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OF THE
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ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
OF THE
RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 1934
AT THE
LANGWORTHY PUBLIC LIBRARY, HOPE VALLEY, R. I.
MORNING SESSION 10:15 A. M.

Business Meeting

Reports of Officers and Committees

Election of Officers

South County Lore

Miss Helen E. Peck, Dean of Women, R. I. State College

Readings

Mr. Leonard Bacon

LUNCH 12:15 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2:00 P. M.

Art Books for the Small Library

Miss Evelyn Chase, Librarian, R. I. School of Design

The State Library

Mr. Herbert Brigham, State Librarian

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LEST WE FORGET

**Bits of Rhode Island History and
Geography**

Hope Valley is the largest village in the town of Hopkinton, bounded on the north by Exeter; on the east by Richmond; on the south by Westerly; and on the west by Connecticut. The first settlement in Hopkinton was made by Daniel Lewis in 1704. It was once a part of the old town of Westerly. Incorporated on March 19, 1757, it was named in honor of Hon. Stephen Hopkins, at that time governor of the colony, who had presented record books for the town officers and a case in which to keep them.

As early, if not earlier than 1778, Hope Valley on Wood River was settled by Hezekiah Carpenter. He dammed the river and set up works at a place for years known as Carpenter's Mills or Middle Iron Works. His establishment consisted of a saw mill, grist mill, fulling mill and carding machine. He lived on what is called the Ray farm, in a westerly direction from the village. In 1778 Carpenter gave to his daughter and her husband, Pardon Crandall, the tract of land now occupied by the village of Hope Valley.

Here began the establishment of the machine shop of Nichols and Langworthy, which commenced making tools for the manufacture of woolen machinery. In the tower was an unusually harmonious bell and an extremely well-adjusted clock.

Through here was the direct stage route from New London to Providence. As a result the wayside tavern once

flourished until, in 1874, a train went through on the Wood River Branch Railroad.

Prudence Crandall, famous among abolitionists for her attempt to establish a school for colored girls in Canterbury, Conn., was born in Hopkinton.

Odd religious sects, such as Shakers, Beldenites and Morseites, have been found in this region, and there are some good witch stories connected with it. An old woman, Granny Mott, lived in Hopkinton, while it was still a part of Westerly. On a hunting expedition, one of her neighbors was troubled by a flock of heath-hens, one of which flew close by, but he was unable to shoot it. At last he cut a silver button from his coat, and, with it, loaded his gun and shot the bird. Shortly after that, Granny Mott fell ill and died. And since her daughter would not let anyone assist in preparing the body for burial, it was at once assumed that the bird shot with the silver button had been the old woman in disguise.

HOW TO GET THERE

Rhode Island Coach Lines

Leave		
Providence	9:05 A. M.,	D. S. T.
Arrive		
Hope Valley	10:15 A. M.,	D. S. T.
Leave		
Westerly	9:00 A. M.,	D. S. T.
Arrive		
Hope Valley	9:30 A. M.,	D. S. T.
Leave		
Hope Valley	3:30 P. M. and 6:30 P. M.,	D. S. T.
Arrive		
Providence	5:35 P. M. and 7:35 P. M.,	D. S. T.
Leave		
Hope Valley	4:25 P. M. and 6:25 P. M.,	D. S. T.
Arrive		
Westerly	4:50 P. M. and 6:50 P. M.,	D. S. T.

AUTOMOBILE DIRECTIONS

Take route 1-A, Nooseneck Hill road. At Hope Valley traffic light turn as if going to Boy Scout Camp at Rockville. The library is the fourth building on the right after making the turn.

LUNCH

will be served at the Grange Hall, by the South County Public Service Company.

"A MODEL LIBRARY FOR A GIRL"

The Children's Department of the Elmwood Public Library has arranged a most interesting and attractive display in their exhibit case, entitled, "A Model Library for a Girl." Forty-three miniature books, made of brightly colored paper and lettered in black, author and title, were arranged on a book-shelf. Around the book-shelf was tiny six-inch high furniture borrowed from the Tynie Toy Village Shop, 31 Market Square, forming a completely furnished girls' room, with writing-desk and telephone, couch, comfy chairs, reading lamp and rug; even a cat and tiny vase for flowers, candle-sticks and a tea-set with unbelievably tiny dishes. A printed card calls attention to the display: "Every girl should read all these books before she is through junior high school, so that she may have a background for her later reading. How many of them have you read?" Judging from the amount of interest the exhibit created, it is evidently an excellent scheme for making a girl want to read good books, as well as build up a collection of books of her own. A boy's room and book-shelf are also to be arranged.

