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## Now They Can Read It in Spanish

Crystal Capelis of 149 Seventh St., librarian, shelves books at Biblioteca Manuel Alonso, a library for the Spanish-speaking community. The new lending library, opened yesterday, offers books, records and

films in Spanish about Puerto Rican history and culture. It's at 946 Clifford Ave. Biblioteca is funded by Title I and sponsored by the Monroe County Library System and the Ibero-American Action League, Inc.

Biblioteca Manuel Alonso

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# Spanish Library to Open

A library with about 1,500 volumes in the Spanish language will open Friday noon at the Ibero-American Action League, 938 Clifford Ave.

The Biblioteca Manuel Alonso is housed downstairs in the middle of three league buildings. A Puerto Rican art and cultural center is upstairs.

The books, published by

Puerto Rican companies, emphasize Puerto Rican history and culture and include a sizable collection of South and Central American works. The new library also has records and films.

Crystal Capelis, librarian, said some of the books are ready to be circulated and at

least half of the others will be ready within two weeks. The Rochester Public Library is cataloging the materials.

Books may be borrowed for four weeks, records for two weeks and films for three days. Miss Capelis said the library won't impose fines for overdue materials.

The library was financed for one year through Title I funds under the Library Services and Construction Act, Miss Capelis said. Books were purchased in New York.

An open house Friday will continue to 9 p.m. Three films about Puerto Rico will be shown at 7:30 p.m.

and the Monroe County Library System, funded by a federal grant.

The library is named for the author of the first book to be published in Puerto Rico about the island, in 1894.

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Spanish Language Library Lists Film Series

will be shown — "El Bloque" depicting Puerto Ricans living in New York City's Lower East Side, and "Hometown," showing Puerto Ricans involved in New York's artistic activities.

The film series, which began Monday, is the first of several planned activities in the new Spanish language library, which opened Sept. 29 as a joint project of the Ibero-American Action League

## Library Projects Hit by 'Crisis'

Two local library projects, including a Spanish-speaking library, will have to go on a "crisis budget" because President Nixon vetoed the Health, Education and Welfare bill last month which contained their funding. Monroe County Library System (MCLS) Director Harold S. Hacker reported on their status to the system's board of trustees yesterday.

The projects are Biblioteca Manuel Alonso (Manuel Alonso Library) which recently opened at 946 Clifford Ave. and the Urban Information Center. The center gathers and distributes information of interest to inner-city residents through libraries and agencies.

MCLS received \$55,000 from the federal Library Services and Construction Act for those and two other minor projects this year. This money runs out the end of this month. Since no new appropriation has passed Congress, the projects will have to run on half the money or \$27,500, which is allowed under a continuing resolution of Congress. This will keep both projects alive for four months, Hacker said, and by that time he hopes new federal funding is passed. If not enough money is appropriated for 1972-73, it's expected the Spanish library will be kept going rather than the Urban Information Center.

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A series of film showings, mainly designed for Rochester's Spanish-speaking people, is being presented free to the public this week in the Manuel Alonso Library, 946 Clifford Ave.

# Budget Cuts May Close Down Spanish Library

By ANITA JOHNSON

Funds for the city's only Spanish community library are drying up, and the facility may have to shut its doors when the money runs out March 31.

Biblioteca Manuel Alonso Library, a 1,500-volume library operated by the Rochester Public Library and Ibero-American Action League, was not funded in President Nixon's 1973-74 budget.

The library, which opened last September, at 938 Clifford Ave., was financed originally under funds in the Library Services and Construction Act, says librarian Crystal Capelis.

Miss Capelis said that she was hopeful the library would again be funded this year, but since there's no federal aid for library services in the new Nixon budget, she's not certain whether they will be

able to operate after March 31. That's when the grant runs out.

After Nov. 30 of last year, her salary was paid through unspent funds from the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), but now that's ending, too.

Miss Capelis said that Harold Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library and the Monroe County Library System, asked for subsidy in the county budget, but was turned down.

The library, which is in a converted house, is the center of Spanish books, newspapers, magazines, records and films mainly for Puerto Ricans, but also Cubans and other Spanish-speaking visitors.

The library is open five days a week and on Thursday nights. Miss Capelis is the only paid employee.

Books may be borrowed for four weeks, records for two days and films for three days.



CRYSTAL CAPELIS

No fines for overdue materials are enforced, "but we get them back anyway."

A small library, with only three rooms for books, it has at least 100 visitors a day, Miss Capelis said.

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## Briefly

### New library branch

The Rochester Public Library's Spanish language library, Biblioteca Manuel Alonso, will open a satellite branch on Wednesday at the St. Francis Center, 77 Whitney St. Service will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The opening will be celebrated on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Center. The public is invited.

The Biblioteca Manuel Alonso, the Spanish-language branch of the Rochester Public Library, will sponsor a program commemorating the day slavery was abolished in Puerto Rico at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Center 700 North St.

The program will celebrate the African influence on Puerto Rican culture with Black poetry, music of the Bomba and spiritualistic dances.

The program is open to the public free of charge.

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Marta Sabado in the Biblioteca Manuel Alonso at 946 Clifford Ave.

## All-Spanish library D. & C. NOV 30 1978 serving Hispanics

By DEDE MURPHY

The first floor of a converted house at 946 Clifford Ave. contains a collection of resource materials, magazines and novels all written in Spanish and assembled for Rochester's Spanish-speaking community.

The Biblioteca Manuel Alonso is one of only a few Spanish libraries in a national public library system that generally ignores the nation's Hispanic population according to a recent library association publication.

When Alonso opened in 1972, only two other Spanish libraries existed in the Northeast. In this month's issue of the Wilson Library Bulletin, the Rochester public library system is designated as one of nine that have developed significant services for Spanish-speaking residents.

"Alonso is unique in that it is all Spanish," said Alan Kusler, head of public relations for Rochester Public Library. "Others may have a Spanish section, but this is one of the few Spanish public libraries in the country."

Named for a 19th-Century Puerto Rican physician and author, the library is an extension service of the Rochester Public Library, not a branch.

It opened after the Ibero-American Action League requested a Spanish library and is in a house rented from Ibero. The Monroe County library system financed the first two years under a federal grant. When the grant expired, Kusler said the city of Rochester agreed to pick up the tab.

Each year, Hispanics of all ages and at various reading levels check out about 10,000 books, records and magazines from the crowded library shelves, said library director Jose Rodriguez.

"Most of our customers are adults. We have to find a way of increasing use by youth," he said. "We have a good start. What we need for the future is to continue building with an eye on the community and changes there."

Rodriguez said the library opened to serve Rochester's Puerto Rican pop-

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## SPANISH

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ulation, but Spanish-speaking people also are arriving here from Cuba and South America.

"We have to make sure those countries are included in the collection," he said. "When people are looking for a particular material, they don't want to hear about budget crises."

The "biblioteca" Spanish for library also operates programs at three day schools and a book station at St. Francis Center, 75 Whitney St. It also sponsors a Spanish-language film

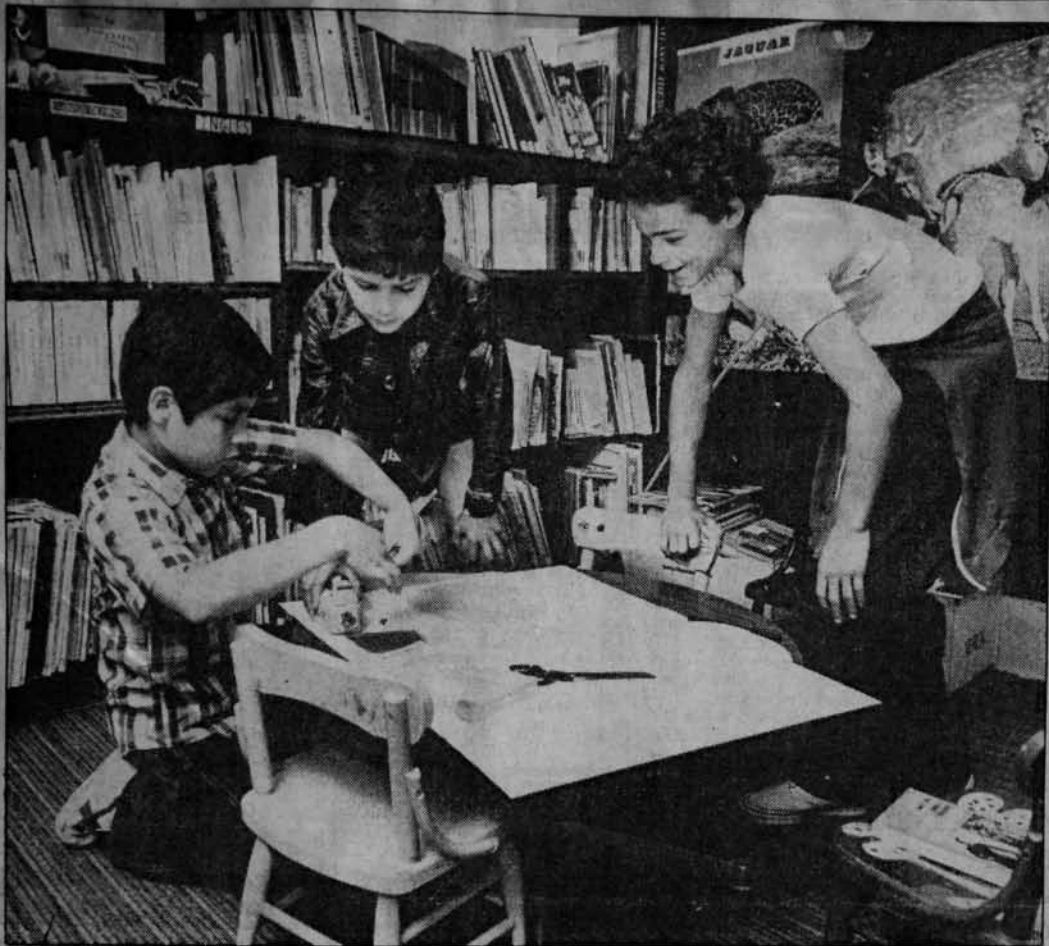
series and school programs.

