was so popular that we subscribed to it. Its continued stories often make the best seller lists when they are published in book form and its institute pages help many a housewife to "pep" up the daily menu or redecorate a room.

"Atlantic Monthly," one of the oldest of our good fiction magazines, belongs on every library magazine rack. Being in the higher price range, many a devotee of good American fiction will welcome it as a library subscription.

"Aviation" is described by its title. It will supplement the material in "Popular Aviation" and "Model Airplane News." Aviation, which is a subject that comes under the heading of science, hobby and news, is so popular in Hillsdale that the board felt that this third aviation magazine should be added. "Made-moiselle," is a new magazine which is fast gaining in popularity. It is addressed to the young Miss, the sub-deb, the girl who wouldn't be interested in women's magazines and certainly has outgrown the children's. It gives fashions and news an etiquette and general articles dealing with the things that make up the lives of our high school and junior college girls. It is well illustrated and certainly should interest the mothers as well as the girls.

"The New Yorker" is added by popular request! It may not go out as often as some magazines, but it is in constant use in library reading rooms. "The Library Journal" is going to be a great help to your librarians and the members of the library board. "Stamps" explains itself and will certainly find readers. While "McCall's Needlework" and "Scientific American" are the two magazines which we are trying out.

In case you have forgotten the magazines we had last year, these are the ones that have been renewed: Popular Aviation, Model Airplane News, Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Hunting and Fishing, Field and Stream, American Home, House Beautiful, Vogue, Vogue Pattern Book, Harver's Forum, Reader's Digest, Time, Travel, Life, Nature and Photoplay. The juvenile magazine renewals are: Child Life, Wee Wisdom, Story Parade and Children's Activities.

In all there will be thirty-four magazines to choose from and those thirty-four it is hoped will cover the many fields of interest which our readers represent. But, as in the case of books, if you know of a magazine which you feel you would like to see in the library tell Mrs. Newman about it or, better still, bring in a copy or two. If those copies find other enthusiastic readers the magazine will certainly be added to the library list.

E. M. H.

# Hillsdale Library Notes

The new non-fiction this month will certainly give readers plenty to think about. "Inside Europe," by John Gunther, for instance, is a much heralded volume that gives us a very definite picture of what Mr. Gunther thinks about world affairs. If you like to keep informed on world affairs this is one book you should not miss reading. You may agree with the author or you may want to argue with him but at least you will have read one of the most talked about books of the year.

"Our Battle" is Hendrick Van Loon's answer to Hitler's "Mein Kampf." Perhaps you have felt like answering that book yourself; more people have wanted to answer it than could be counted, but Mr. Van Loon with his wide experience and skillful pen has been able to write an answer. It is not a very long book, it reads quickly; if for no other reason it is worth reading just for the sake of finding out whether you agree with him or not.

Edna Ferber's autobiography, which she calls "A Peculiar Treasure," fits in with the books we have just mentioned. She admits that she did not write the book because she felt her life was worth recording but that she wrote it because she is a Jewess and wanted to show a little of what it means to her to be a Jewess.

You won't be disappointed in the book if you read it for her reason nor will you be disappointed if you read it simply because it is about Edna Ferber. Her story reads as dramatically as her novels and plays. It is the type of autobiography you expect to skip through but find yourself reading word for word—especially if you have enjoyed "So Big," "Cimarron," "Show Boat," "Stage Door," and others of Miss Ferber's popular creations.

And then when you look over the new fiction you will find a very slim book entitled "Address Unknown," by Kressmann Taylor. The best thing to do is to sit right down in the library and read it. It started out as a short story—and that is what it is in spite of the fact that it is now published in book and is high on the best seller list. It is quite an extraordinary book

for several reasons. It deals with a controversial subject and it does not take sides. Rather whatever side you happen to be on you will be convinced that the author meant to agree with what you believe is right. See if you don't. Then again it is written in letter form, which all short story writers will agree is a difficult form very rarely well plotted and very rarely successful. And furthermore, it has a surprise ending that is really a surprise although it is certainly a logical one. It has been rumored that this remarkable short story by an unknown writer may become a movie; Certainly it may become a classic!

Mrs. Newman visited the school this week to personally thank the members of the Good Citizenship League of Fifth Grade Section 1 for their interest in the library. The book which they donated to the library has come and all the league members have been asked to put their names in it. The book is Charles Spenser Hart's "General Washington's Son of Israel and Other Forgotten Heroes of History." We thank you again, girls and boys, and wish your Good Citizenship League every success!

Success after all, is a much desired thing and for those young people who have not yet decided along which road to look for it we have just purchased a very helpful book. "My Vocation," dedicated to youth, is a collection of essays by successful Americans who write about their vocations. In it are represented agriculture, aviation, advertising, business, dentistry, drama, engineering, librarianship, medicine, ministry, music, nursing, physical education, stenography and secretarial work, social service, and teaching. It is a practical book by practical people who worked for success in a definite field and won it.

And just by way of mention, have you noticed what our librarians do to protect books on rainy days? They save their paper bags and put your books in a bag for you! A little thing but many a book will have a longer term of usefulness because of their thoughtfulness.

E. M. H.

# Hillsdale Library Notes

Are you ever curious about the people who write the books you enjoy? I think, ordinarily, most of us read the popular books of the day without giving much thought to the author. It is quite enough if we succeed in remembering the author's name. But now and then some book makes one wonder what type of man could have written it.

I felt that way about "The Nazarene," which has headed the best seller lists for many weeks. It is a strange book to have become popular because it is not easy reading. It shows such a deep study of the Old Testament, such knowledge of the New Testament, and so much research in connection with the life and times of Christ that no thoughtful reader will forget the author. It was written in Yiddish by Sholem Asch and translated into English by Maurice Samuel.

Sholem Asch was born near Warsaw, Poland, in 1880. He comes of a poor Jewish family. He has been writing since he was 20, and from the time of his first publication was heralded as one of the great Yiddish writers of the day. His plays have been translated into many foreign languages but have never been popular here because the characters and situations are seldom suitable for the American stage. His novels have almost all appeared serially in "The Forward," the foremost Yiddish newspaper in America. With "The Nazarene," Sholem Asch has achieved popular acclaim in our country.

After looking up Sholem Asch I began to wonder a little about the authors of other popular books. Did you know that Major Hanriques, who wrote "No Arms No Armour," is a Londoner?? He was born in 1905, was educated at Rugby and Oxford and served with the Royal Artillery in Egypt and the Sudan. During his first army years he made a trip up the Nile and through the Nile country and gathered the material which he used in his prize-winning book. At present he is a staff officer in the regular army, and his home has been given over to refugees of all nationalities.

With the completion of his six-

volumed biography of Abraham Lincoln Carl Sanburg takes his place among the great writers of our times. He was born in Galesburg, Ill., in 1878. His hobby is American folklore, and he likes best to be called a folklore specialist. However, he will be remembered as a poet and biographer. The first of the Lincoln books was published in 1926 under the title "The Prairie Years." The final volume has just been published and is called "The War Years." Our library has the entire set. The books make interesting reading and a valuable addition to our reference library.

