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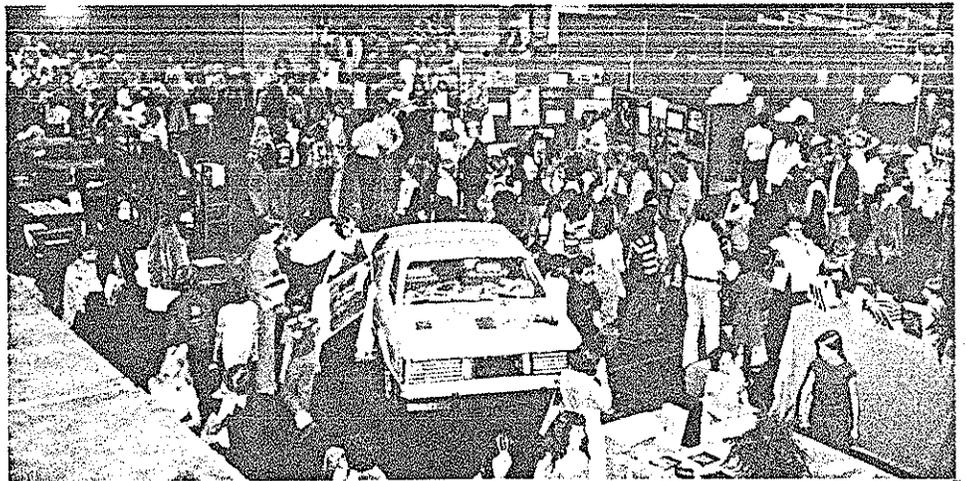
## Library Encounters at the Great Info Show



The Governor, Mrs. Rockefeller and Mr. Glazer waiting on the 14 car chartered Amtrak train



Some of the thousands of enthusiastic school children who visited the Great Info Show to help Celebrate Library Encounters.



Exposition in full swing.

## SENATOR BYRD DEDICATED HARDY COUNTY LIBRARY -Moorefield Examiner- December 20, 1978

"You can be genuinely proud of this new library," Senator Robert C. Byrd, majority leader of the United States Senate, told the audience gathered Sunday (December 17, 1978) for the Dedication Ceremony of the Hardy County Public Library. "Moreover, you can take great satisfaction in knowing that in this library you are passing on to your sons and daughters one of the most valuable treasures that one generation can leave to another," he said.

Ralph J. Bean, Jr. of Bridgeport, on behalf of his late father's friends and associates, presented the Archives Room furnishings to the library. Mrs. Carrie Bean, wife of the deceased attorney, was in attendance.

There was a moment of silence in memory of Bean, legal advisor to the library, and Juris Jansons, architect for the building, both of whom died before completion of the project.

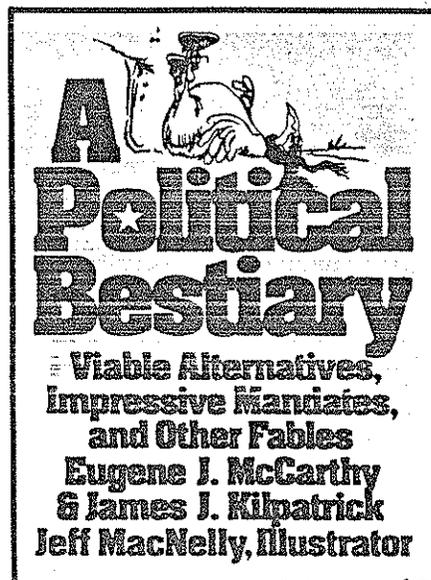
Greetings were brought to the ceremony from Governor Rockefeller by Delegate Clyde See, speaker-elect of the House of Delegates. See said that the quality of the library being dedicated Sunday would be reflected in the quality of the people.

Lucille Gohdes, treasurer of the Hardy County Public Library Commission, was presented a check in the amount of \$20,000 by Dave Childers, Assistant to the Director of the Library Commission. This was the final payment of a \$200,000 grant the library had received. Local efforts produced an additional \$100,000 to the library.