Rodriguez, a native of Puerto Rico who immigrated to New York City, manages the facility with two part-time clerical workers.

According to the Wilson Library Bulletin, Rodriguez is one of only about 350 Hispanic-heritage librarians in the United States.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates Hispanics will be the largest ethnic minority in the United States by the end of the century, and libraries are unprepared for the resulting "cultural shock," the bulletin says.

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Radames Montalvo, Reinaldo Montalvo and Edward Felong, left to right, working on kites.

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## Hispanic library closing

1 of 3 in country;  
books to be shared

By DEDE MURPHY

D&C Staff Writer

The Biblioteca Manuel Alonso, Rochester's Spanish language library and only one of three Hispanic libraries in the country, will close Sept. 1.

The library's 10,000 books, magazines, records, resource materials and its librarian will become part of the Monroe County Library System's extension service and will rotate among library branches in areas with Hispanic residents, said Linda Bretz, County Library System director.

"We haven't worked out all the details yet. We're still going through this ghastly budget-cutting process," Ms. Bretz said yesterday.

The library system — which receives city, county and state money — will receive \$107,000 less than anticipated for its 1981-82 fiscal year.

Alonso occupies the first floor of a converted house at 946 Clifford Ave., owned by the Ibero-American Action League.

It opened in 1972 and is an extension service of the Rochester Public Library, not a branch.

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Spanish language library shares Clifford Avenue house.

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## HISPANIC

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In a budget package submitted last week to the Rochester Public Library board of trustees, Ms. Bretz recommended Alonso be closed to save \$21,000 of its \$40,000 annual operating budget.

The recommendation was made because the building — which is rented from Ibero for \$2,600 a year — needs repairs and remodeling. In addition, circulation at the library has dropped in recent years.

"We realize what a sensitive kind of issue this is for the Hispanic community, but we are trying to improve services," Ms. Bretz said.

Although the city's largest concentration of Spanish-speaking people live in the Clifford Avenue area, pockets of Hispanics are scattered throughout the city and Monroe County, census statistics show.

By rotating Alonso's collection among branches and including materials in the traveling "bookmobiles," more Spanish-speaking residents will be served, Ms. Bretz said.

"We'll be taking the service to them instead of expecting people to come to Clifford Avenue," she added.

The board of trustees is expected to vote on the recommendations June 18, but Ibero and Alonso's director already have been notified of plans to close the library. Ms. Bretz said it's unlikely there will be a change in the recommendation before the board meeting.

Pablo Rivera, Ibero's director, has asked to meet with library officials to discuss alternatives. Ms. Bretz said Ibero may keep a portion of Alonso's collection, if it agrees to provide its own library staff. But Rivera said yesterday Ibero doesn't have the staff to keep a library open full time.

"I don't think it is justified at all. There must be other places where savings could be had and the impact on the community not as great," Rivera said. "I acknowledge that the current facilities are inadequate. But just to eliminate it all together — it doesn't make sense."

Rivera said he agrees with the idea of rotating some of the collection to other branches and sites, but believes there should still be one central location open to the public. He proposes delaying the decision to close the library to give Ibero time to look for a new location.

Jose Rodriguez, Alonso's director the past four years, says he objects to closing the building be-

cause he fears it may be the first step towards eliminating services for Spanish-speaking people.

"The collection itself needs to be housed by itself in one place within the community," Rodriguez said.

As part of the extension service, the collection of materials — all written in Spanish — won't be open to the public at a consistent site, he said.

Rodriguez said he wasn't consulted before the recommendation to close Alonso was made and he has asked for a written explanation for the recommendation and of how much money will be saved.

Rodriguez said circulation of materials has dropped to 5,000 check-outs a year the past two years, compared to a peak of 15,000 check-outs three years ago.

Ms. Bretz said that on the average, only six books or magazines an hour are checked out at Alonso. "It's not very cost-effective in terms of utilization of staff to have them sitting there while six books an hour are circulated," she said.

Alonso's staff includes Rodriguez and a part-time clerical worker. Another part-time clerical slot is unfilled.

"I'd feel better about the decision if I thought everything possible had been done to make this a viable library," Rodriguez said.

He said the building needs improvements and a better security system. In recent years, it has been burglarized six times and more than \$4,000 in equipment stolen.

Rodriguez said he bought locks for the doors himself after waiting three months for a request for new locks to be approved.

Three years ago, Rochester's Public Library System was designated by the *Wilson Library Bulletin*, a national library magazine, as one of nine in the nation that had developed significant services for Spanish-speaking people.

Alonso was cited as a unique service because, although other library systems may have a section for Spanish-language materials, only two other Spanish-language public libraries exist in the country.

"Not very many places have attempted to do what we've attempted with Alonso. We regret having to let it go as a separate library unit," Ms. Bretz said.

"But we don't have a lot of choice. In order to relocate it, we'd have to pay more (for rent) and where else would we put it? There wasn't anywhere else that we'd be able to afford."

To Arnett Branch Librarian

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# Pupils Send 35-Ft. Note of Thanks

"Thank you for letting us come. I liked the story, Valerie Rogers."

It's always nice to get a thank-you note—especially from a second-grader—and even more so if she sends along a crayon sketch of herself and if it's one of 25 such notes.

All this adds up to a 35-foot scroll of white shelving paper on which are pasted the 25 carefully penciled messages, the cut-out crayon self-portraits, and two views of the Arnett Branch, Rochester Public Library. The recipient was Mrs. Lucille Carman, children's librarian at the branch, and the senders were Mrs. Winifred Colwill's second grade class in School 16 at 321 Post Ave.

"I liked you. Did you like me? Jeannie."

On one of the children's educational trips, they were taken recently to the Arnett Branch to see how a library operates. They oodled at the stack of books and they ah-ed when they were invited to sit and listen to one of Mrs. Carman's stories.

The trip made such an impression on them that their teacher, on their return to their classrooms, suggested they make up a thank-you note as a class project. And the children also drew pictures of themselves, so the librarian would remember which child was writing which note.

"Thank you for letting us know what you do in the morning, Betty Schmitt."

The library wasn't new to some of the children, for one in particular knew it was closed during morning hours. During the tour Mrs. Carman was called on to tell why the branch wasn't open all day.

One little girl, a member of the class for only a week, wasn't there in time to make the trip. But she made a sketch of the library building while the others were drawing and writing, and by popular acclaim the class voted her picture should go at the top of the greeting. She is Anna-Mette Wennermark, newly arrived from Denmark.

Now the big people at the main library are trying to figure a way of displaying the note so everybody can see what the children think of their librarian and branch.

"My class liked the Arnett library. I liked it too, Your friend, David Ulrich."



ON ITS WAY—Second graders of School 16, helped by their teacher, Mrs. Winifred Colwill, prepare a 35-foot thank-you note for Mrs. Lucille Carman, librarian, after visit to Arnett Branch of city library system.

## 35-Foot Letter Says 'Thank You' To Library

Something new in library exhibits was to be hoisted up a pillar in the central hall of the Rochester Public Library this afternoon—a 35-foot thank-you note.

Senders were the second-grade pupils of School 16 at 321 Post Ave. On a recent educational trip they visited the Arnett Branch where children's librarian Mrs. Lucille Carman mixed stories with instruction on how the library operates.

Their teacher, Mrs. Winifred Colwill, noting their enthusiasm after the visit, suggested a thank-you note. Under her direction the 25 children penned notes on white shelving paper interspersing them with self-portraits and two drawings of the Arnett Branch.