A writer, who does not belong in the same category, with the two just mentioned, but one who has given many hours of pleasure to the readers of popular light fiction, is Josephine Lawrence. Her new book, "A Good Home with Nice People," will be enjoyed by those who liked "I Have Four Apples," "Bow Down to Wood and Stone," "The Sound of Running Feet," and "Years Are So Long."

Mrs. Lawrence is one of our New Jersey writers. She was born in Newark and is living there now. For many years she was connected with The Newark Sunday Call. At one time she edited the Children's page and then was household editor for that paper. She was one of the first to broadcast children's stories and her series, called "The Man in the Moon Stories" was deservedly popular. She writes clean, wholesome fiction, less sentimental and more realistic than the average light fiction being published today.

Have you any favorite magazines? This is the time to tell Mrs. Newman about the magazine you like best. The library magazine subscriptions are renewed in February. Each year we make some changes. The list is now being prepared.

Perhaps your suggestions will help us decide which magazines to keep and which are not popular enough to warrant a renewal. Several new ones are under consideration. But until the next board meeting, which will be held next Tuesday, you have time to tell Mrs. Newman your likes and dislikes in the matter of magazines.

—E. M. H.

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# Hillsdale Library Notes

In this month's Tel-News, issued by the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, there are facts about New Jersey libraries which are certainly worth quoting in these local library notes. "New Jersey's first public library was started in Trenton in 1750. Burlington's, founded in 1758, is the oldest in continuous service," according to the Telephone company's publication.

"Another of our earliest libraries was established at Middletown 'that women might have other occupation than gossiping....and the men from dicing, drinking and horseracing.' Early libraries in Elizabeth and Morristown were started for similar reasons; Elizabeth's 'for the elevation of the tastes of the people,' and Morristown's 'to draw young men from the haunts of dissipation and vice.'

"The first college library was started at Princeton, about 1750. When the librarian was appointed he was instructed to be 'in regular attendance twice every week for the space of one hour for delivering books to the students, who shall be allowed one book at a time.'"

The purpose of establishing a library may be differently worded in these days, but, essentially, libraries always have and always will have the same objective. Whether it be Trenton in 1750 or Hillsdale in 1940, a library is an asset to a town. "Tel-News" in its "About New Jersey" notes often gives interesting bits of information. We are saving these notes for the library file cabinet.

That file, by the way, which is to contain leaflets and photographs and prints on many subjects, is being prepared now by Mrs. Newman. She has interesting material, which is to be so arranged that it can be used in research work. Often information outside of reference books is more interesting and useful than any other. It is searching through such files that historians and biographers have come upon the information they need most.

Clippings from papers and magazines, which today may have only local or passing interest, may some day be of great historical value. This file, like those in other libraries, is planned for present and future use. Ours is one of the youngest libraries in the state, but we must constantly remember that

we expect it to grow continuously and that it will outlive the youngest member of our community. That is why we wish more of you would give us pictures and printed matter about Hillsdale, past and present. We seldom realize how quickly the present becomes the past and how rapidly the town is changing. Has any one a picture of the old school for our file That is going to belong to the past very, very soon.

We have some new magazines this year. "Fashion Digest," edited by the Traphagen School of Fashion Design, should be just in time to help plan Spring wardrobes. "Consumer's Digest" has an unbiased viewpoint. You get facts about products and materials in its pages. "Hygeia" is published in the interests of public health.

"American Cookery" gives recipes that are accurate, party suggestions that are always timely and, occasionally, excellent articles on home making, antiques, decoration and the serving of plain and party meals. It is published by the famous Boston Cooking School.

Mrs. Newman reported that there are frequent requests for needlework, crochet and knitting patterns. To fill that request we have ordered McCall's Needlecraft and Home Arts Needlecraft.

For those who enjoy magazine fiction we have added "Cosmopolitan." Many of "Cosmopolitan's" stories have become best sellers or have been the source of moving picture and stage material.

All the old favorites among the magazines have been re-ordered. You will find "The New Yorker," "Photoplay," "Popular Science," "Popular Mechanics," "Popular Aviation," "Reader's Digest," "Time," "Travel," "Vogue," "Vogue Fashion Book," Harper's, "House Beautiful," "Good Housekeeping," "Arts and Decoration," "Forum," "Field and Stream," "Hunting and Fishing," "Life," and many others besides those planned, especially for the children.

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# The Public Library, Adequately Supported, Does Much for a Town

What a public library, adequately supported, does for a town or a county.

1. It brings to the laborer, the manufacturer, the business and professional man or woman, and the social worker, the information that enables each of them to do his work in a capable and efficient manner, thereby increasing his earning power.

2. It makes possible the best form of government by providing books for the information of citizens, and by giving the governing body and officials the benefit of the experiences and the conclusions of others who have met the same problems.

3. It makes for a lower death rate by providing literature on health, hygiene and accident prevention to be used by social and welfare workers, and to be given to the people to educate them in these lines.

4. It provides teachers with the latest and best books on pedagogy and upon subjects covered by the course of instruction, and it provides the children with books to supplement school textbooks, thereby raising the grade of work of the school system. Modern pedagogical methods cannot be put in practice without a library. Learning cannot be imparted nor education acquired by the use of text-books alone.

5. It completes the educational equipment of the town or county by enabling the boy or girl who must early leave school to go on with his

education; by providing the uneducated adult with a means of acquiring education; by enabling the educated foreigner to read the English classics, and by giving the student in every line a research laboratory.

6. It brings to the social, political, civic and study clubs, both juvenile and adult, the knowledge by which they may conduct their meetings, plan and carry out their courses of study or work, and accomplish the purposes for which they were formed.

7. It makes available to ministers the books which will enable them to make of their churches live institutions by bringing them in touch with the best thought of yesterday and today. It enables the church workers to know what others are doing and to plan and execute their work on a practical basis.

8. It develops a love of good literature by giving the best to the people.

9. It adds to the enjoyment of life by providing the best means of recreation and wholesome amusement, and it holds the families together by providing an amusement in which all can join.

10. It builds character by giving to boys and girls right ideals through wholesome stories, biography, travel and history. As a man thinks, so he is. The boy or girl of today is the citizen of tomorrow. The character of its citizens is a community's greatest asset.

11. It develops a democratic community spirit, as it is the one institution which is of service to and used by all the inhabitants, young and old, rich and poor, of every race and every creed. It belongs to all alike.

12. It makes for good citizenship through instructing boys and girls, men and women, in the meaning of citizenship and inculcating in them a sense of appreciation of and responsibility toward their community.

13. It is the greatest factor in Americanization, in that it develops a love of country through the knowledge of its history and its makers, and instructs in duty toward the nation.