BECOMING AIR-MINDED

The Children's Department of the Elmwood Public Library has had an airplane exhibit also, arranged by one of the boys who come to the library. Boys brought in airplanes of every description, and those who had not yet built any model airplanes decided that they would take up model building for a hobby. The demand for aviation books increased as a result, and everyone became even more air-minded than before.

SUMMER IN THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' DEPARTMENT OF THE PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The boys and girls of the Providence Public Library are planning to board an ocean-liner this summer, but the only way that they can get there is by

reading their way. This is how it is done. There is to be a background of mountains and shores, with an expanse of water in front (blue poster paper). Out on this water the liner is to be moored. Each child is to start off in a tender of his own, but, for every knot that he progresses, he must read a book. When he has gone ten knots he arrives at the steamer, and his tender will be hauled up and become a life boat. At the end of fifteen knots—well that's supposed to be a secret—and the best way to keep a secret is not to tell anyone at all, isn't it?

The central idea in all these summer plans will be to help the child to grow and develop in his reading; to interest those boys and girls who have given up reading during the school terms. The devices used to stimulate and foster this reading will be such things as ocean and train travel, airplane altitude tests, radio broadcasting, etc.

In the junior high school branches open to the community, stories and book talks will be held once a week.

TID-BITS

The Elmwood Public Library announces that it has reached its peak in circulation thus far in the last year, the circulation figures being 312,798, with a book collection of 43,151.

The Watchemoket Public Library, as a CWA project, had a basement room as large as the main room added to its quarters. This will very greatly relieve the crowded condition.

The Providence Public Library is now on the air—every Wednesday afternoon at 5:45 via WJAR. Conversations on books, old and new, serious and humorous, are held by two speakers who, presumably meeting "on the library steps," which is the title that has been given to the broadcast, chat along about books that they have read in a that-reminds-me fashion.

By way of economizing, the branches of the Providence Public Library are to be closed three evenings a week and Saturday mornings during July and August. The schedule will be arranged so that branches located in the same sections of the city may supplement each other.

Miss McCrea will not return to Providence in June as was hoped, but probably in September. She is improving, but very slowly, and is now in Santa Barbara, California.

CONSCIENCE PRICKERS

"Shoulder to Shoulder"

"How are libraries going to function in the future?

Will they derive their income from local, state or federal funds?

Things move with great rapidity these days, and one must be alert.

Through a strong central organization, the American Library Association, we are prepared to move rapidly as need arises.

All of this work and responsibility which we require of our professional organization cannot be done without the united strength of the whole profession.

It is a sacrifice to many to pay their membership dues, but this is the time to sacrifice.

It is not the time to withdraw membership, but to stand shoulder to shoulder.

We are receiving large returns on our small investment."

Gratia A. Countryman,
President.

Your help is needed. 12,000 A. L. A. members are at work. Will you join them?

Rhode Island has been lagging.

Marion A. Cooke
Ruth C. Coombs
Sallie E. Coy,
Membership Committee for
Rhode Island of the American Library Association.

The Treasurer of the Rhode Island Library Association would like to call attention to that part of Article 7 of the Constitution which reads: "Members whose dues remain unpaid for three years shall cease to belong to the association."

TO MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

It seems impossible to plan a meeting at this time. In view of that fact, I would like your opinion on the following items: (Please check and return.)

1. Would you consider becoming a part of the Rhode Island Library Association?
2. If the School Library Association is continued, would the following be helpful? (Check those items that interest you).

A committee to assemble material and answer inquiries,

- a. On book loss, mutilation and methods of preventing such.
- b. On library instruction for junior and senior high schools.
- c. On correlation with the various departments of the school.
- d. On relationship and co-operation with the town or public library.
- e. **AND ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.**

Mary R. Lucas, Chairman,
Providence Public Library,
Providence, R. I.

The question has been raised as to whether it would not be more advisable for the Rhode Island School Library Association to join the Rhode Island Library Association in a body than to maintain a separate organization. To this end, the above notice has been included here.

Copies of this bulletin are to be printed and distributed to members of the School Library Association at its own expense.