Samples: "I liked you, Did you like me? Jeannie." "Thank you for letting us come. I liked the story, Valerie Rogers."

Mrs. Carman passed the scroll on to Marion L. Simmons, library's public relations director, who called it "ingenious" and made preparations for its display.

## City Role in Civil War To Be Library Topic

Rochester's participation in the Civil War will be discussed by City Historian Blake McKelvey at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Arnett Branch Library, 310 Arnett Blvd. His talk is the last in a three-part series on the Civil War. The public is invited.

## Library Branch For Sale

The 42-year-old Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library is for sale.

For \$70,000 you could buy the library and a grocery store and upstairs apartment next door at 312 Arnett Blvd.

Unlike most of the city's library branches, the Arnett Branch is privately owned and is leased every year to the library. Albert F. Walker built the one-story brick library for \$22,000 in 1923.

Paul and Katherine Roides, who operated the grocery store next to the library for nine years and own the library, have filed voluntary bankruptcy. The court-approved price for the store and library is \$70,000, according to the Roides' attorney.

The two buildings were offered recently at a public auction, but no one met the price.

Harold Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library, said the Genesee and Portland Branches, as well as the Arnett Branch are leased by the library.

The Arnett Branch was originally constructed as a library, he said, and he'd be surprised if the library didn't remain the tenant.

## Car Hits Library; Driver Arrested

The driver of a car that jumped a curb, struck a parked auto and slammed into a plate glass window of a public library branch in Arnett Boulevard last night escaped injury but later was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Patrolmen Ralph Vito and Charles Cady said a car driven by Ralph Stauffer, 21, of 74 Frost Ave., caused about \$1,300 damage to the front of the Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library, 310 Arnett Blvd. Stauffer's car was wrecked. The accident occurred about 9:15 p.m.

## Arnett Library Has No Takers

No one wanted to buy the Arnett Branch Library building yesterday, so the property reverts to the holders of the first mortgage.

The building was offered for auction yesterday by Trustee James B. Doyle, after owners Katherine and Paul Roides had declared bankruptcy. Doyle declined to name the holder of the first mortgage.

No matter who owns the building, the Rochester Public Library will remain there and pay its annual rent \$2,127. Albert F. Walker built the one-story brick library for \$22,000 in 1923.

## Tips for Gardeners

Bernard Harkness, horticulturist of the Rochester Garden Center, will discuss "Helpful hints on successful spring gardening" tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in a second program for retired people at the Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library, 310 Arnett Blvd. Friends of the Rochester Public Library will provide refreshments. All retired persons are welcome.

## Commends Group For Library Trip

By Stella Foote  
Children's Librarian  
Arnett Branch

Many grades have come to the Arnett Branch Library for an introduction to the Children's Room and its services.

Recently two classes of handicapped youngsters from the orthopedic department of No. 29 school came a good half mile, all but three in wheel chairs. This in itself was special, but the dedicated people with these youngsters who ranged in age from 6-12, should be given public recognition.

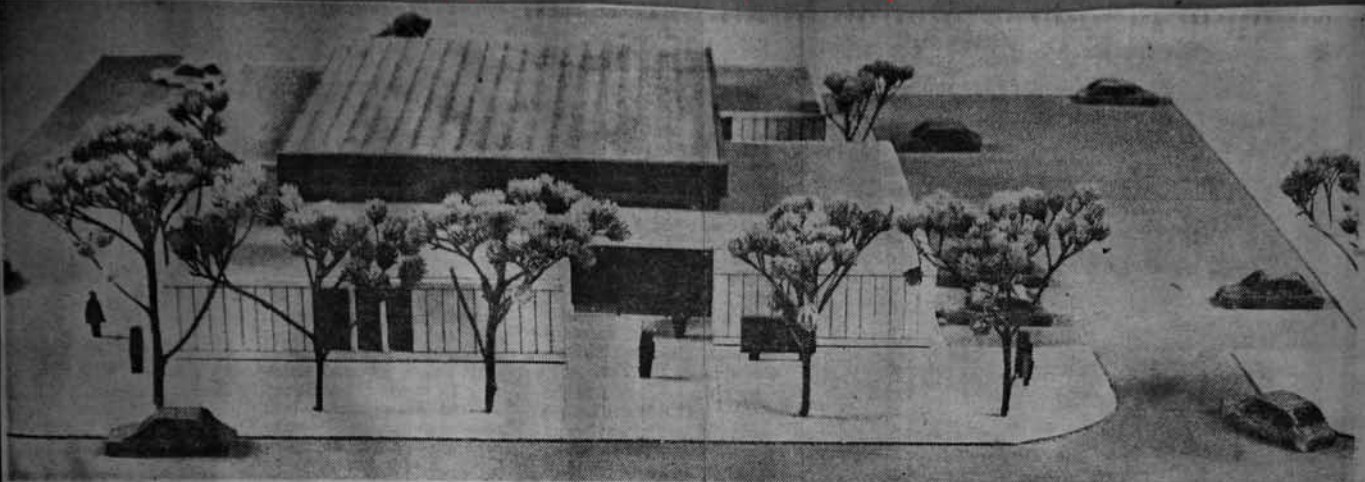
The trip would have been impossible had it not been planned very carefully by the two teachers, Mrs. Juanita Matteson and Miss Kay Marshman. Extra help was definitely needed. This came from 15 Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 199 in Webster whose leader is Mrs. Robert Tulley. Since the Webster schools were recessed for Easter vacation, these girls were free to volunteer their time and energy as one of their service projects.

With Mrs. Tulley's Girl Scouts were several other adults, and with the two school teachers was a student teacher Miss Patricia Weiss. School safety Policeman Piccelli helped get the youngsters and their wheelchairs into and out of the building.

150 Maxwell Ave.

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Model of new Arnett Branch of Rochester Public Library.

## Library That'll Be More Than Books

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The old store-front library at 310 Arnett Boulevard which has served the neighborhood for 47 years will yield in the near future to a new building three times its size.

Plans are in the model stage for the new \$500,000-to-\$600,000 Arnett Branch library, which includes complete audio-visual equipment, a multi-purpose room and section for information on community groups. Library officials hope for completion in a couple of years.

An additional 12,000 square feet surrounding the old rented brick building has been acquired by the

city, said Miss Virginia Miller, assistant director for the Rochester Public Library extension service. "The Arnett Branch will be much larger than older branches," she said. "It will hold a volume capacity of around 30,000."

**HOUSED** in the newly-planned library will be 8-millimeter films, film strips and slides as well as print and sculpture reproductions.

"These will be on loan to individuals, but can be used by groups in the library too," Miss Miller said.

The single-story structure will also feature a multi-purpose room with a capacity for 100 people and

divided areas where local community groups can distribute information about their organizations and their activities.

The new Arnett library will be built with the handicapped in mind, Miss Miller explained.

"It will have off-the-street parking, access by steps and doorways and lowered phones so those in wheel chairs can reach them," she said.

A new system of filing both children's and adult volumes together will be tried for convenience sake and carpeted, air-conditioned rooms will allow comfortable reading for the some 25,000-30,000 area residents.



Illustration by Donna Marie Pasino from "America is Also Italian" by Jerre Mangione.

**'Book Is Delightful'** *D.B.C. JAN 24 1971*

WHILE BROWSING at the Arnett Branch Library I saw Jerre Mangione's "America is Also Italian" I have read the book and should like to share this pleasant literary discovery with others.

I am not of Italian parentage and I am not acquainted with Mr. Mangione but I thoroughly enjoyed reading this warm, charming and delightful short book. It is written with much love and tenderness and is devoid of criticism, rancor and bitterness.

There is so much turmoil and hatred in our society today and it is certainly refreshing to read a book about the struggles and deprivations of the immigrants of not too long ago that is written with warmth and gentleness and without a trace of bitterness. I am sure that all who read this book will be the richer for it.

MRS. JUNE CHIAVARELLI, 140 Brooklee Drive

### Work to Start On New Arnett Library Branch

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Work will begin next month on the new Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library at the present Arnett site, 310 Arnett Blvd.

Construction of the \$705,000 branch was made possible by \$255,000 in additional funds authorized last week by City Council.

While the library is being built, a small building nearby will be used as a temporary Arnett branch.

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### Work in Library Starts in October

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The city has cleared the way for work to start next month on a new \$705,000 Arnett Branch of the public library.

The new facility will be built on the same site as the present one, at Arnett Boulevard and Warwick Avenue.

The first phase of the project will be to refurbish a small building nearby to serve—along with a bookmobile—as a

temporary library. After books and staff have moved into the temporary facility, the present library will be torn down to make room for the new one.

Completion is set for late 1972, the city says.

The Rochester City Council last Tuesday unanimously appropriated \$255,000 in extra financing so construction could begin.