President of the Library Board is Mrs. Margaret Allen, longtime leader of the Hardy County Library Association. She summed up the Sunday ceremony when she said, "This is a big day for the library, Moorefield and Hardy County."

## EUGENE McCARTHY SPEAKER FOR LEGISLATIVE DINNER

Writer and former Senator will address an assembly of legislators and librarians at the Library Appreciation Week Dinner, Wednesday, February 7, at the Charleston Civic Center. McCarthy has written two books, *Political Bestiary* and *America Revisited*.



His knowledge of government stems from experience as both Congressman and Senator from Minnesota. Other writings include *Frontiers in American Democracy* and *A Liberal Answer to the Conservative Challenge*.

A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

## JAY BACKS MORE LIBRARY FUNDS

In the opening session of the Governor's Conference on Libraries, Governor Rockefeller came out forth rightly for better library funding: "Libraries should receive more than double the State funds they are now receiving...The \$1.26 the State spends for public libraries needs to be escalated as quickly as possible to \$3 per capita.

"We are in a national leadership position in this as well as in other fields. It proves to America that we are as interested in minds as we are in mines."

The Governor told 350 delegates at the opening session that the Info Show and the Conference would reveal why our library programs should become not just a model in this country, but a program that has been looked to by other lands.

"And I believe it's because we believe in taking libraries to the people."

Presiding during the opening session at the Science & Cultural Center was Sam Harshbarger, Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals. Welcoming remarks were made by Campbell Beall, Chairman of the Library Commission.

John Berry III, editor of *Library Journal*, made the concluding address for the afternoon. He warned that libraries might wither on the vines unless given a higher priority by government and citizens.

Berry said that libraries fact tough competition for financial support from hospitals, police and national defense. Yet, he emphasized, "information is as sorely needed by citizens as the other services. It has always been so."

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## FACES IN THE LIBRARY NEWS

New appointments in the West Virginia Library Commission staff:

**David H. Martin Directs Public Library Support Services, formerly called "Exposure!"**

**Shirley Smith Is a Field Librarian in Direct Services**

**Garry Greenwood Is a Clerk in the Field Offices**

**Garry was the recipient of the "Handicapped Client of the Year" award in West Virginia (an award made by the Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation--Thorold S. Funk, Director)**

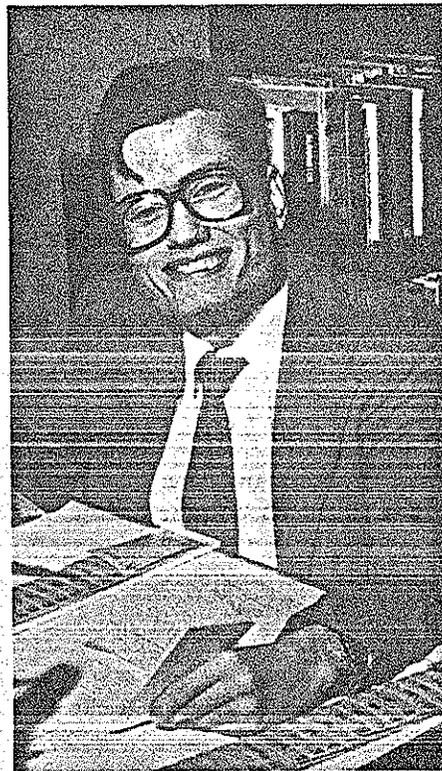
**Stephen L. Fesenmaier heads the Film Library**

**Dave Childers Is the Assistant to the Director**

**Dave received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Public Library Section, West Virginia Library Association, Matthew C. Kublak, Chairman.**



Shirley Smith



Garry Greenwood



Stephen L. Fesenmaier



Dave Childers



David H. Martin

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### EIGHT DELEGATES CHOSEN FOR WASHINGTON