14. It saves money for every inhabitant of the town or county through this co-operation, at an exceedingly small cost per person, everyone has free access to many hundred books, any half dozen of the most needed of which would cost him far more than his pro-rate of the cost of the library. In addition, he has the use of many magazines from which he may read what he wants and get all points of view, instead of being confined to a few to which he may be able to subscribe.

15. It gives to everyone the services of a trained, agreeable person to find for them just the information they want or the advice they need. "Instead of having to ask one's neighbor what to do or how to do it, the library user gets advice from the best informed people in the whole world on every problem that he needs."

16. It is a commercial asset to a town or county—many people inquire as to whether there is a library before settling in a community. When there is a library, the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade or promoter never fails to advertise the fact prominently in inviting families and factories to locate there.

## Borough Council Hears Public Library Report

Steady progress was noted in the membership climb of the Hillsdale Public Library in a letter from Judge Walter J. McIntyre, chairman of the board of trustees, which was read Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the mayor and council.

McIntyre noted that membership during the past year was 1,519, an increase of 222 patrons over 1938, and almost double the membership with which the library started. There were 922 books either bought or contributed to the library during the past year, making the total volumes on the shelf, 8,317.

The report expressed the hope that in the near future all fines collected in the library could be used for library expenses, instead of being turned into the borough treasury at present. Last year the library budget was set at \$3,500. Describing how the board and personnel had to pinch pennies, and unable to buy many new books which were described as the "life-blood" of a library, the report concluded that an additional \$250 should be granted the library this year.

Based on third and fourth readings.

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# HILLSDALE LIBRARY NOTES

Mayor Hafemann attended the June meeting of the library board and showed keen interest in the matters which were discussed. Naturally, the treasurer's report was of particular interest to him. It happens that Mr. Fast had a special report to hand in that evening. He had just prepared one showing library expenses on a percentage basis. That showed the mayor at a glance just what per cent. of the budget must be used for "fixed charges," or running expenses, and how much is left for books, equipment and incidentals.

We were particularly happy to show the mayor some of the rebound books. Have you noticed them on the shelves? They are bound either in blue, henna or green and have attractive white lettering. The titles are blocked in individual designs and show both good taste and much originality. The only way to appreciate the work connected with these rebound books is to see a few books before they have been cleaned and prepared for the bindery.

The two WPA workers who have been in the library practically every day for many weeks erase all ink or pencil marks, mend torn pages, smooth rough edges; in fact, go over every page of each book and clean it up as well as possible. The town truck is used in sending the books to the headquarters in Hackensack and about 100 are sent at a time. The first hundred have come back in their new sturdy and attractive bindings and are in circulation once more. They look sturdier than when they were new, and certainly will last for some time.

You will find the rebound volumes among the fiction, the non-fiction and the juveniles. Naturally, most of them are popular books that have had a short life but a busy one, but a few were old gift books that might be called background books and were originally expensive editions.

Have you noticed the exhibits in the window? For several weeks there was one on silk showing the development from the silk worm feeding on mulberry leaves to the woven materials. This exhibit was loaned by John Storms, of Park

Ridge. Mr. Storms owns a number of educational exhibits and has offered to loan them from time to time to the Hillsdale Library. The second is now in the window. It has a particular interest to residents of Pascack Valley because it deals with wampum. There are fine examples of Indian wampum and some made by the Campbell Brothers of Park Ridge, in their famous wampum factory. This machine-made wampum played an important part in the business dealings between the Indians of the Valley and the white traders.

"The Story of Wampum," written by Mr. Storms, tells the authentic and fascinating history of Indian money. The library owns a copy and it is considered one of the treasures of our collection of books on local history. It reads easily and quickly, so if you have not read it ask for it some day and enjoy it in the quiet of our cheerful reading room. Perhaps it will start you reading local history. That is one thing the library is trying to encourage.

Our own neighborhood is so historically important that we wish we had a good publicity agent. We wish that the old residents would help those who come from distant towns and cities to appreciate the glories of Bergen county's past and, through that, build up a hope in its future.

That is a project for "The Friends of the Library" to take up. There should be a group connected with our library working together as "Friends of the Library." There are 150 such groups in thirty-eight states. They encourage the writing of local history, they plan art exhibits, encourage music projects, and start building funds.

We need such an organization connected with our Hillsdale Library and we have written to the headquarters for plans for organizing one. When those plans are received perhaps someone will be found who is willing to put them to use and to form such a group. Are you interested? If you are let the librarian know and she will give your name to the library board.

E. M. H.

June 7/40

# -:- Hillsdale Library Notes -:-

National Boys and Girls Week, which is being so well celebrated in Hillsdale, does much to bring before the public the fact that our boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow, and that theirs will be the responsibility of governing this land of ours in a few years and they must be trained for that responsibility.

That thought had much to do with the founding of the Hillsdale Free Public Library. The original library association, which started the library movement in town, had a definite interest in the boys and girls growing up in Hillsdale. The library is largely a pastime project for adults, but it is, on the whole, an educational project for the children. It is for that reason that the juvenile section gets so much attention from the librarians and the library board. It was a great step forward when we were able to have a separate juvenile reading room with small tables, lower chairs and a children's reading desk.

From the opening day we have tried to emphasize the connection between school and library by offering to co-operate with the teachers and by having school projects displayed whenever possible. But, it is through encouraging the reading of good books that the library really does its greatest educational work.

Those who have had the opportunity to watch the development of the juvenile library section from behind the scenes know that great changes have come about. Children's books are of better quality—as far as text and illustrations are concerned—than they have ever been. But, there are still many worthless juvenile books published today. There are popular series which educators feel are little more than trash. They are carelessly written, poorly printed, the stories and characters are improbable and based on poor psychology, but they are very popular.

The first year the library was opened the librarians had daily demands for books belonging to these series. We were given some of them and had some on our shelves principally because they were in such demand that the children were not interested in any other books. In a very short time every one of these series were discarded. The children who asked for them were encouraged to read better books, and gradually the inquiries grew less and less. Now, it is no longer one of our library's problems. The cheap series have been replaced by fine books and the children have learned to

read the better books and to enjoy them. All they needed was a chance to get acquainted with finer stories.

There is an inspirational trend in children's books today, which seems to be expressed in stories and non-fiction dealing with famous men and women. Take these titles for example: "Lives of Girls Who Became Famous," "Famous Mothers and their Children," "Three Sisters," (stories of Mme. Chiang Kai-shek and her two sisters), "Young Brontes," and the stories of more adventurous folk like Nansen, Davy Crockett, La Salle, Benjamin Franklin, Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and many others.

Books about children of other lands have had a great popularity in the past few years and should be leaving their mark on the minds and thoughts of the children of today. Even the tiny tots can be well supplied with books about other lands and other customs. The illustrations for these are usually very fine and do much to make them graphic and interesting.