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THE CITY YESTERDAY AWARDED A CONTRACT TO THE architectural firm of Waasdorp, Northrup and Kaelber to design the new Arnett Branch Library.

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## Snow Removal Funds Hiked By \$575,000

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With a wary, backward glance at the Blizzard of 1966, City Council last night increased appropriations for snow removal for the rest of the year by \$575,000.

The additional financing was necessary because of the \$824,000 price tag on last winter's record-breaking blizzard, which all but bankrupted snow removal allocations for the year.

In a letter to the council, City Manager Seymour Scher said he believed the additional roadway snow removal appropriation of \$500,000, coupled with a \$169,000 balance, would be sufficient for the remainder of the year.

Snow removal allocations are budgeted from January to December. To provide for sidewalk plowing for the rest of the year, the council authorized appropriation of an additional \$75,000.

Scher told the councilmen the extra money is "essential for continued snow removal operations" through December.

In other action, the council authorized the issuance of bonds for the purchase of land at Arnett Boulevard and Warwick Avenue for the construction of a new Arnett branch library building. Funds for the branch are included in the 1966-72 capital improvement program.

Scher told the councilmen the Rochester Public Library no longer holds a lease for its Arnett branch building and "could be evicted at any time upon 30 days' notice."

The council also approved a \$250,000 bond issue to finance sidewalk and gutter construction and repair.

Scher said deterioration of curbs 60 to 80 years old has increased because of heavier traffic over the last two decades.

### May to Give Review At Arnett Library

Dr. Arthur J. May, University of Rochester historian, will review "Presidential Greatness," the new book by Thomas Bailey, at the Rochester Public Library's Arnett Branch, 310 Arnett Blvd., tomorrow at 10 a.m.

This is one of a series of "Live 'n' Learners" monthly programs for persons over 55. Refreshments, provided by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library, will be served before the program.

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### Lamb to Propose Library Bonds

Mayor Frank T. Lamb will introduce a bond ordinance for \$405,000 at tomorrow's city council meeting. The funds are to be used for construction of libraries.

Lamb said he also will introduce a measure authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with architects for the design of a replacement of the Arnett Branch Library, 310 Arnett Blvd.

Construction would be planned for next spring, he said.

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## Greater Rochester This Morning

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## Arnett Library

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## Gets State Grant

The State Education Department has authorized a \$193,216 grant for the construction of a new \$500,000 Arnett Branch Library. Harold Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library, said yesterday.

The city will pay the costs not covered by the grant. The city owns the land and the facilities of the present library at 310 Arnett Blvd. Hacker said the old building will be torn down to make room for the new library.

Construction bids are expected in the fall. The Library will serve more than 30,000 persons, roughly the city's 19th Ward.



### Ornament Hour

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Two members of the "Story Hour" class for preschoolers at Arnett Boulevard library decorate a Christmas tree put up in lot next door with

ornaments they made themselves. Ben Dengler, of 285 Sherwood Ave. and Keith Bates of 133 Elliott St. were among 40 children to take part.

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D&C Photo by John G. Walter  
Fran Freimarck, front, Carolyn Smith stack books.

## Library On Arnett Moving

The Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library will be closed indefinitely while its books and materials are moved from the storefront building at 310 Arnett Blvd.

The branch will reopen in a truck next door, at 308 Arnett Blvd., a spokesman for the library said.

The library will operate out of the truck, and a small building on the lot, from one to two years, the spokesman said.

The old storefront, the library home for 48 years, is being torn down to make room for a new, \$705,000 library three times its size.

The branch will try to provide complete library service from its temporary quarters, the spokesman said.

Library programs will probably be scheduled in neighborhood buildings as space becomes available, he said.

LIBRARY TO MOVE: The Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library will be closed from Saturday through June 17 while moving into an adjacent new building at 310 Arnett Blvd. No overdue fines will be charged for Arnett Branch materials due the days the library is closed. Opening ceremonies will be held June 17 with full service resuming June 18 1971

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# New Library Has a Community Stamp

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Mrs. Stella Campbell

PROBABLY no public building in Rochester reflects more community impact than the spanking new \$700,000 Arnett Library opening soon.

Nineteenth Ward residents are rightfully proud of the one-story, 12,000-square-foot, air-conditioned structure of contemporary design, with picture windows illuminating comfortable expansive reading areas and embodying the latest in library accoutrements. They have an understandable and gratifying feeling that "it's ours."

From the first, Arnett was planned with the recommendations of the 19th Ward Community Association, Rochester Public Library director Harold Hacker said. There was no dictation from downtown.

The new building, at 310 Arnett Blvd., triples the space of the 48-year-old structure that preceded it. For a year and a half Arnett branch head Stella Campbell and her staff dispensed materials from a bookmobile.

THERE WILL BE opportunity, at three open houses, for public inspection of this serene and shiny haven of enlightenment and relaxation. They are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. tomorrow and Friday, 10:30 a.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The library will be open to borrowers Tuesday, June 19.

The new library puts 30,000 books and 150 periodicals at the disposal of borrowers. But the modern library is more than a fancy shelter for books. It means serving people, individually and in groups.

For example Mrs. Campbell, in a "sneak" tour, was downright ecstatic over the community room. It can seat 100, is used apart from the reading rooms, and is only the second branch in the library system with a projection room. Starting Sept. 1, it will be open to non-profit community groups under rules to be announced.

Community orientation is plainly stamped on other services or facilities innovative or distinctive at Arnett, including:



Homer King

—Juvenile nonfiction books shelved with high school and adult fiction. When you think about it, this makes sense. It accommodates the bright sub-teen rocket student who can take on adult reading; it spares the adult beginner in Spanish the embarrassment of plucking an elementary textbook from the juvenile racks.

—Urban Information File. Localized data enable staffers to make immediate, specific referrals on social (no book) problems. It could be a mother looking for child care, a pregnant girl needing help, or even a hungry citizen who's lost his welfare check.

—"Live and Learn." Unique to Arnett, proclaimed in Library Journal, copied widely, this is a program for more than 200 over-35 citizens. Their monthly educational meetings will be facilitated by new quarters.

—Outreach. Arnett is a link in the library system's program of taking materials to the shut-ins who cannot come to the library.

—Wheelchair borrowers remembered. A ground-level entrance, reading and community rooms, drinking fountains and restrooms are easily accessible.

The library, artistically, with its beige walls, off-white ceilings and olive green carpeting, its roominess, is a pleasant place. But flexibility and function predominate. There will be parking for 35 cars; offices, working space, lounge area for staff, custodial and store rooms, 180 drawers of catalog cards, ample charging areas, microfilm and copying facilities. Without crowding, 100 visitors can find reading room seats or carrels. For the first time Arnett will have daily newspapers.

The non-print loan resources are enormous — 2,000 disc records, hundreds of films, tapes and slides, 40 pieces of sculpture and 150 framed prints.

This catalog of assets is impressive. But Mrs. Campbell, mother and grandmother and branch head for 10 years, gives it all a refreshing touch: "The library is the only community source of information that's not tied to politics or any special interest. Our hands are free. The library need not answer to anyone except the taxpayers themselves."

## Open Houses at New Library

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Local musical groups, a poet and a folk singer will be included in open house programs at the new Arnett Branch Library at 310 Arnett Blvd. in the 19th Ward. The programs, which are scheduled before the actual opening on Tuesday are tonight at 7, tomorrow at 7 p.m., and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Dedication ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday.

Entertainment programs will feature the Bible-Aires and the Swamp Root Singers, all 19th ward residents.

On Friday at 7 p.m., the Funky Heavy, a soul band, will perform followed by a film titled "Blessed is the Rain" produced by the 19th Ward Youth Group.

## A library grows

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Years ago, the public library was thought of as a quiet repository of books for borrowing. Today the modern library is no longer quiet; it has become vibrantly alive with community-oriented functions. No one has been more alert to or more involved in this welcome trend than Stella Campbell. As head of Arnett Branch she had a heavy role in meeting community library needs. She helped plan construction of a new library building opened last June. She witnessed the loan resources of books expanded to include records, films, tapes, slides, sculpture and pictures. She helped promote a "Live and Learn" program unique to Arnett. She was aggressive in an outreach program of taking materials to shut-ins.

Now, after 20 years in the Rochester Library system, 11 at Arnett, Mrs. Campbell has earned the rest and satisfaction of retirement. We could quote her on many facets, but we suspect she was most invigorated by the knowledge that, in her words, "the library is the only community source of information not colored by politics or tied to any special interest." There lies the gut strength of the system she served so well.

Staff of the new Arnett Branch library gave a kitchen shower to which they invited staffers from other libraries. "The city budget doesn't include funds for kitchen towels, coffee mugs, a fly swatter and other equipment for the staff room," Stella Campbell, head of the Arnett branch, noted. Guests also brought plants, vases, glasses, silverware, tea kettles and toasters. "We thought we were kind of smart to have a shower," Mrs. Campbell said. "Some of the other branches said they're going to do the same thing when they have an opportunity."

