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ANNUAL SPRING MEETING OF THE
RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIA-
TION, TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1935, JESSE
M. SMITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY,
HARRISVILLE, R. I.

Morning Session
10:45 Addresses of Welcome
Miss Dorothy M. Cummings,
Librarian
Mr. Austin T. Levy
Business Meeting
Propaganda
Professor Benjamin C.
Clough, Brown University
12:30 Adjournment

Luncheon: Loom and Shuttle
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Afternoon Session
2:30 Unemployed Youth
Mr. George Horr, Superintendent, South Main St.
Boys' Club.

Mr. Clarence E. Sherman,
Librarian, Providence Public
Library
Re-organization of the State
Library
Mr. Herbert O. Brigham

The Re-cataloguing Problem
Miss Edith N. Snow, Re-
cataloguer, Providence
Public Library

3:30 Adjournment
A NEW LIBRARY

The history of the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library began in 1894, when, according to the will of Mrs. Mary E. Smith, a fund was given to the town for the establishment of a library. Her husband, Jesse M. Smith, had been a prominent businessman in the town, and, though Mrs. Smith had lived in Harrisville only since her marriage, she had the welfare of the town very much at heart. Her will provided that the residue of her estate should be left to the town of Burrillville, to be used to erect and maintain a Public Library in the said village of Harrisville”. Some of the townspeople who had known Mrs. Smith felt that her desire to give a library as a memorial to her husband was inspired by her frequent visits to Uxbridge, Mass., where she often saw the library, which, she felt, was just the kind of thing to bring pleasure and interest into the daily lives of the people.

Although the Fund was given in 1894, it was not until 1898 that the town voted to accept the trust created by the will and to administer the Fund as required by the will. And it was not until 1905 that any sort of building was erected. At this time the village lacked any hall in which to hold entertainments and dances, and many felt this an excellent opportunity to secure not only a library, but also a hall and new quarters for the town offices. Consequently a large brick building was erected in the center of the village, and two rooms on the second floor were devoted to the library.

As is usual in small towns, it was felt impossible to keep the library open for more than two afternoons and evenings during the week, and, though various librarians gladly gave their time and services for very small renumeration, the growth of the library was slow and uncertain.

It was not until the winter of 1933-34 that operations were begun to build the kind of Public Library which Mrs. Smith had wished for the town. Due to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Austin T. Levy, and to their great interest in the welfare of the town, a community project was planned which included the erection of a small library, just such a one, it seems certain, as Mrs. Smith would have suggested had she been able to do so.

The library opened in its new quarters on April 21, 1934. With such pleasant surroundings and with the library hours increased to every afternoon and evening in the week, with the exception of Wednesdays and Sundays, its growth has been rapid. There has been a 100% increase in circulation, the juvenile circulation alone exceeding the total of the previous year, and there has also been an increase of 332 borrowers. Even more gratifying than any statistics, however, is the assurance that the library is gradually becoming a habit in the lives of many in the community and that eventually it can hope to fill the place in the life of the town which Mrs. Smith hoped for it.

HOW TO GET TO HARRISVILLE

By M. Chine

Take Route 101 to Chepachet. At Chepachet take Wallum Lake Road and then take the right fork to Harrisville. Those south of Providence can take the Victory Highway to Chepachet.

THE UNEMPLOYED YOUTH AND THE LIBRARY

The economic crisis through which this country has been struggling has affected many groups of people in different phases of life. And the high schools are no exception. The schools must meet the crisis of decreasing funds and increasing attendance. The cause of this increase is due to various factors.

Students who, in prosperous years, and who, in prosperous years, were attending private schools, are now rubbing elbows with their fellow classmates in the public schools. Boys and girls who might have dropped out when they reached the legal school-leaving age are staying on. There are many more postgraduate students than in former years.

Many cannot go on to college and so they are taking advantage of additional courses in the high school. In the good years, 91% of those who took the college course went to college. Now, only 75% can go.

Increased attendance has been noted in the trade schools also. And there has been a change in the personnel there too. The average age has increased for one thing. Older boys who had left school to go to work, and now are either without jobs or are on part time work, return to take up special courses. Formerly the majority of students came from the 9th, 10th and 11th grades. Now 10-15% are high school graduates. Many students are taking up courses in business.

It will be interesting to see whether the students of this age will have a vocation. Will they be encouraged if their energy is not employed? Or will they find other outlets? Will they have a vocation? How many in the community and that eventually it can hope to fill the place in the life of the town which Mrs. Smith hoped for it.

A “VOCATIONS” BOOK

*Careers

A series of leaflets put out by the U. S. Office of Education. lawn, medicine, business, engineering, art, architecture, education, home economics, physical sciences, liberal arts, and chemical engineering. In addition, there are sections on pharmacy, architecture, and music.

**The Choice of an Occupation

Covers seventy occupations, occupations of many kinds, and the productive work which each represents. Published by the Bureau of Personal Service of the University of Chicago, 1934.

$3.00 cloth.