One of the best sources of good books is The Junior Literary Guild. We watch with interest the four which come to our library every month. These books are selected by competent judges and are chosen to satisfy four age groups. Although subscribers have the privilege of returning any book sent, it is very seldom that the book committee feels it necessary to return more than one of those selected and even the single return is getting rare. Keeping up with the best in children's books is a big task but one which is worth doing.

In talking about children's books, we forgot all about the new purchase for the adult reading room. Have you noticed the librarian's new desk? It was a needed purchase which we hope will give Mrs. Newman a great deal of satisfaction, and which we know has improved the appearance of the library more than any other single piece of equipment.

E. M. H.

# -:- Hillsdale Library Notes -:-

The Pulitzer Prize is the most coveted literary award given in America, yet this year one of the winners refused to accept it. William Saroyan, author of "The Time of Your Life," rejected it with a very positive statement of his reasons. It is not modesty that prompted the rejection because Mr. Saroyan agrees that his play "is a good and perhaps great theatrical work," but he says: "I have always been opposed to awards in general in the realm of art, and particularly to material awards, which seemed to be dangerous both to the recipient of the award and to the art form which has been awarded. Art must be democratic, but at the same time it must be both proud and aloof. It must not be taken in by praise or criticism.

"Wealth, I am sure, cannot patronize art, and the strange impulse of wealth to seek to do so, I believe a curious example of noble bad taste." He goes on to say: "Patronage by government, individual or organization I regard as vitiating and destructive. Art is not a freak to be treated gently. It is the most important element in the identity of a people and the greatness of a people or nation can be measured only by the greatness of its art. A poverty-stricken nation with a great art is a greater nation than a wealthy nation with a poverty-stricken art. So far, the material greatness of this nation is altogether out of proportion to the relatively meagre greatness of its art."

There is much to agree and disagree with in those statements of a man who has been called one of the greatest of our modern playwrights. I like to think that "the relatively meager greatness" of American art is only a matter of time. This, after all, is still a very young country. Mr. Saroyan should give American art time to develop. Art grows slowly. And I think kindly Mr. Pulitzer, who established the Pulitzer Prize, was not patronizing art in doing so, but hoping to encourage it. He was a man who knew how to make money and, without being an artist, appreciated art.

However unappreciative of honors Mr. Saroyan happens to be, the critics and the public have shown great appreciation of his playwriting talents. "The Time of Your Life" and his current success, "Love's Old Sweet Song," are wonderful plays. They will certainly be included in 1939-1940 season's best plays and certainly one of them should be in our Hillsdale Library's

collection of plays. Many of you will enjoy reading them.

John Steinbeck received the award for the best American novel of the year with his "Grapes of Wrath." The novel and the play must both have an American setting to be eligible for the prize.

Have you read "Grapes of Wrath" or seen the moving picture? The History prize went to Carl Sandburg for his four volumes, "Abraham Lincoln: The War Years," and the biography prize was awarded Ray Stannard Baker for his "Woodrow Wilson, Life and Letters."

A magazine which we hope more of our students and artists in town will look through is "American Artist," formerly "Art Instruction." It deals authoritatively with drawing, painting, illustration, advertising art and design. It has a department called Art Instruction in the Classroom which would help many young students. It lists art exhibits every month.

Reviews of art books, practical and well-illustrated lessons by successful artists, opportunities in fashion illustration and advertising art are often discussed. The magazine has not been taken off the shelf often, but the board renewed the subscription because it felt that many people in town interested in various phases of art would be interested if they knew the magazine better. If you are among those who are artists by vocation or avocation, stop into the library some day soon and look for "American Artist." It is conveniently placed on the magazine rack.

Looking for that magazine may lead you to others. Our magazine subscriptions cover many fields Household, fashion, movie, fiction, outdoor, children's, scientific, literary magazines are represented. We try to have the best of every type. If there is a magazine you feel we should have, please tell Mrs. Newman. It may be possible to add it to the subscription list.

E. M. H.

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# -:- Hillsdale Library Notes -:-

At the August meeting of the Hillsdale Library Board an interesting report was read from the librarians. It made particular mention of the rebound books. Have you noticed them recently? You can recognize them easily in their bright new covers and white lettering.

Up to date there have been 745 books rebound. They are all books that have had hard usage and because of their usefulness or popularity were well worth rebinding. They have a new lease on life, thanks to the good work of the WPA bindery and Mrs. Elizabeth Corbett, Mrs. Henrietta Bossong and Mrs. Lillian Sentker.

You may have noticed Mrs. Corbett and her assistants working in the library, but I hope you will stop to see what they are doing if you have not done so by now. They clean the books and prepare them for the bindery. Every loose page must be fastened, every torn edge mended. The pencil marks and stains are cleaned from each page, and the edges must be made smooth. You will notice that some of the corners of rebound books are rounded. That is just a clever way of smoothing badly-torn edges. Classics have come back with gilt edges and every title is given individual attention. The originality and artistry in the lettering is well worth studying.

There is no doubt that the rebound books will give long service and the board members appreciate the opportunity to have the work done reasonably. But, the most interesting result of this rebinding is the set of eighty-five volumes of National Geographic Magazines. We now have twenty-five years of National Geographics bound and indexed. They are a practical and valuable addition to our reference library. When you have time, look over a few of the early issue in the collection. You will be amazed by the changes twenty-five years can bring. Nothing can prove it more graphically than travel pictures.

It is quite astonishing how steadily gifts of books come to the li-

brary. There has never been a month since the library's opening without a donation of books. Sometimes, of course, they are duplicates which the librarian passes on to some smaller library or to the state library. However, the greater number of them are books which we are grateful to receive for our own use. July was one of the biggest months, in regard to gifts that we have had this year. Mrs. Blanco gave seventy-one books, Mrs. Grace Travis ninety-two books, and Mr. Charles Cardon 109 books. Every one of them was a book we can use.

And, by the way, we have ordered some interesting new books, so you can be watching for them. Have you heard about "Mrs. Miniver," by Jan Struther? It is a collection of articles which appeared daily in a British newspaper, and aroused so much interest that book publications was the natural result. "Mrs. Miniver" is delightful. You might even wish she were living next door to you here in Hillsdale. She is very, very British, but as the publishers say: "She's international."

There is a waiting list already for "To the Indies," the new novel About Columbus, written by C. S. Forester. It sounds fascinating and exciting. It will be on the shelves soon, and I predict we will have to order a second copy before long. Men and women and young and old are going to like it. Have you read "Pan America," by Harry Franck? That is a timely book by a popular author. And have you looked through "As I Remember Him," a study of an interesting personality known only as R. S. to the reader?

We have the "American White Paper," and other new books to help you interpret the news these days.

And if you should have a son or daughter starting off for college this Fall watch for two new books, "She's Off to College," and "So You're Going to College." The first one, by the way, has a co-author, Mary Margaret Dean, who as Martha Dean, is a well-known radio personality. You will find her week-end travel articles in the Cosmopolitan very interesting, even if you do not like her steady chatter on her radio hour. Don't forget the magazines—they are many and varied.