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# Librarians to Be Trained

## To Handle Young Vandals

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Youth workers from the 19th Ward Youth Project will begin training Arnett library staff members next week in handling youths who librarians say vandalize and disrupt the library.

Fran White, acting project director, said library personnel have reported numerous incidences of harassment and disturbances by youths.

The program will begin Tuesday at Arnett branch, 310 Arnett Blvd., and run through July 30.

"The library staff is trained in library sciences, but not necessarily in handling unruly youngsters," Miss White said. "There have been increasing reports of vandalism and a variety of other problems."

William Cox, associate director of Rochester Public Library and director of branch libraries, is hopeful the program does some good. "They've had their share of problems with youth," Cox said. The youth group will hold eight workshops.

"These workshops would revolve around the basic kinds of theory and orientation that might be helpful. These would be techniques we have found useful in dealing with youth," Miss White said.

"The workshops would offer some give and take between library staff doing some role playing. We would gear that to the staff and the particular needs of the facility."

This youth group, part of the 19th Ward Community Association, received a \$20,000 grant from the federal Community Development Act, to operate the program.

"We intend to help youth use facilities more appropriately in addition to training the library staff," Miss White said. "At first library personnel asked us to have a youth worker stationed at the library."

"But we thought we could better serve them by showing them how to do the things they have asked us to do. We know that many times kids come in just to get out of the cold."

"But rather than pitching them out, we'd like to be able to channel their energies more constructively."

Before the program ends,

an evaluation committee will take a look at its results. "We hope we will have been suc-

cessful, so that other groups might also look to us for help," Miss White said.



THE ARNETT BRANCH OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## Arnett Library Gets Helping Hand

The Rochester Public Library's Arnett branch is getting a little help from its friends.

A group called the Library Lovers is being formed to lend a hand with problems at the branch, 310 Arnett Blvd.

"It's an important place," said Sharon Stear, 485 Rugby Ave., the group's organizer, "and we want people to be supportive of it instead of giving up and going home."

The branch's major troubles, said Mrs. Stear, stem from "it becoming, in many ways, a social and recreation center for kids who want a place to hang out. They talk and eat and hang around in large numbers, intimidating some patrons."

Vandalism has resulted, Mrs. Stear said, as well as a dropoff in library use by neighborhood residents. "It's a problem for the librarians to police the building," one of the system's largest, she added.

The group hopes to form three committees, Mrs.

Stear explained, to work with staff as volunteers, plan programs at the library and "find out how the kids' needs can be met in other ways."

"This is not just a police action," she added, "as we'd like to do something positive for them and the library." The group will meet with workers from the nearby YMCA and the 19th Ward Community Association's Youth project.

The library "is all in favor of the group," says Elizabeth Lindsay, senior clerk, "and we're behind it all the way." The youths who "seem to meet here do rather tie up the library," she added, "and some adults getting together might be a good control."

The Arnett branch, among the library's busiest, is in the 19th Ward on the city's southwest, and also serves the 3rd, 11th and 20th wards.

### Jones to head branch library

Lew Jones, formerly director of

the Henrietta Public Library, has been named head of the Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library. *D+C Sept. 18, 1974*

Jones came to Henrietta in September 1977 and directed much of the interior planning and design of the town's new library. Earlier he had been assistant to the director of the State University College at Stony Brook and coordinator of information services at the State University College at Oswego.

Jones resigned from Henrietta under allegations of incompetence and insubordination.

### 7 library branches reopen

Seven Rochester Public Library branches that were closed this past week will reopen today on their regular schedules.

They are Arnett, Edgerton, Hudson, Maplewood, South, Wheatley and Winton Road Branches. The four oil-heated branches — Charlotte, Monroe, Sully and Lincoln — will return to normal hours after having been on expanded service schedules last week. The Rolling Library today will make all its stops, including those at schools.

### Arnett Library Group Meets

A group interested in helping solve problems at the Arnett branch library, 310 Arnett Blvd., will meet there at 4 p.m. Monday. The "Library Lovers" group is sponsoring a tea, and has invited library, city, county, recreation and community officials.

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# Youth problems surface at Arnett Library again

by Beth Polio

Staff at the Arnett Library plan to take a course not usually associated with library science: how to handle teenage aggression.

It's hoped the in-service training, taught by workers from the 19th Ward Youth Project, will give Arnett librarians the tools they need to understand the problems of local youth.

The classes are just one tack library staff will take in the next few weeks to curb a recently accelerated problem with neighborhood youth at the 310 Arnett Boulevard branch.

According to patrons and staff, large groups of young people, as many as 120 at one time, are using the Arnett Library as a recreation center from mid-afternoon until closing.

The youth play radios, jostle each other, abuse the female staff with obscene language, and disrupt the atmosphere for other young patrons and adults.

"The library is not a library for them," says head librarian Lew Jones. "They want a recreation center."

"It's not dangerous here, but it's not very comfortable," he adds.

There has been evidence of youths drinking beer in the back sections of the library, Jones says. One 11-year-old boy was evicted for drunken behavior. Although no drugs have been confiscated, Jones says the staff has smelled marijuana.

Three weeks ago, a fistfight erupted among several youths. Last week, the library closed a half-hour early. Some nights, as many as 23 teenagers are asked to leave. "Some we kick out two or three times a night but they just come right back in."

Weapons, in the form of razors and knives, have been drawn on occasion but most of the problems are described as "acting out" by youth 12 to 16 years old.

The problems are not new to Arnett. A 19th Ward Community Association sponsored Library Intervention Project five years ago supplied staff workers for in-service training at Arnett.

Nor are the problems peculiar to the 19th Ward. According to Steve Lesnak, assistant director of community services for the Rochester Public Library: "The same thing is a potential for all city branches."

Lesnak says he's received two complaints from Arnett patrons about excessive noise and rowdy behavior by large groups of youth.

In many ways, the library has its hands tied in dealing with teenage aggressors.

There has been a 100 per cent turnover in library staff in the past year, says Jones. He joined the Arnett branch in September from the Henrietta branch library. The previous director kept extensive files on problem teenagers, Jones says, but because he and his staff are new, they have been unable to connect the faces with the names.

"The kids know they have a certain amount of anonymity with us," he says. At-

tempts to register teenagers using the facilities have met with community resistance, he says.

As a taxpayer-funded institution, the library is mandated to provide services for all residents. Young people are aware that they cannot be permanently excluded from the library as they can be in a privately-run organization like the Arnett YMCA.

"Our authority is pretty fuzzy," Jones says.

And Lesnak concurs: "We don't have much clout."

Jones says he hopes problems will ease when the library fills its sentry position, vacated two weeks ago.

Residents balked at the idea of a uniformed guard at the library several years ago, but that feeling may have changed, says 19th Ward Community Association President Larry Miles.

"In my opinion, it's the best thing they could do," Miles says.

The library's layout has been revamped to eliminate closed sections. On December 29 and 30, the staff hauled 40,000 volumes and rearranged shelving to open up the rear sections and make youth more visible, Jones says.

Hours have changed to allow adult patrons time to use the library before school recesses. A "time out" from 6 to 6:30 p.m. has been added to encourage teenagers to check in at home.

The essence of the problem is the lack of drop-in or recreation centers for local teenagers, residents suggest.

In a letter to Jones dated January 2, the Rev. Philip Giles of the Southwest Church suggested converting the room adjoining the main library as a youth lounge.

Jones disagrees. "We're trying to set an atmosphere where kids can study. They've got to be able to do serious work here."

Jones says he hopes to pull together a coalition of community groups, including the 19th Ward Community Association, the 19th Ward Youth Project, and the Arnett YMCA, for a brainstorming session on the lack of youth services.

"The fact that these kids are acting out tells us something is wrong," he says. "I don't think the problem is any worse than it's been in previous years. I don't believe you can control the situation by kicking kids out for two or three months. That's just masking the symptoms."

## Wilson meets

Parents or community members interested in working on plans to establish a triple magnet curriculum at Wilson Junior High School will meet at 7 o'clock tonight at the school, 501 Genesee Street.

They will be asked at the meeting to sign up for one of several subcommittees including administration, curriculum, public relations, and recruitment and building.

# Rowdy Teens Turn Library Into Hangout

By TOM WILLIAMS

When is a library not a library? When rowdy teen-agers drop in after school, make noise, start fights and make life generally uncomfortable for quieter library patrons and staff, according to 19th Ward residents who use the Arnett branch of the Rochester Public Library, 310 Arnett Blvd.

Cold weather has recently caused local junior high and high school students to use the Arnett library as a "recreation center" on afternoons after school, said some local residents and library staff members.

As a temporary measure to calm things

down, the library has posted a staff member to guard the door, and is requiring all youths high school age or under to show a library card or agree to sign up for a card before they can enter, Lesnak said.