*Careers for Women

Covers over 150 careers by successful women. She describes the work and training she went through to reach her success. It gives you an idea of the advantages and disadvantages of many occupations.

Revised and edited, 1934. $3.00.

**The Book of Opportunities of Jobs; light on 350. Anions are

Putnam, Revised $3.00.

**Occupations for Women

Good. Lists the occupations being advised for women.

Southern Women's Alliance, 1927 edition.

The Choice of an Occupation

Crawford and Clements, editors.
Covers seventy occupations: professions, occupations in the fields of science, engineering, business and the productive industries.
Published by the Department of Personal Study, Yale University. 1932. $2.00 paper, $3.00 cloth.

Careers for Women: Filene.
Covers over 150 careers described by successful women in each field. Gives descriptions of the work and training necessary, approximate financial returns and the advantages and disadvantages of many occupations. Houghton. Revised and enlarged edition, 1934. $3.00.

Putnam. Revised edition, 1933. $3.00.

Occupations for Women: Hatcher. Very good. Lists many of the less obvious occupations.

Outline of Careers: A Practical Guide to Achievement by thirty-eight eminent American business leaders. Doubleday Doran. 1927. $2.50.

A "Vocations" Book Shelf

For Junior High School Students


Jobs for Girls. Harcourt. $2.00.
Planning a Career. Smith and Blough. American Book Co. $1.44.
Regional Meeting

A regional meeting, including the library associations of New England, New York, New Jersey and Ontario, will be held at Lake George the week of September 9.

From Here and There

Anthony Free Library reports a growing demand for popular technical subjects.

In Barrington two new members have been added to the board of trustees: Russell Field and Robert Meyersham, taking the place of the secretary and treasurer who resigned in April. The latter were Ebenezer Tiffany, treasurer, who had served for 37 years, and Frederick Church, secretary, who had served for 15 years.

The Brown University Library's first experiment in substituting films for books was made for the Music Department. Several scores have been successfully photographed on moving picture films, and, when projected in the classroom, have given complete satisfaction.

The number of the staff of the Library of Brown University attended the Conference of New England College Librarians at Trinity College and Wesleyan University on May 10 and 11.

The People's Library at Newport, through the assistance of the F.E.A., has been able to have its building repainted both inside and out. The Children's Room has been improved the most of all, for the walls have been painted a cheerful color, which gives the room a sunny appearance on the dullest days.

In the will of Albert W. Whitin of Whittinsville, Mass., who died in Paris on March 6, 1935, a bequest of $5,000 is made to the Providencce Athenaeum, to be known as the "Mrs. Sarah Helen Whitman, Mrs. Catherine Hart, Mrs. Annie Frances Fichlien, Miss Eliza C. Lippitt and Miss Nora Perry Fund", the income to be used for the general purposes of the Society.

With simple but appropriate ceremonies, the five large murals painted for the Boys' and Girls' Department of the Providence Public Library by Edward Dubuque, under C.W.A. and F.E.A. auspices, were unveiled Tuesday afternoon, April 23. William Davis Miller, President of the Board of Trustees, presided, and the speakers were Governor Theodore Francis Green, L. Earl Rowe, Museum Director, Rhode Island School of Design; and the artist, Mr. Dubuque. Five school children, representing as many schools, pulled the cords revealing the murals.

Clarence E. Sherman, the librarian, accepted the custody of the paintings.

Miss Mildred R. Bradbury has been appointed Head of the Art Department of the Providence Public Library, to assume her duties on June 1. She is a graduate of Simmons College and was Head of the Fine Arts Department of the Boston Public Library.

Miss Marion L. Arnold, formerly Head of the Art Department, becomes Associate Art Librarian.

Margaret Ridlon Van Ingen resigned as Librarian at the Rhode Island State College Library on April 1 to take a position with the New York City Public Library. Nathalie Elaine Briggs, a graduate of the college in the class of 1933 and of the Library School at Syracuse University in the class of 1934, has been added to the staff.

The seventh in a series of talks at the Robert Beverley Hale Library of Maturneck was given on Saturday, May 11. Dr. Roger Perkins, member of the School Committee of South Kingstown, who has recently returned from a six weeks' trip through the West Indies and northern South America, gave a travel talk, "Through the West Indies".

Dr. Perkins illustrated his talk with motion pictures, which he made during his trip. Tea was served in the Children's Room.

The boys and girls of Westerly are rallying to the old familiar cry, "The circus is coming!" This is the form which the Westerly Public Library's summer reading project has taken, and never has a plan been so enthusiastically received. To date, over 500 tickets have been issued. The price of admission to the big tent is the reading of five books before June 1. On that day the circus will have a grand opening, with a parade in which the boys and girls themselves will take part. From then until Book Week the above in the Children's Room will assume the likeness of a real circus tent. Inside will be a merry-go-round with cut-outs of famous animals on it; a peep show; freaks; and all things which go to make up a regular circus. The children will be asked to read one book for each object which they see, so that by Book Week they should be better acquainted with the animals and the countries from which they come. They will be asked to read ten books in all, and those who finish can be sure of a gala celebration at the end.