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# -:- Hillsdale Library Notes -:-

The Fourth of July gives me a very good excuse for mentioning one of my "pet peeves." I have always contended that the lack of interest in American history is going to have a bad effect upon the future citizens of our country. We have a fascinating history, but it has not been made interesting enough to appeal to the majority of boys and girls. Whether that is the fault of our

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historians, the writers of text books, or the teachers, is a question no one seems to be able to decide.

Usually it is blamed on the children themselves. "Children are not interested in American history." Certainly, children read books with historical background material; they seem to enjoy historical movies but history, which is full of drama and vivid personalities, is presented to them as "dry" facts and it is little wonder that few enjoy it.

Somehow or other, the English have solved the problem of making history appeal to children. English school children know the history of England and want to know it. I wish that we could arouse a similar interest in American history.

One point we can copy from England is to stimulate an interest in local history. Many people who would never read a page of history could be interested in the story of their own home town. Perhaps you will be among those who will be surprised at the fascinating story of this locality when we finally get it written. That may not be so far in the future, because only the other day a new resident of the town, having read this column's appeal for historical material, offered to help gather it. Mrs. Wiss' offer is certainly going to be accepted.

Then, too, we have recently received two valuable books from Mrs. Myra Yates. She gave the library a history of Bergen county which is out of print, and a pictorial history of Pascack Valley which will be of special interest.

Both these books are to be rebound and then will be added to our library collection of local histories.

Modern novelists are taking up the cause of American history. Historians may fail to stir an interest in our country's formative days, but the novelist certainly will be successful. Have you noticed how many best sellers have early American backgrounds? Take for instance "The Tree of Liberty," "Show Me a Land," "Quietly My Captain Waits," and "All This and Heaven, Too." Each of these popular novels paint a picture of other days and of definite periods of American history. Through such books we can learn to appreciate the struggles which brought about the precious liberty we enjoy today.

There is another form of history which has developed recently. It is at its best in the River Series. Through the story of a river we are shown the development along its shores, the people who settled there, the customs and characteristics of that part of America are tied to-

gether because they belong to the story of a river.

So far we have the story of the Hudson, the Swannee, the Arkansas, the Wabash, the Upper Mississippi and the Powder River, which flows through Wyoming. It is a history of America from a new angle and written in a far more readable style than the average history. In fact, if you are a fiction reader you will enjoy the River Series and the book of the Hudson which is not part of the series, but written in much of the same style.

Then, if you really like to read history, look over the new Princeton series which, when completed, will give the fullest history of New Jersey ever attempted. There are four volumes in the library now and the latest, "The Cockpit of the Revolution," gives us reason for being proud of our state.

Have you noticed the window boxes lately. Mrs. Edmund Bessell, of the house committee, has replanted them. The begonias were given to the library by Mr. and Mrs. Drenning, and Mrs. Kirkpatrick has

promised ageratium. The ageratium will probably be planted before you read this.

For one week I was afraid that the Pascack Panorama had given up. I would miss that and Earl Smith's column very much. I mention that because when you write a column you wonder if it is being read. Every once in a while I wonder about the library notes and then I get an answer to an inquiry and decide to go on.

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Mrs. Newman, the librarian, is very anxious to get copies of The National Geographic Magazine for 1916. That seems very long ago, but The National Geographic is a magazine most people save and, therefore, we are hoping that some generous reader will be able to give the library the copies it needs to make the files complete. We have every issue from 1914 to the current number except those of 1916.

The magazines have been cleaned and mended and will be sent to the bindery. The bound copies will be easier to handle and attractive for shelves. They are in great demand as reference books. Of course, if you have any from before 1914 they would be useful and appreciated, but the special call is for any or all issues of 1916.

At this time of year we usually like to draw attention to vacation books. There is a steady output of books about places, near and far, which suggest interesting vacations. One of the latest is "Virginia: A Guide to the Old Dominion," published by the Federal Writers' Project and as reliable and interesting as the other travel books the Federal Writers have compiled.

If you have not read their "New York" or "New York City," or the one about New Jersey, you have missed something worthwhile. New York City hardly suggests a vacation land to us, but after noticing the number of out-of-state cars that cross the George Washington Bridge in the summer time one must realize how many people do go to New York for a holiday.

Even the fireside traveler enjoys reading Harry Franck's vivacious books about out-of-the-way places. His latest is called "Pan American Highway," but if that happens to be out when you call for it, why not read another of his, "Roaming Through the West Indies," or "Sky Roaming Above Two Continents."

This year foreign travel has to be done on this side of the Atlantic and, therefore, it is not surprising that several new books have appeared, telling of the charm of the Gaspé. Our library has just purchased "Along the Gaspé Peninsula," a well-illustrated volume that would be helpful in planning a trip. "The Spell of French Canada" tells

of places with a truly foreign charm, not too far from home for those who have only a short vacation.

Perhaps when Mexico gets over its election it will again be a popular tourist land. "Sky Gypsy" is a book for the Mexico traveler. Harry Franck's "The Lure of Alaska" makes that northern territory particularly fascinating. It is a book not only the traveler will enjoy but, because of Alaska's importance in the news, it is excellent general reading. "Guide to Alaska" should not be overlooked if Alaska interests you.

But, if you are planning a trip in the car there are books that you should not miss reading. "Jogging Around New England," by Charles Hanson Towne, and "Let Me Show You Vermont," by Crane, will make you want to see all the delightful places mentioned. A new book which will be ready for you in a few days is "The New England Sampler." It is a unique little book about New England. It tells about the furniture and the houses and the places to visit, and it even gives good old New England recipes. It is the kind of book you will enjoy after you have been in New England, because it can remind you of the things you enjoyed.

Still, if you cannot go any further than "somewhere in New Jersey," get the most out of your vacation by reading about the state which truthfully has more vacation suggestions to offer than any other. There are books and pamphlets in the library about New Jersey that will make you justly proud of "The Garden State."

Wherever you go you can take some summer reading with you, you know. The librarians can arrange to let you take out a special number so that you may have all the books you want while vacationing.

During July and August the Saturday library hours will be from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.—please note the change.

I am sure that all the readers who know Mrs. Newman will join the library board in wishing her a happy vacation. Mrs. Colliss will be in charge while she is away.

E. M. H.

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# Large Attendance at Lawn Card Party Held for Benefit of Public Library

Twenty-eight tables of card players attended the lawn card party given on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. William V. Collins at her home on Pascack road, to benefit the borough library.

A beautiful hand crocheted bag, in popcorn stitch, made and donated by Mrs. Howard Collins, was awarded to Miss Sara Hess, of Hillsdale. Mrs. W. Collins made an abundance of home-made candy, which was sold during the afternoon, and also added considerably to the funds.

A number of children attended and enjoyed romping over the spacious grounds. They were served fruit punch and cake when the afternoon's refreshments were served. The door prize, a beverage set, was won by Miss Regina Hains.