In session concurrently with the Info Show and the West Virginia Library Association Convention were discussion groups. The 350 delegates to the Governor's Conference were divided into four groups of 75 each for the purpose of discussing library issues. Discussion leaders included Campbell Beall of Martinsburg and Thomas Potter of Charleston, both members of the Library Commission, Ned Chilton, Publisher of the Gazette, and Lewis McManus, Executive Secretary of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

A total of eighteen resolutions were adopted concerning libraries and information science. The subjects had a wide range: Public libraries should not charge fees since they restrict access; librarians should consider themselves servants of the people and consult them in making plans; we need development of a national bibliographic network; adopt \$3.00 per capita as the minimum State support for public libraries; Recognition of lay participation in support and promotion of all libraries, and foster the development of a library media center in every county of the State.

Eight delegates were selected to attend the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Science in Washington in 1979.

Three of the eight persons are affiliated with libraries. They are Campbell Beall, President of the State Library Commission, Larry Frye, Librarian at Bethany College and Ruth Ann Powell, of Fairmont State College Library, the immediate past president of WVLA. The other five are: Jean Benish of Charleston, State Supreme Court Justice Sam Harshbarger,

Delegate Leon Copeland of Kanawha County, former House Speaker Lewis McManus and James Casto, editorial page editor of the **Huntington Herald Dispatch**.

### AWARDS FEATURED AT BANQUET

The 1978 Literary Award was bestowed on **Davis Grubb** in recognition of his contribution to American literature and Appalachian literature in particular. Descended from an Ohio Riverboat captain and a native of Moundsville, the seventy-five-mile stretch of the Ohio River Valley between Wheeling and Parkersburg provides the setting for the major portion of his novels. Outstanding among his works are *The Night of the Hunter* and *Fools Parade*, both of which have been made into highly successful films. In *Voices of Glory*, he put more than thirty personalities from his hometown between the covers of a book.

A new collection of short stories, *The Siege of 318; Thirteen Mystical Stories*, will soon be published by a West Virginia publisher.

**Elliott Horton**, Director of the Morgantown Public Library, was awarded the Dora Ruth Parks Award for his superlative contributions to the library profession in West Virginia. A native of Michigan, where he worked for twenty-five years before coming to the Mountain State, he tried teaching and hotel management before entering the library profession. He was cited for his outstanding work as chairman of the WVLA Legislative Committee and his expertise in public relations.

**Victorine Loustall** received the Outstanding Service Award in recognition of her contribution to libraries and librarianship. A native of Clarksburg, Victorine majored in Business Education at West Virginia State and

earned a Master's Degree in that field before discovering libraries. While filling the dual role of business teacher and school librarian at Kelly Miller High School in Clarksburg, she became fascinated with the potential of libraries. Twelve years ago, she joined the faculty of Library Science at West Virginia University, where she participated in the training of school librarians. In addition to being active in the Association, she has made outstanding contributions on the University campus in the Interracial Practices and Policies Committee, the Academic Standards Committee and the Advisory Council on instruction.

### LIBRARY COMMISSION AWARDS SPECIAL GRANTS

During a meeting on May 24 at Marshall University, the West Virginia Library Commission awarded \$222,893 in special grants for fifty-nine requests channeled through Regional and Service Center Libraries. Three libraries were awarded grants for vehicles to assist the Outreach service to senior citizens, the handicapped and shut-ins: Fayette County - a stationwagon; McDowell County - a mini-van; Morgantown - a Jeep. Total cost for these three vehicles was \$22,590.

Kanawha County Library received funds for a book detection system to help the library cope with the increasing number of book and periodical thefts. Popular among the many requests were projects to benefit senior citizens: the Alpha Regional Library, with headquarters in Spencer is introducing "Mail-A-Book" service as a replacement for Bookmobile service; the Book Express Office will inaugurate a program of service by

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### **SPECIAL GRANTS contd**

mail to isolated seniors and to areas of Logan County; Ohio County will add large print materials and a library aide to their shut-in program.