Another alternative is for the youths to show that they are prepared to quietly do school work in the library.

There aren't any good indoor public recreation centers in the area and many can't go home after school until their parents come home from work, said 19th Ward resident Debbie Leary, who helped organize a citizens' group this week to work on the problem.

The result is the library is being used for something quite different from its original intent, Mrs. Leary said.

"It turns up at a different branch every year," said Stephen Lesnak, director of community services for the Rochester Public Library. "Last year, it was at the Lincoln branch (535 Clifford Ave.), but everything's fine there this year."

Lesnak said he sympathizes with the youths and their parents who think the new policies may be too restrictive.

"But when all hell breaks loose, what are

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# Rowdy Teens Turn Library Into Hangout

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you going to do?" Lesnak complained. "I've had half a dozen calls from people who won't go up there and won't send their young children up there anymore. When these (older) kids are in there raising hell, you can't give service to anybody else."

Arnett branch head Lew Jones said the more restrictive policy has made the library quieter in the past two weeks. Circulation has gone up as a result and more younger children are using the library, Jones said.

But Jones wants a "more positive" solution, he said.

He said he's meeting today with representatives from the City Recreation Bureau, 19th Ward Youth Project, 19th Ward Community Association and the Arnett YMCA to see if some recreational activities can be developed to steer problem youths away from the library.

Five years ago, a Library Intervention Project co-sponsored by the city and the Youth Project solved a similar problem by

coaching library staff members in methods of dealing with troublesome youths. But the problem cropped up again this year when there was a nearly 100 percent staff turnover for a variety of reasons not related to the discipline problem, Lesnak said.

Kathy O'Neill, a member of Mrs. Leary's group, said that while the community is upset with the Arnett problem, "we want a strong community library open to all people, including teen-agers."

"We want to deal with these youths in a constructive way," Lesnak said.

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## Library Branch Ransacked

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The Charlotte Branch of Rochester Public Library at 40 Stutson St. had a late caller last night who chose to ignore the books.

According to the library caretaker, Charles Brest of 5 Hughes Pl., the stranger entered sometime after 9 p. m. by smashing a rear window. He then prowled from room to room and ransacked two employees' lockers. What was taken hasn't been determined.

## Prowlers Ransack Charlotte Library

Prowlers ransacked the Charlotte Branch of the Rochester Public Library sometime after 9 p. m. Wednesday. A rear window was smashed and two employees' lockers were broken into, police said. As far as employees could determine nothing was taken.

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## Parking Problem

I think the following incident should be brought to the attention of the people of Rochester. Its implications are terrifying.

It was brought before the police department that the 15-minute parking area in front of the Stutson Street Public Library was being used for all-day parking by the patrons of nearby establishments thus making it difficult for library patrons to find parking space. A couple of days later the police department put up signs barring parking entirely from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. The same people are still parking for hours, unmolested, but the timid library patrons are looking in vain for nearby parking.

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## Library Proposed At Phone Exchange

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The Charlotte telephone exchange building at Lake avenue and Britton road, now in the last week of its telephone career, may become a branch of the Rochester Public Library.

Today, the only possible obstacle seems cost.

The 20-year-old building cost about \$75,000 but couldn't be duplicated today for three or four times that price, according to William A. Kern, president of Rochester Telephone Co.

However, Kern said, the telephone company could offer it to the city at a modest price. The state Public Service Commission, he added, might not approve an extremely low price: "They don't like us to give our property away."

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**THE BOARD** of trustees of the library has voted to ask the city to consider buying the property. City Manager F. Dow Hamblin has indicated the city will be interested if the cost of buying and remodeling can be managed.

Tentative remodeling plans provided by the library are under study in the city engineer's office. The building has a steel frame and is in sound condition, Kern said.

It would replace the present Charlotte branch, which is in rented quarters at 40 Stutson St.

The telephone company will start serving the Charlotte area from its new dial exchange building on Dewey avenue at 12:01 a. m. Sunday. It has no plans for the Lake avenue building after that time.

## Hacker Sharp-Eyed For Library Branches

It won't be long now. A cutover to the new Northfield-University exchange by the Rochester Telephone Corp., at midnight Saturday put 85 per cent of Rochester's telephones on the dial system. There are only about 21,000 telephones left on manually operated service.

The new exchange will enable the company to vacate the old Charlotte exchange at Lake avenue and Britton road. The alert Harold S. Hacker, director of the public library, immediately spotted it as a possible new home for the Charlotte branch of the library which now occupies rented quarters at 40 Stutson street.

This is a solid and well-kept building and is in a good location to serve that section of the city. It could probably be bought and remodeled for library use at less cost than branch libraries recently constructed. If so, it would be a fine addition to the library system.

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## City Seeks Bids For Library Unit

Bids will be received Tuesday by City Purchasing Agent Kenneth Punnett for the remodeling of the Rochester Telephone Corp.'s building at 3615 Lake Ave., former Charlotte Exchange, which will become the Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library. *Aug. 7-1968*

The telephone corporation sold the building to the city last December for \$40,000. Remodeling of the structure, which will replace the one in Stutson Street, is expected to be finished in 90 days and cost not more than \$7,000.

## Library Bids Due on Aug. 9

City Purchasing Agent Kenneth Punnett will receive bids Aug. 9 for the remodeling of the old Rochester Telephone Corp. building at 3615 Lake Ave., which will become the Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library.

The building was purchased from the telephone corporation last December for \$40,000. The remodeling, which is to be finished in 90 days, is expected to cost not more than \$7,000. The new branch will replace the one in Stutson Street.

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## \$20,713 Bid Lowest for Library Branch

Stewart & Bennett Inc. of 126 N. Water St. was apparent low bidder today on a contract to convert the old Rochester Telephone Corp. building at 3615 Lake Ave. into the Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library. *MES UNION AUG 1960*

The city purchasing agent's office reported Stewart & Bennett bid \$20,713.

There were two other bidders. J. Lloyd Lill offered a price of \$22,994, and George Kircher & Son, \$25,897.

The building was purchased by the city from the telephone company in December for \$40,000.

## City Converting Phone Building

Workmen have started renovating the former Rochester Telephone Corp. building at 3615 Lake Ave for use of the new Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library. The city purchased it last December for \$40,000.

The renovation includes installation of steel shelving, new furnishings, fluorescent lighting and a book lift between the first and second floors.

Work will be completed in mid-December and the branch ready for use about Jan. 1, library officials said.

## Library Shift By Jan. 1 Set In Charlotte

The Charlotte Branch Library is expected to be moved into the former Rochester Telephone Corp. office at Lake Avenue and Britton Road by the first of the year, the Rochester Public Library board of trustees reported yesterday.

Renovation of the building will use the last of the \$200,000 trust left by Darrey D. Sully who died in 1931.

The city took title to the former telephone building in February. Renovation is scheduled to be finished by Dec. 19.

Other topics discussed at yesterday afternoon's board meeting were:

The revised contract between the Monroe County Library System and the City of Rochester expected to be presented to City Council at its next meeting. City Manager Gordon Howe yesterday toured some of the branch libraries with Harold S. Hacker, Rochester Public Library director.

The "lawn" at Dewey Avenue Branch Library. A landscape engineer suggested English ivy instead of grass but "it didn't grow," Hacker said, so the landscape engineer will replace it with grass.

Staff: "Every professional position for which we have been recruiting has been filled," Hacker said.

The salary schedule for librarians recommended by the New York Library Association Oct. 11. The present starting salary for Monroe County librarians is 9 per cent lower than that suggested by the association, and the maximum salary here for non-supervisory librarians is 32 per cent below that recommended by the association.

Books Sandwiched In. The noon hour book review series sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Public Library, has brought 376 listeners during its first three weeks. Last year the audience average was 358.

Circulation of books, 88,444 for the first 9 months of this year, a 5.9 per cent increase over the same period last year.

Taking books to people, the library's program of lending books on a particular subject to various group meetings. The books may be distributed by the chairman of the meeting. No library cards are necessary.

The policy requiring children under the seventh grade to receive a referral from a librarian before being allowed to borrow books from the adult section of the main or branch libraries.

## Charlotte Library Opening Set

March 15 Date  
For New Location

The Rochester Public Library's new Charlotte Branch is expected to open March 15 in the former Rochester Telephone Corp. building at Lake Avenue and Britton Road.

The library reports that \$19,000 in new furniture and equipment is expected to be installed in time for the opening.

The new branch will replace the present Charlotte branch at 40 Stutson St. The old quarters are rented and library officials consider them outmoded for library purposes.

Purchase of the RTC building for \$41,600 was approved by the City Council Dec. 22, 1959.

Finances for the new library branch came from a bequest left to the city by Darrell D. Sully, lawyer and banker, who died in 1931.