Mrs. Collins would like to express her appreciation to all the friends of the library and her personal friends, the local American Legion, fire department and Hillsdale Manor Association, who so generously assisted.

Among the prize winners were:  
Contract bridge: Mrs. A. Kinbacher.

Auction bridge: Mrs. R. Crandell, Mrs. D. Baker, Mrs. H. Wright, Mrs. Linn, Mrs. N. Ackerley, Mrs. D. Cooper, Mrs. Schwarz, Mrs. E. Mehnert, Mrs. F. Quantmeyer, Mrs. Cavallero, Mrs. E. Meyer, Mrs. Dubler, Mrs. M. Sheridan, Mrs. B. Mullen, R. Hains, Mrs. C. Geel, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. V. Sloat, Mrs. E. R. Wolf, Mrs. Hubachek, Mrs. L. Nelson.

Pinochle: Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. G. Buschbaum, Mrs. M. Meese, Mrs. M. Countryman, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. E. Streck, Mrs. Isberg, Mrs. L. Pizzala, Mrs. Weidelt, Mrs. Graser, Mrs. Gustafson, Mrs. Rosenblum, Mrs. R. Ottignon, Mrs. M. Herter, Mrs. S. Johman, Mrs. E. Steur, Mrs. Ernest, Mrs. Glassford, Mrs. Klees.

Dominoes: Mrs. Verbeeman, Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Kinmonth, Mrs. E. Frost.

500: Miss M. T. Frain.

Consolation. Mrs. Newburn.

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## Question of Establishing Free Public Library in Hillsdale to Be Decided by Voters at Polls

**McIntyre and Fast Appear Before Borough Council for Assistance to Maintain Project; Amendment to Liquor Ordinance, Reducing Number of Licenses, Passes First Reading; Two New Firemen Accepted.**

Walter J. McIntyre and Jenner R. Fast, members of the library board, appeared before the borough council Tuesday evening to request assistance for the maintenance of the library, or the taking over of the library by the borough.

The borough recorder gave an interesting resume of the library activities since its inception eleven months ago and stated that only through the generosity of one of the citizens in donating over \$400 and the low rent charged by the owner were they able to meet their expenses. He estimated that the cost of the library for maintenance next year would be \$3,000.

The matter was discussed at great length by the members of the council, and both Borough Attorney Babcock and McIntyre pointed out the law whereby the municipality could acquire the library. On motion of Commissioner H. Clyde Day the following question will be placed on the ballots for the coming election: "Shall a free public library be established in the borough of

Hillsdale?" If this is favored by the voters the council will be permitted, according to law, to donate up to \$6,000 for its maintenance.

*September 1936*

# Space Plans Are Devised For Hillsdale's Library

## New Arrangements Will Remove Seldom-Called Books From Shelves—\$62 Raised At Benefit

Hillsdale Free Public Library has already outgrown its present quarters, but there will be no need for a new location for some time if arrangements can be made to store books which are not in general circulation, it was announced at a meeting of the Board of Trustees at the home of Mrs. George White, Magnolia Avenue.

### BOOKS DONATED

These books are catalogued and while available to readers they would not be taking up room needed on library shelves.

The displays in the main window of the library are constantly being changed. Music week was recognized by an interesting display of music, books on music, and biographies of noted musicians. A garden display followed that and the book committee, headed by Miss Sadie Vander Clute plans several interesting window arrangements during the coming month.

The Library, which is only four months old, circulated close to 2,000 books last month. Books on the best sellers lists are purchased every month and reference books are being added as quickly as funds are available.

During the past few weeks, donations of books have been received from Mrs. Harry Huser, Mrs. Joseph Farley, Mrs. Cremonesi, Mrs. Peter Sanderson, Fred Olley, East Orange, and Ridgewood friends and the Westwood Library.

The committee in charge of the recent moving picture benefit for the library raised \$62 to be used for needed library equipment. Those who worked with Mrs. H. P. Bonnell, chairman, were as follows:

Mrs. Jenner E. Fast, Mrs. William B. Terry, Mrs. John Newman, Mrs. Roberta Jahelka, Mrs. Walter J. McIntyre, Miss Sarah Vander Clute, Miss Nan Purcell, the Misses Ann Beck, Dorothy Tufts, Lorraine Stack, and Barbara Mittak, Mrs. William V. Collins, Mrs. G. Ansel, Mrs. W. P. Burhorn, Mrs. Harry Huser, Mrs. Walter Merle Hoffman, Mrs. Fred Beck, Mrs. Kenneth Adelsten, Mrs. Julius Fluhr, Miss Minnette Bell, Miss Georgette Collett, Miss Florence Walker, Miss Marion O'Brien, Mrs. John Wolfangie, Miss Margaret Demarest, Mrs. Ellis Collignon Jr., Mrs. Clyde Day, Mrs. G. Decker, Mrs. M. Travis, Philip Fluhr, L. A. Abramson, Mrs. Charles Beuerlein, Mrs. A. H. Wilson, Mrs. Henry Wise, Mrs. Richard Saunders, Mrs. Andrew Kinbacher, and Mrs. Hart.

Also Mrs. William W. Livensood, Mrs. Edna Anderson, Mrs. Julius Beissbarth, Mrs. Alfred Tiedemann, Mrs. Harold W. Gelhaw, Mrs. Jerome Lawrence, Mrs. J. Maher, Mrs. Henry Muller, Mrs. Kenneth Tietgen, Mrs. R. Stannard, Mrs. A. Maitland, Mrs. Thomas Mullen, Mrs. M. Ford, Mrs. Howard Mehan, Mrs. M. Pizzaraini, Mrs. Nancy Slater, Mrs. George White, and Mrs. H. Drenning, together with friends of the library in Woodcliff Lake, Montvale, Park Ridge, Westwood and River Vale.

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The local library committee, meeting at Mrs. M. Hubachek's home on Tuesday evening decided to close the library on August 15 and reopen on September 8, the day after Labor Day. This will enable the librarian to have a vacation, and the assistant librarian to do the necessary extra filing.

A plan will be adopted so subscribers can procure extra books at this time.

Vacationists in town will be able to use the library at the same fee of one dollar as non-residents.

Mrs. Bessel, also Mrs. Quackenbush, of the Manor, have given the

first of a series of private dessert card parties to benefit the library fund. Others are also planned by local residents interested in the library.

Mrs. William V. Collins is planning a large lawn card party at her home on Pascaek road on the afternoon of July 1st. A gathering of 100 can be accommodated and 100 tickets will be sold for this affair.

The library window display this week is an exhibition of art and manual training from the local school.

The popular puppet class on Friday afternoon at the library is well attended. There is plenty of room for others to join. Eventually a puppet show will be featured.

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Through the courtesy of Postmaster John Barnett, the electric clock which hung in the postoffice window for several months is now in the Hillsdale Free Public Library. The library was in need of a clock so this one, which advertises a Westwood firm, is much appreciated.