Another popular use of these federal library services funds is the local history project: Parkersburg obtained a reader/printer for its genealogy room; Pendleton County received a copy machine for historical research. Calhoun, Doddridge, Wirt, Ritchie, and Roane Counties are also being assisted in history projects.

The Library Commission assumed State Medical Insurance coverage for public libraries, desiring this service has also supplied a copy of the W. Va. Code to all libraries with other federal grants.

### **LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONVENES**

Ruth Ann Powell, President, moved gracefully through two general sessions and a banquet. The three concurrent events did add more confusion than usual to this convention. Attendance came to total 652 with 182 Lay Delegates, 38 Library-Related Delegates, 47 WVLA Delegates on an Advisory Council, 60 guests and 319 WVLA members. Dr. Tom Galvin, Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences at Pittsburgh and President-Elect of the American Library Association, brought greetings from the national association.

Terri Sypolt, Chairman of the College & Universities Section reported that the section was requesting that graduate courses in Library Sciences be offered somewhere in the State under the auspices of the Board of Regents. The president announced the ap-

pointment of an Ad Hoc Committee on dues structure consisting of Judy Rule, Josephine Fideler, Ron Powell, and Dan Reasor. This committee is also assigned to assess the feasibility of a parttime Executive Secretary for the Association.

Russ Foster introduced a motion that the Association express its appreciation to Shirley Mills for her years of service, since she has recently accepted the position Executive Secretary of the Public Library Association.

The results of the election found David Gillespie selected as First Vice President and Peggy Batten as Second Vice President. Moving into the Presidency is Luella Dye of Craft Memorial Library in Bluefield. Dave Childers and Karen Goff continue as Treasurer and Secretary. Section Chairman for Public Libraries is Al Tweedy; School Libraries - Katherine Griffith; Special Libraries - Steve Teich; Trustees - Jack Bowman and Junior Members Round Table - John Collins.

### **TRUSTEE HANDBOOK TO BE PREPARED**

During the Trustee Section meeting at a West Virginia Library Association gathering, Forest Bowman, Chairman of the Trustee Section, reported to the group on plans for a Trustee Handbook. This is a much needed tool, since at least 150 new trustees are appointed each year.

Appointed to the Handbook Committee: Mrs. Ellen Wilkerson, Chairman, Hamlin, WV; Mrs. Helen Smith, Dunbar; Mr. Alva Temple, Franklin; Mr. Charles Sutton, Dunmore; Mrs. Sandy Thorn, Morgantown; Amy O'Brien, Wheeling; Mrs. David Brumfield, Welch; Mrs. Betsy Broh, Huntington and Mrs. D. Grove Moler, Mullens. It is hoped that the new

handbook will be ready by Spring.

Meanwhile, if you need trustee reference material, contact the Field Services Office at the Library Commission. ALA has published a new edition of "The Trustee of a Small Public Library," which we can supply.

The new project will aim at consolidating laws, state regulations and financial guides peculiar to West Virginia. For the 600 trustees, this should be a welcome publication.

### **BRITISH VISITOR AT LIBRARY COMMISSION**

Bob Usherwood, lecturer at the Post Graduate School of Librarianship at the University of Sheffield in England, paid a visit to the Library Commission on June 14 and 15. Mr. Usherwood was "particularly concerned with public relations and promotional activity, the use of radio and television, "Friends" organizations and library school programs."

Two factors influenced the visitor in coming to our State: (1) the many articles he encountered about innovations in public libraries of West Virginia and (2) the enrollment of a student, Charles Julian, in his English school from the staff of the City-County Library in Moundsville. After touring Commission facilities at the Science & Cultural Center, the visitor conferred with staff management at the Kanawha County Public Library on Capitol Street. He finished the day with a tour of the Instant Library at Cross Lanes.

A highlight of his day occurred when the driver and guide inadvertently missed the access road to the interstate and used instead an old "Country Road" to return to the Capitol. Our visitor allowed as how he wanted to see what all the music was about!