J. Frank Traynor, president of the library Board of Trustees, said the \$345,000 Sully bequest is now practically depleted.

The money also has been used to build the \$133,000 Sully Branch Library on Bay Street and the \$162,000 Dewey Avenue Branch and to purchase the \$25,800 city bookmobile, known as the Sully Mobile Branch.

Traynor said the library now has no other source of money other than the city to meet needs for construction and improvements. He said the library board would welcome gifts or bequests for memorial buildings.

IN AN ANNUAL REPORT the library noted a five per cent increase in books circulated during 1960. The total was 2,123,047 as compared with 2,021,827 in 1959.

The number of questions asked of reference departments in 1960 was 144,946. The total was 128,403 in 1959 and 107,622 in 1958.

The results of an attempt to improve the salaries of professional library workers, boosted starting pay from \$4,380 in 1958 to \$4,836 at the start of this year. In 1960, 21.5 per cent—or 20 of the 93 profession workers—resigned from the staff.

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## New Library Readied

Interior of the new Charlotte Branch of the Rochester Public Library is readied by Richard Bump (left) Palmyra, and Robert Granger, 118 West Elm St., East Rochester. who are looking at blueprints at the library checkout desk. The library is housed in the former Rochester Telephone Building on Lake Avenue and is scheduled to be opened about March 15.

FREE SHOW: "Cinderella," as a puppet show staged by fifth- and sixth-grade children, Charlotte Branch of the Rochester Public Library at 3615 Lake Ave. The free showing, with hand-made puppets, costumes and scenery, is one of a series of "Cinderella" productions planned for branch libraries around the city.

## New Library Unit Ready to Open

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The new Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library will open Wednesday in the former Rochester Telephone Corp. exchange office at Lake Avenue and Britton Road.

The old branch, in Stutson Street, closed last week. Books due at the branch during the week it is closed may be returned to any other unit of the Monroe County Library System, or kept by the borrower without fines until the new library opens.

Completion of the new branch virtually exhausts a \$345,000 fund left to the city for library uses by Darrell D. Sully, a lawyer, banker and philanthropist who died in 1931. The estate was left in trust to a niece. Upon her death it went to the city. The Sully Branch library in Bay Street, the Dewey Avenue Branch and the Sully Mobile Branch (or city bookmobile) have consumed the rest of the fund.



**BOOKWORMS' BEDLAM**—A deluge of small fry invaded children's room in new Charlotte Branch of Rochester Public Library when it opened yesterday

at 2 p.m. The new branch, housed in the former Rochester Telephone Corp. building, Lake Avenue and Britton Road, replaces library branch at 40 Stutson St.

### LIBRARY DEDICATION

The new Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library will be dedicated tomorrow at 8 p.m. at a community open house there. The branch, at Britton Road and Lake Avenue, Charlotte, has been open since March 15.

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### March 15 Opening Set for Library

The new Charlotte Branch of the Rochester Public Library, the former Rochester Telephone Corp. building at Lake Avenue and Britton Road, is expected to open March 15.

The library hopes to have some \$19,000 in new furniture and equipment installed by the opening date. The building was purchased for \$41,600. Finances for the new branch came from a bequest to the city by Darrell D. Sully, lawyer and banker, who died in 1931.

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### Charlotte Library Dedication Slated

Dedication of the new Charlotte Branch of Rochester Public Library will be held at a community open house program at 8 tomorrow night at the branch, Lake Avenue and Britton Road.

The branch opened March 15. During April, 17,929 books were borrowed, a 61.4 per cent gain over April of last year when the Charlotte Branch was located on Stutson Street, officials reported.

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## Library Branch In Charlotte Opens Doors

Book borrowers yesterday jammed the new Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library as it opened its doors for the first day of business.

Mrs. De-res Hannan, branch librarian, reported that more than 2100 books were signed out by the troop of youngsters and adults who filled the new branch building from 2 to 9 p.m.

Located in the former Rochester Telephone Corp. building at Lake Avenue and Britton Road, the branch replaces the former Charlotte division at 40 Stutson St.

Ten staff members worked through the afternoon and evening to register new borrowers and sign out books. Mrs. Hannan said and added "We could have used extras."

A good day in the Stutson Street branch, the librarian said, would mean that 700 or 800 books had rotated.

The children's department was particularly busy as students filed in and out shortly after classes ended for the day. About 4 p.m., as many as 150 children were crowded into the upper floor which contains the children's selections.



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## Books, Small Fry and Free Shows

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Encouraging children to read books by showing them movies is the novel approach of the Charlotte branch library's vacation reading program this summer.

Under the program, explains Olga Edwards, children's librarian, youngsters read two books a week and report on them. Then they get to see a free movie at the library.

"There was this spook he was about this high and he was shaped something like this," begins a breathless summary of his work by 9-year-old Jimmy Nighan.

Mrs. Edwards admits she's not always strict about the reports.

"Some of the children are so shy. You have to kind of draw it out of

them," she explains.

ONE SELF-CONSCIOUS 7-year-old, who can barely see across the top of the counter, has to reach up to hand over his printed report. A 5-year-old girl has books read to her by her mother.

Appropriate gestures accompany Michael Anuszkiewicz' account of a book on forest rangers' problems: "It tells about this bear that got a milk can on his head. . ."

Third-grader Regina Bennett has an even briefer description. Her book was about "a whole mess of animals."

A FEW MINUTES before the

program starts, the room is empty except for one or two children. A few minutes later, Mrs. Edwards' desk is the center of a sea of young readers.

A couple of last-minute sprinters across the lawn testify to the enthusiasm of the participants.

"We had 80 here last week," reports Mrs. Edwards. This is the younger group. About 20 fifth to seventh-graders meet earlier in the day.

A colored map showing a route dotted with little flags bearing the children's names indicates their progress each week.



JIMMY NIGHAN  
32 Harding Road



JOANNE TANGO  
241 Hampton Boulevard



DAVID TIEDE  
856 Denise Road



**SUGAR DADDY**—J. Frank Traynor, library board head, is center of attraction for youngsters grabbing sweets at dedication of new Charlotte branch.

## Library Branch Dedicated

The dignitaries almost got lost among regular users of the new Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library during last night's dedication ceremonies.

While library and city officials did the honors upstairs, the checkout desk on the ground floor did a brisk business with patrons to whom the branch had become a familiar convenience in the six weeks it has been opened unofficially.

Until recently the site was the home of the old Charlotte exchange of the Rochester Telephone Corp.

That utility was singled out for special recognition for its cooperation by all three speakers. Harold S. Hacker, library director; Mayor Peter Barry and J. Frank Traynor, chairman of the library trustees, cited the telephone company for making the building available at a fraction of its market value.

The idea, Hacker said, came from Mrs. Henry Kobylarz,

who suggested that the library acquire the building at Lake Avenue and Britton Road when the utility announced it was moving out. RTC President William A. Kern, he said, accepted the idea, and city and library officials went along.

Barry paid tribute to Hacker for anticipating the prac-

tical and legal questions that had to be raised, and coming up with workable answers. Traynor paid special tribute to the late Darrell D. Sully, whose \$350,000 bequest of 1939 financed the new branch's equipment — as well as two complete new branches and the Mobile Library.

The Charlotte branch moved to its new quarters in March from the old Charlotte Village Hall at Lake Avenue and Stutson Street. April — first full month of the operation — saw a 50 per cent increase in book checkouts, Hacker said, indicating the extra service the library gives at its new location.



—Times-Union Photo—T. Gordon Masever

**Right Out of a Book** **AUG 18 1973**

**Branch Library yesterday. Robin lives at 61 Free-**

**mont Rd. The kitten came from Lollypop Farm.**

**CORRECTION:** A picture caption in last Thursday's Newswatch incorrectly identified the location of a police bicycle-marking session. The session took place at the Maplewood Community Library, 1111 Dewey Ave. The Times-Union regrets the error.

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**10/15/79 Dec**  
A GRANT FROM the New York State Council on the Arts has made it possible to loan free of charge a 16mm sound film projector, a group of films on art and a projection screen. As part of a rotating system among area libraries, the films are now on loan at the Charlotte Branch, 3615 Lake Ave., until Nov. 8. Then they will be on loan at the Fairport Public Library.

## Library Will Display Charlotte History Exhibit

The third in a series of Charlotte history exhibits will go on display at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Charlotte branch of the Rochester Public Library, 3615 Lake Ave.

# Bid Opening Postponement

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the proposals for the ALTERATIONS TO THE LINCOLN BRANCH LIBRARY, originally scheduled to be opened at 11 A.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on September 29, have been postponed until Monday, October 6, 1969.

REED H. HARDING  
Purchasing Agent  
DB—Sept. 27—11—D&C.