The series of afternoon bridge parties for the benefit of the library is continuing. The latest was held at the home of Miss Sarah Vander Clute. The large benefit card party to be held at the home of Mrs. William Collins on July 1, will undoubtedly be a big affair as the advance sale of tickets has been very gratifying. Free transportation has been arranged from the library to Mrs. Collins' home for that afternoon.

Gifts of books and magazines have been received recently from Mr. Boudewyns, Mrs. William Moulton, Miss Daisy Nelson, the Westwood Library, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. E. Anderson, Miss May McKellar, of East Orange; Mrs. Hein, Mrs. Van-develde, Jack Rothstein, Mrs. James Fox, Mrs. Madeleine Tefts, of Westwood; Andrew Kinbacher and Mrs. George Swartwout.

Among the new books purchased this month are seventeen Western stories. "The Doctor," by Mary Roberts Rhinehart; "More Power To You," by Pitkin; "Mary of Nazareth," by Mary Borden; "The Rolling Years," by Trumbull; "Why Men Suffer," by Dr. Weatherhead, are also new books at the library.

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When the board of trustees met last Tuesday the librarian reported a circulation of 2,218 books and magazines for the month of April. There were twenty new borrowers during the month, fourteen of whom were juvenile readers. This fact is especially pleasing to the trustees for, on the advice of the state organizer, they have been concentrating on building up the children's section this year.

A great deal of time has been spent selecting books which are highly recommended by the foremost children's librarians in the country and which are of literary value and great interest to children. Some of the recent additions to this department are:

"Cherry Farm" and "My Grandpa's Farm," by Mary Thompson, who lives in Saddle River, and who has pictured life as it was when she was a small child.

"Circle of the Braves" and "Moccasins on the Trail," by Wolfe Thompson. Two fine Indian stories for both boys and girls.

"The Loyal Traitor," by Helen E. Waite. An interesting mystery book for girls, by the Oradell children's librarian.

"Bounce and the Bunnies," by Ruth Carroll. A dog and rabbit story which will please the five to eight-year-olds.

"The Home Toy Shop," by W. R. Jordan. A good book to study and take notes. When the next rainy day comes and you have a houseful of youngsters you'll know what to suggest for them to do.

"Tricks Any Boy Can Do," by Joseph Leeming. Make yourself popular with your companions and give them a surprise by doing a clever trick or two.

"Do You Like to Open Packages," by Catherine Beebe. A story for the four and eight-year-olds.

"Caddie Woodlawn," by Carol Brink. A story of the author's grandmother's early life in the new Northwest of Civil War days.

"Jerry of Seven Mile Creek," by Elmer Ferris. Middle-Western village life. For boys and girls from nine to eleven.

"Runaway Balboa," by Ehud Johnson. Balboa is a Panama Canal boat-pulling engine called a mule. For boys and girls six to nine.

"It's Fun to Cook," by Lucy Maltby. For girls from twelve to sixteen.

"Boy Scouts' Book of Outdoor Hobbies." Boys twelve to sixteen.

Another gratifying fact brought out at the meeting was the upswing in the reading of non-fiction. In response to this evident demand the following books have been selected for adults:

"Hudson River Landings," by Paul Wilstach. A most interesting history of the Hudson River.

"Iceland: A Land of Contracts," by Lindroth.

"Build Your Own Future," by David Seabury. Treats of problems of putting your life in order today

for a more successful tomorrow. "Old Williamsburg and Her Neighbors," by W. O. Stevens. A travel book on historical eastern Virginia since Revolutionary days. "Autobiography," by Lincoln Steffens. A book every American should read.

"Making of a Scientist," by Raymond Ditmars. A scientist's good time while collecting and caring for animals and reptiles.

"The Late George Apley," by John Marquard, which won the Pulitzer fiction prize, and "The Road to Reunion," by Paul Buck, which won the non-fiction prize.

The local American Legion Post has donated a subscription to the American Legion Magazine and the P.-T. A. has renewed its subscrip-

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Perhaps you are going to travel this summer. If so, we have books which may help you with your plans. The Federal Writers' Pro-

ject guide book U. S. I will tell you all you need to know of the routes between Maine and Florida.

We have books on the West, the National Parks, the Great Lakes region, Mexico and South America by car or plane. "Touring Through the West Indies" will be very helpful for those who plan to travel there. "The Island of Bali," by Covarrubias, is a fascinating book about a fascinating place and people. "Roaming in Hawaii," by Franck, makes anyone long to visit these islands of enchantment.

We have a new book on Iceland—Mary Ellen Chase's "This England," Clara Laughlin's "So You're Going to Scandinavia," and many other books which will help in planning your trip if you are going to Europe.

What about your summer reading if you are to stay at home? Perhaps you will want to do some worthwhile reading as well as keep up with current fiction. The librarian is always ready and willing to help you in your selection of books. Why not plan a reading program for the summer months?

The boys and girls may join a vacation reading club for July and August. There is to be no contest this year—but each girl and boy is to travel across the continent on either of two main auto routes by progress from city to city as a book is read. We have added many fine new books to the juvenile department during the last six months, and with the many good older books there is a wide choice of reading.

Following is a list of new adult and juvenile books:

Adult: Strongest Son; Action at Aquila; Rich Girl, Poor Girl; Hand-some Road; Marigold; Down the Garden Path; South Moon Under; Captain Caution; Arundel; Lively Lady; Rabbie in Arms.

Juvenile: Give a Man a Horse; Dashenka, or the Life of a Puppy; Nutcracker or Nuremberg; Nuggets of Singing Creek; Little Magic Painter; Lupe and the Senorita; The Musical Box; A Terrier's Tale; Golden Cat; Captain Teddy and Sailor Chips; Jumping Lions of Borneo; Sons of the Hurricane; The

Following is a list of new adult Habbit; Lives of Girls Who Became Famous; The Wooden Shoe Mystery.

We wish to thank the members of the Garden Club who have so generously donated flowers to the library. These beautiful bouquets add greatly to the attractiveness of the library. Also our thanks to all who have donated books and magazines.

## LIBRARY TO CONDUCT CONTEST

### Boys and Girls to Make "Trip Across The States" in Book Reading Competition

One hundred books have been selected by the librarian and the book committee of the Hillsdale Free Public Library to be used in a reading contest for boys and girls from the ages of 8 to 15, inclusive.

The contest is called "A Trip Across the States." A large map of the United States, with the two finest transcontinental highways marked, has been hung in the children's room of the library. Two buses will follow these highways.

The boys' bus will travel from New York to Los Angeles along the "Broadway of America" and from San Francisco home to New York via the "Lincoln Highway."

The girls' bus will travel the other way around. Every time a girl reports having read one of the approved books the girls' bus will be moved a given distance and every time a boy reports on a book the boys' bus will be moved the same distance. The boys and girls in the contest will have their names listed on the map, and for each book read will receive a star.