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### MANY DEDICATIONS LAST HALF OF 1978

A doubleheader of dedications occurred on December 17, 1978, with Mason County ceremonies scheduled on the same day as the Moorefield dedication.

The attractive Colonial design by Clint Bryan, architect, cost approximately \$500,000. It provides a floor area of 9,225, and a book capacity of 48,000 volumes. This library is featured as the backdrop for the New Year's greeting also included in this newsletter.

Three more Instant buildings found homes: **June 4** - Parkersburg-Wood County Library dedicated a new branch at Williamstown. Speaker: Arch A. Moore, Jr.; Librarian: Edie Lindley; West Virginia Library Commission representative: Dave Childers. **June 17** - War Public Library - Master of Ceremonies: Glenn Hatcher; Speaker: A. James Manchin; West Virginia Library Commission representative: William Davis; Historian: Luella Dye; Librarian: Frances Blankenship. **November 17** - Cowen Public Library - Master of Ceremonies: Howard Blyler; Speaker: Superintendent, Ray B. Mitchell; West Virginia Library Commission representative: Donna Calvert; Librarian: Diane Forbes. **July 9** - Richwood Public Library had a formal opening in an elegant new structure designed by Wilson & Goff. Construction was at a cost of \$360,000. Master of Ceremonies: Jim Comstock; Visitor: Arch A. Moore, Jr.; Historian: Edwin Pratt; West Virginia Library Commission representatives: Frances Jones, John and Donna Calvert, Louise Young and Judith Prosser; Librarian: LaTroy Beal. **January 12** - Dedication of Ronceverte's Outpost Library. Speaker: Sarah Lee Neal; Keith Morgan, Chairman of the Board; West

Virginia Library Commission representative: Donna Calvert; Librarian: Frances Hennessey.

Remodeling or adding an annex - these new library structures were dedicated recently: **June 14** - Clendenin Public Library - a remodeling of the former Appalachian Building. Master of Ceremonies: Gary Ellis, President of Board; Speaker: Dewey Kuhns. A special shelf was dedicated to Dr. Dale Harper. Kanawha County Library representatives: Nick Winowich and Joel Stern. **November 18** - Hamlin Public Library held an opening of their new annex for children, built with EDA funds. Host: Ellen Wilkerson; Librarian: Hettie Roush.

### LIBRARY PROMOTION

#### Fund Raisers

#### *Fayette Tribune - Whitewater Trip to Aid Mount Hope Library Branch*

"Will you be one of the rafters?" New River Adventures is cooperating with the Friends and Staff of the Mount Hope Library is sponsoring the trip. Cost is \$32 per person. Call 469-9627. Each person taking the trip must be at least 14 years of age and be able to swim.

The trip will take whitewater enthusiasts from Thurmond to Hawk's Nest. Mount Hope's Library Friends are seeking ways to finance the local share of the cost of the new library building to be constructed soon. (An Instant shell design)

#### *Wetzel Democrat - New Martinsville Library Announces "Dutch Auction"*

"Through the generosity of the Bicentennial Committee copies of the glass plates were made available by Viking Glass, which features an etching of the New Martinsville City Hall,"

When the Bicentennial Committee sold the plates, they were priced at \$10, and already they are commanding prices greater than that as collector's items. They will be sold by the library at the original \$10 until September 30. Then on the first day of the "Dutch Auction," October 1, the price will be reduced by 25¢ each day the library is open.

According to officials, the number of plates remaining and the price will be announced each day on Imogene's Girl Talk show on Radio WETZ.

#### *Dominion Post (Morgantown) - Rock- A-Thon Benefit Starts Saturday*

Friends of the Cheat Area Library are sponsoring a fund drive this Saturday and Sunday to raise money for needed audio visual equipment.

Such items as a movie projector and screen, record player, earphones, records, educational and seasonal films and books for the West Virginia collection will be enjoyed by all who use the library.

