

Better Library At Greendale Recommended

At a meeting of 32 representatives of various Lexington social agencies Friday afternoon at the Y. W. C. A., recommendation was made that the state welfare department take steps to improve educational standards at the Kentucky Houses of Reform.

Miss Carolyn Stewart, of the Fayette county welfare department, chairman of the council's project committee, named 10 persons to work toward securing more adequate library facilities for both boys and girls at the reform school.

Named by Miss Stewart to serve on the committee were Mr. Hammond Dugan, chairman; Miss Lena Nofcier, Frankfort, head of library extension; Eric McElfresh of the Lexington WPA office; Mrs. Waller O. Bullock, member of the board of trustees of the Lexington Public Library; Miss Carrie Hunt, acting librarian of the Lexington Library; Col. D. Y. Dunn, Fayette county superintendent of schools; Miss Margaret I. King, University of Kentucky librarian; Miss Susan Miller, librarian at Henry Clay high school; Miss Nan Lacy, supervisor of elementary education in the Lexington public schools, and Mrs. Frank L. McVey.

Principal speaker for the meeting was Dr. S. D. Vestermark, psychiatrist with the field studies in mental hygiene for the U. S. Public Health Service.

The speaker explained that during the past two years, his division has offered diagnostic and consultative service for clients of the local social agencies. Of approximately 1,000 persons referred for examination during that time, it was discovered that approximately 95 per cent were border-line cases that had not yet reached the stage of mental breakdown, Dr. Vestermark declared.

It is possible that many of those 950 individuals might have been benefitted if the community had a pre-arranged and co-ordinated program among social agencies to give such mentally maladjusted individuals the proper treatment, he continued.

If, for example, the social agencies had been able to place mental sufferers where they might be subjected to the advantages of recreational facilities and vocational training, it is possible that a large number of those afflicted might have been cured, Dr. Vestermark stated.

A co-ordinated program between social agencies could make it possible for those border-line cases to receive help before negative habits have been established within each of the individuals, he declared.

The Rev. Father George O'Bryan chairman of the council, presided over the meeting.

March 25, 1939

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Assisting were Mrs. Hammond J. Dugan, supervising librarian; Miss Josephine Simpson and Mrs. Cecil Cantrill.

The tea table held a silver bowl of spring flowers and was lighted with tapers. Miss Helen Howard poured tea.

During the afternoon Mrs. Dugan gave an informal talk on the work of the library, which is meeting a definite need in the rural community.

Many of the guests took books which were presented to Mrs. Dugan for the county-wide traveling library.

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The following invitations have been issued:

Mrs. Preston Johnston at home to the

Friends of the Fayette Library Wednesday, April nineteenth

Four o'clock

It has been suggested that members attending the tea take with them a volume for the library.

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FOUR BITS

BY JAY JAY

Thanks Department

The Fayette County Free Circulating Library wants to thank you readers for contributing books and magazines in response to an appeal printed in this column. You gave it 944 books and 22,901 magazines, which are being distributed where they will do the most good.

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Problem Solved

What to do with old safety razor blades is a problem of long standing. I haven't any solution for that, but I do know what you can do with all those old books and magazines you uncovered during spring housecleaning. Telephone 1329-X, and the Fayette County Free Circulating Library will send for them. It can use several hundred old magazines a week, at the Eastern State hospital, the Reform School, or the nine rural stations it maintains in the county. A magazine two or three years old is good reading if you haven't seen it before, and the demand is so great the library always is hard pressed to keep a supply on hand.

Library Circulation

Shows Big Increase

Circulation of the Lexington public library during 1938 jumped from 67,609 to 87,547 volumes, an increase of 19,938, Miss Carrie L. Hunt, acting librarian, today reported in her annual report to the board of trustees.

During the year, a total of 2,025 books, both fiction and non-fiction, were added to the stock, increasing the number now on the shelves to 46,167 volumes.

The recently organized Fayette county circulating branch circulated 10,169 fiction and non-fiction books during the past four months. Registered borrowers now number 7,198.

Other members of the city library staff include Mrs. Sallie Bullock Cave and G. Glenn Clift, assistant librarians.

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