Every Saturday the girl and boy who read the most books during the week will be named the bus drivers and will be entitled to wear the bus drivers' badge until the following Saturday. The winner will be the one who read the most books on the winning side. The runner-up will be the one who read the most books on the losing side. The winning side, of course is the one which makes the greatest mileage during the contest.

The contest is open to every boy and girl from 8 to 15 years of age. The contest opens on July 1st but contestants may enter the race at any time after that date.

# LIBRARY IN LARGER QUARTERS

Will Close This  
Friday and Reopen  
On Tuesday in  
Ledy Building.

On Friday, March 25, the Hillsdale Free Public Library will close, remaining closed until Tuesday, March 29. It will reopen in new quarters, directly across the street from its present location in what is known as the Ledy Building.

The Library has grown so rapidly and is being so well patronized, that new quarters have been necessary for some time. The Library has been accumulating some excellent reference material, but patrons desiring to use this, found very little space available for research work. It is hoped that the new quarters will provide both space and a degree of quiet for this type of work.

The Book committee has also been concentrating on building up the children's material, with excellent results. Not only will books of the best type be supplied, but magazines devoted entirely to the young folks as well. In the new location there will be a room especially for the children and it is the hope of the trustees that this will prove such a pleasant and profitable place that no Hillsdale youngster will escape the library habit.

Another demonstration of the need for larger quarters was the recent Spring program of the Story Telling group. Over 100 children crowded into the library for this popular feature.

It is the hope of the board that the library will be able to increase its usefulness in many ways when it reopens on Tuesday.

# MOVE LIBRARY AT HILLSDALE

To Open In New Quarters  
On Tuesday

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# AUTHORS AT MOTHERS' MEETING

Address Story Telling  
Group in Hillsdale  
Library; Mrs. Terry  
Chairman of Session.

The first mothers' meeting under the auspices of the Story Telling group was held at the Hillsdale Free Public Library last Wednesday from 2-5 p. m. Special guests at this meeting were Mrs. Mary W. Thompson, of Saddle River, and Miss Helen E. Waite, of New Milford.

Mrs. William B. Terry, chairman of the Story Telling group, introduced the speakers and told the object and plans of this group.

Mrs. Thompson spoke on the various points to be avoided in writing books for children. Among these she mentioned murders, gangsters and love scenes. She showed the proof sheets of her new book to be published in August, "Highway Past Her Door." This is a book for the teen age and has a local setting. The highway of the title is Route 2.

Mrs. Thompson autographed copies of her other books which are now in the Hillsdale library.

Miss Helen E. Waite, who has written several successful books for girls, told how she checked on the accuracy of historical facts of her stories.

Miss Waite, who is the children's librarian in the Oradell library, told of her experiences in trying to develop the literary talent of the young people who use the library. She said that she felt that the Story Telling group might be able to give similar encouragement to the young people of Hillsdale with literary ambitions.

Miss Waite also autographed copies of her books in the Hillsdale library.

Mrs. John Newman, librarian, gave a short talk on the books she would recommend mothers encouraging their children to read, and gave statistics to prove how generally Hillsdale children are using the library.

An attractive tea table in the adult reading room and decoration of spring flowers gave the library a festive air.

The visiting authors were introduced to the women present and a social hour followed the program.

# TO PRESENT TABLE TO LIBRARY

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## Gift to Be Made by Dr. David Goldberg In Memory of Hillsdale Physician.

Walter J. McIntyre, president of the Library Board, announced at the February meeting that Dr. David Goldberg, of Westwood, has decided to present a children's reading table to the Hillsdale library in memory of the late Dr. Fox. The table will be five feet long and thirty inches wide, and of a proper height for children. It is to be light oak to match the library shelves and will have a bronze plaque in the center with an appropriate inscription.

The table will answer a great need and to make it a complete unit of furnishing the board ordered four matching chairs. The table and chairs will be placed conveniently near the juvenile shelves.

The librarian, Mrs. Newman, reported twenty members in January bringing the library membership to 836. Twenty-seven books have been accessioned and put on the shelves. Forty-one of these were gifts. The circulation for January was 1,883.

The book committee was authorized to make a purchase of books and those on the request list will be given first consideration. More books have been taken off the rental shelf and placed among the seven-day books.

## Retiring Members of Library Board Feted

July 19

Mrs. William B. Terry and H. M. Partridge, retiring members, were tendered a testimonial dinner by the local library board of trustees on Tuesday evening in a private dining room at Churchill hall, in Hackensack.

Walter J. McIntyre served as master of ceremonies. Each of the retiring officers received a large card, engraved, expressing the appreciation of the local board for their generous and untiring co-operation during their term. These cards were autographed by each member attending.

Both of the honored guests responded to the ovation given them by addressing and thanking the gathering. Flowers were presented to all of the women and cigars to the men.

Present were: Jenner R. Fast, W. J. McIntyre, Mrs. Edward Bessell, Miss Sarah Vander Clute, Mrs. W. V. Collins, George G. White, Mrs. J. Newman, Mayor J. G. Hansen, Miss E. Hubachek, and the retiring members, Mrs. Terry and Mr. Partridge.

## Plan Presentation of Memorial Table To Hillsdale Public Library, April 6

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At the regular monthly meeting of the Hillsdale library board, it was voted to invite Mrs. James W. Fox and Dr. David Goldberg to meet with the board on April 6 for the presentation of the memorial tablet.

A reading table for juveniles is the gift of Dr. Goldberg in memory of Dr. James Fox. The bronze tablet, to be placed on the table, is the gift of Charles Schinck, of Westwood.

Four matching chairs have been purchased by the board and are already in use.

It was voted to subscribe to the following magazines: Art and Decoration, Atlantic Monthly, Harpers, Time, Stage, Wee Wisdom (for the tiny tots), Vogue, Popular Mechanics and Field and Stream. Renewals to National Geographic, Popular Science, American Home, Hunting and Fishing will be taken care of as needed.

A hand crocheted afghan has been donated to the library by Miss Mary Cannon. This afghan was given by Miss Cannon to raise an extra fund for special books.

The floral painting by Miss Keffer was awarded to M. E. Mohner, of New York City. The painting, which is the work of Miss Keffer, and also her donation to the library for a special fund, was on exhibition for several weeks in the library window.

The librarian, Mrs. Ruth Newman, reported sixteen new members during February, bringing the total membership to 853. The library now has over 4,000 volumes accessioned, and in February had a circulation of 1,937.

Mrs. Emile Long presented the library with a gift of twelve books and other gifts brought the February gift list up to 149 volumes.

A list of books suggested by the book committee was approved and a purchase of seventeen request books will be made within a week.

The state has sent a new traveling library of fifty-three books. The titles include travel, history, biography and fiction. These books will be left at the Hillsdale library for six months.

Over thirty rental shelf books have been placed on the seven-day shelf and are now for free circulation.