Hours for the Rock-A-Thon will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Five area schools are collection pledges and will rock in some of the 30 chairs which will be at the library. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and "rock" to help raise the needed funds. There will be refreshments provided, prizes, and a bargain book sale and a surprise event.

The Morgantown Public Library will be showing the film, "Autumn Across America," at 2 p.m. on Saturday. This is a beautiful scenic film aimed at awakening a respect for all living things.

### TRANSITION

We bid farewell and Godspeed to four leaving the State:

**Claudya Muller** and her husband, **Bill**, have moved to Maryland's

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### TRANSITION contd

Eastern shore, After two years in the State, Claudya leaves Jackson County's library to head a County Library at Snow Hill, Maryland. Bill moves from Mason County Library to serve as Public Relations head for the Eastern Shore Regional Library of Maryland.

**Shirley Mills**, after five years in the Mountain State, leaves Miracle Valley Regional Library at Moundsville to serve as Executive Secretary of the Public Library Association of ALA Headquarters in Chicago.

**Clarence Coffindaffer** leaves the directorship of Raleigh County Library to work on his doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh.

### NEW ARRIVALS FROM OTHER STATES

**Edwin Rauh**, from Gallia County Library in Ohio, is the new director of Jackson County Library in Ripley. He earned his MS in Library Science at Western Michigan in Kalamazoo.

**Shella Hughes**, the new Assistant Librarian at Potomac Valley Library in Keyser, has just completed her professional training at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Shirley Johnson**, new librarian at Summers County Library in Hinton, moved to the State with her husband from Georgia last year, she studied library science at University of Alabama.

**Michael Ontko** is the new librarian at the Clay County Library. He is the brother to Frank Ontko, Director of the Stonewall Jackson Regional Library in Buckhannon. Michael graduated in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Tom Wrenn** moved from branch

librarian at Dunbar to become Reader's Services Librarian at Kanawha County Public Library. Replacing him is **Steve Crowley**, former Reference Librarian at the Morgantown Public Library.

**Kathy Whalen** was transferred from the St. Albans Library where she was Children's Librarian, to the Elk Valley Branch Library where she is the new librarian.

### STAFF CHANGES AT THE LIBRARY COMMISSION

**Carol Bryan**, former head of the Exposure! Division resigned to free lance in the Graphics and Publicity field. She will publish an idea promotion sheet called "The Library Imagination Paper." Replacing her is **David H. Martin** of Charleston, with art training from William and Mary College, Marshall University and the University of Texas in Austin.

**Steve Christo**, head of the Film Library, resigned to accept a sales position with Pyramid Films. **Stephen L. Fesenmaier** of Minneapolis, Minnesota replaces him. Steve worked with the Minneapolis Film Society.

**William Davis** was admitted to the Library School of North Texas College in Denton. (Filling the gap in several vacancies in the Field Service librarians staff is **Mrs. Shirley Smith**, a graduate of Case Western Reserve Library School, who has been on the staff of Kanawha County Library for five year.) **Libby Stultz**, former head of Institutional Services has resigned to take care of her new son (John Gardner Stultz, Jr.)

### ADULT ACTIVITIES

#### Post Herald (Beckley) - **Language Bank to Help Foreigners**

A list of names of persons with multi-lingual skills is available at the Raleigh County Public Library.

The creators of the list, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, have called it a "language bank." In short, it is an index card file listing names and telephone numbers of persons who can speak English and at least one other language who are willing to help translate.

Thirty-five resource persons speaking 19 languages have consented to having their names listed as interpreters to help translate other languages into English.

The need became apparent through the citizenship classes the society has conducted for foreign-born persons preparing to take US Citizenship Tests.

"We think this will be a real community service," Louise Leary, Personal Growth and Services Chairman, said, "It's something good for the library and something that will benefit the whole community."

#### Examiner (Moorefield) - **Be A Patron**

The Hardy County Public Library Association and the Arts and Humanities Council of West Virginia have brought to Hardy County a fine arts program.

During the coming year there will be jazz and classical musicians, a folk singer and a theatrical activity will perform.

The Arts and Humanities Council is coming up with part of the financing, but locally citizens must do their share of the work. Donations of \$10 per person were encouraged. Four evenings of entertainment would be received for each \$10 received.

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Send any contributions to the Hardy County Public Library Association and become a patron of the fine arts.

#### *Jackson Herald (Ripley) - T. M. Program at Library*

A free introductory lecture on the Transcendental Meditation Program was held at the Ravenswood Public Library on August 10, 1978 at 10 p.m.

John Gardiner, Chairman of the Parkersburg Center for the Transcendental Meditation Program, explained the value of the TM technique for reducing stress, providing clearer thinking and getting more out of life.

A film "A New Fringe Benefit" was shown during the lecture, highlighting interviews with meditating employees of a New York milk company.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

### *Logan Banner*

The Chapmanville Public Library has free "picturepages" for pre-school age children so that they can work along with Captain Kangaroo on his television program. These are available at the library for the 20-week program.

The library will sponsor a "Name the Ghoulies" contest for Halloween contest for children.

"Trade Rack" for paperback books can also be found at the library.

#### *Parkersburg Sentinel - Martha Rosier Honored: Librarian of the Month*

"Martha Rosier, librarian at the Parkersburg-Wood County Library, sponsored several special activities at the library this summer. Two such activities were the Reading is Fundamental Program and the Summer

Reading Club.

Reading is Fundamental - held in conjunction with the Parkersburg Junior Woman's Club. Meetings were held each week from July 11 - August 8. A story or book activity and a craft activity were featured at the meetings. Books were distributed to the children.

Summer Reading Club - met every week from July 12 - August 16 to discuss books which were read the previous week. Members were required to read at least one book per week, and the one who had read ten by the end of the summer received a special certificate, and everyone participating in the program received a special prize."

#### *News (Ravenswood) - Dial-a-Story Used by Children*

Dial-a-Story has been in operation at the Jackson County Public Library for one year. When children dial 273-5405, the phone circuit puts out electrical cues to trigger a special tape player that immediately begins playing the story selected for that week.

The tapes begin and end with musical excerpts, and last approximately four minutes. The children are greeted by a professional storyteller's voice, told a story and are then invited to visit the library where lots of exciting books can be found.

Some of the stories used are traditional folk tales like "The Billy Goats Gruff," "The Elves and the Shoemaker," or "Sleeping Beauty."

#### *Journal (Martinsburg) - Author Visits Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Library*

One of the highlights of the Summer Reading Program at the Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Library was the visit of Helen Oakley, author of children's books and a Summer resident of Shepherdstown.

The author, who has a background in

newspaper writing and magazine editing, has been having her writings published since 1937. She also had a bookshop in New York City.

Her children's books are "The Horse on the Hill," "The Ranch by the Sea," "The Enchanter's Wheel" and "Freedom's Daughter."

The Summer Reading Program, under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Hammond, opened with the children releasing helium balloons that scattered in all directions. Many of the children have heard from people who found their balloons.

#### *Post Herald (Beckley) - Stories, Animals, Songs, Crafts Fill Summer at Sophie Library*

During the summer children flock to hear books read, see films, learn crafts and songs and explore nature.

This week's big attraction was a three-week-old goat, a hamster and some mice. Last week it was skunks.

A blood pressure clinic is held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays with a registered nurse on hand to take readings.

#### *Rainelle Woman's Club to Sponsor Party for Summer Readers*

The Summer Reading Program had a theme of Star Wars at the Rainelle Public Library.

A party was sponsored by the Rainelle Woman's Club for the youngsters who finished the Summer Reading Program.

Games for the older children and games and entertainment for younger ones were among the activities held to conclude the program.

#### *Nicholas Chronicle (Summersville) - Library News*

August 17 was the Frisbee Throwing Contest at the Craigsville Public Library. 29 participants were present.

The next week there was a Frog Race and the Grasshopper Race.