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Rochester Public Library has found a new use for the type of carriages used in supermarkets. They're being given a trial as kiddie carriages at the Lincoln Branch, 585 Clifford Ave. Mrs. Albert Aroesty, 34 Dorbeth Rd., trundles son Elliott, 20 months old, about the library as she peruses the shelves. Car keys help keep Elliott busy.

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OF THE TIMES

## HUGE Harold ...and His Listeners

"Huge Harold" is a book about a rabbit that just grows and grows.

For youngsters at the Public Library's Lincoln Branch, 585 Clifford Avenue, it's an hour of sheer enjoyment as a children's librarian reads "Huge Harold" and other books to them.

This is part of the Reading Club held on Wednesdays and Thursdays to get children interested in books and to increase their reading skills.

Similar programs are held at other branch libraries.

—Peter B. Hickey

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Christina Kolacz, 11  
of 49 Farbridge St.

When Harold the rabbit was tiny and small  
His feet started growing and that's about all.  
"Oh Gracious!" his mother exclaimed in surprise.  
"They're two times too big for a rabbit your size!"  
"That's a sign," said his father, "he'll grow to great height."  
And Father's prediction turned out to be right.



Kim Hilling, 6  
of 338 Remington St.

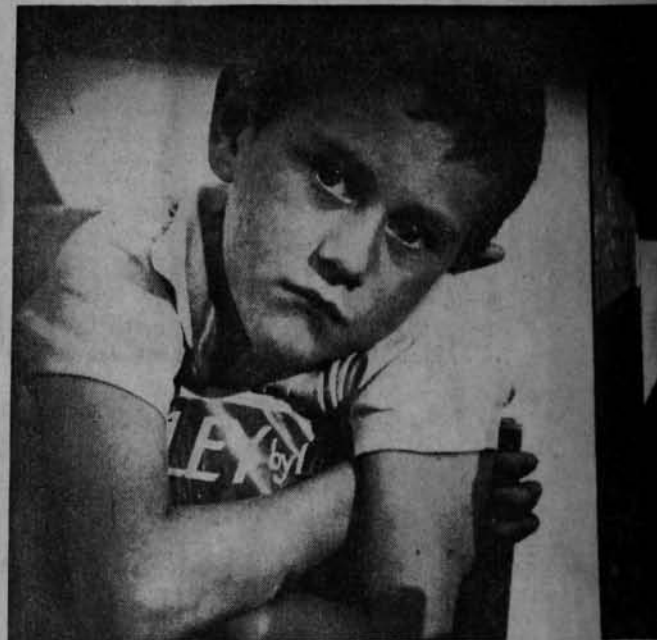
The crowd loved huge Harold and all brought him treats  
Such as lettuce and celery, spinach and beets.  
It was too good to be true, like a wonderful dream,  
Why, they even brought Harold some carrot ice cream.  
But all this success didn't go to his head,  
He remained very modest and humble instead.  
For rabbits, you see, aren't affected by fame,  
No matter what happens they're always the same.

"Huge Harold" by Bill Peet, published by  
Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston

Huge Harold was now in a worse spot than ever.  
To outwit the hunters he has to be clever.  
He ran down ravines and ran up low ridges  
And waded down creeks and he hid under bridges.  
He ran on for many a mile,  
Then finally decided to rest for a while.

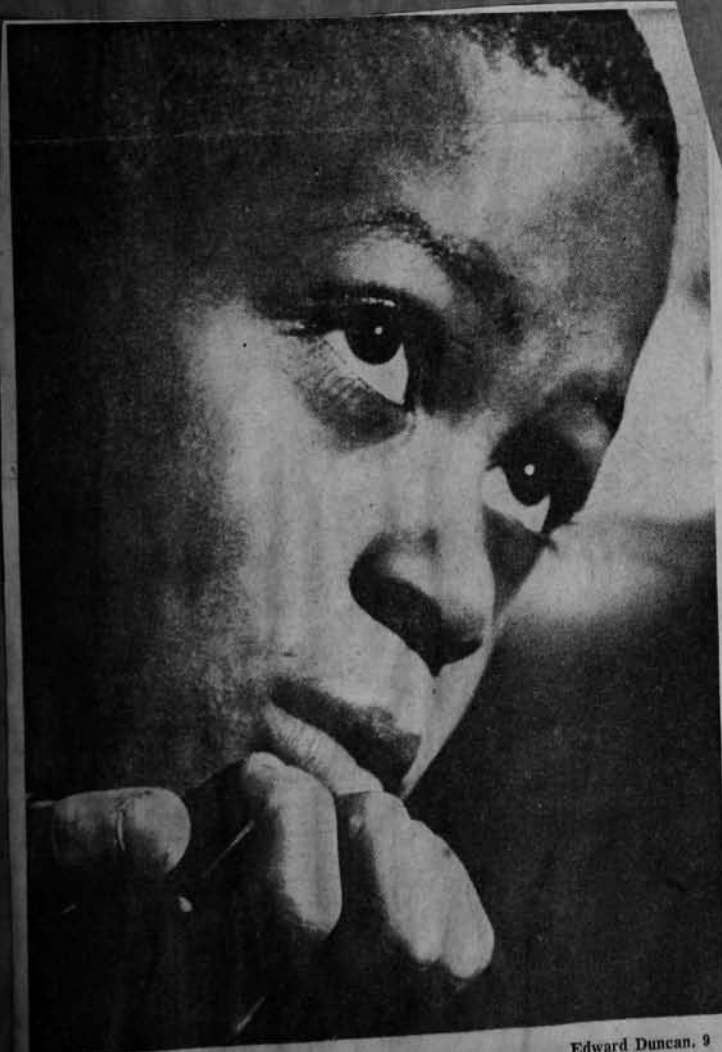
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Scotty Ratliff, 8  
of 6 Elmira St.

He discovered a house, a deserted old place  
With dark ghostly windows like eyes on its face.  
He approached the old mansion with feelings of doubt.  
Which would be safer now, inside or out?  
His decision was made by a great thunder crash  
And Harold was through the front door in a flash.



Edward Duncan, 9  
of 62 Gorham St.

## Library Speaker

In a special program for Negro History Week, David Parks, photographer and author of the book "G.I. Diary," will speak at the Lincoln Branch Library, Clifford and Joseph avenues, tomorrow at 8 p.m. A question and answer period will follow.

## Lincoln Library Bids Received

George Kircher and Sons, Inc., is the apparent low bidder for alterations to the Lincoln Branch Library, 585 Clifford Ave., with a bid of \$41,035.

Five other bids ranged as high as \$55,353. The contract is expected to be awarded within a few weeks.

The work, which is expected to take 120 days to complete, will include installing air conditioning, a display case, aluminum doors and an intercom system, as well as exterior work.

## Cultural seminar in branch library

D. &amp; C. MAY 21 1976

An Afro-American Puerto Rican cultural program and historical seminar will be held this weekend at the Lincoln Branch of the Rochester Public Library, 585 Clifford Ave.

Tomorrow from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. there will be an African workshop conducted by Duah Agyeman, who is from Ghana and a member of the Ashanti tribe; dramatic readings by GeVa theater's Douglass Barnett; a play by Millita Ortiz of the Puerto Rican Youth Development and Resource Center; a performance by the "Los Boriquenos" band; a karate demonstration; and films from the library's collection.

A panel discussion on Rochester's black and Puerto Rican communities will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

## Black, Puerto Rican communities subject of library seminar

D. &amp; C. MAY 22 1976

An Afro-American Puerto Rican cultural program and historical seminar is being held today and tomorrow at the Lincoln Branch of the Rochester Public Library, 585 Clifford Ave.

Today's schedule includes an African workshop conducted by Duah Agyeman, a native of Ghana and a member of the Ashanti tribe; dramatic readings of "Scenes from a Black Life"; a play by Millita Ortiz of the Puerto Rican Youth Development and Resource Center; a performance by the musical band "Los Boriquenos"; a

Karate demonstration by Jose Rivera; and films from the library's collection.

It will be held from 1-5 p.m. Tomorrow's program which runs from 2-5 p.m. will consist of a panel discussion on Rochester's black and Puerto Rican community.

Scheduled to participate are Franklin Leonard of Action for a Better Community, Mabel Butler of the Baden Street Settlement House, and four representatives of the Puerto Rican community—Julio Diaz, Pedro Mojica, Felicita Quinones and Ana L. Mirabal.

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## Upstate Letters

## INSIDE THE LIBRARY

As head of the Lincoln Branch of Rochester Public Library, I would like to comment on Thom Akeman's article about Joseph Avenue in the Oct. 7 Upstate.

I am pleased Akeman noticed the display in the library window. I wish, however, that he had come inside and discovered that we had more to offer than books on civil rights and chess. We have an attractive building that houses a heavily-used black studies collection in addition to a rather broad "basic" book collection.

We also have books in Russian, Hebrew and Yiddish which are used by many of the community's older residents. The second floor of the library houses a media center where films, records, tapes, filmstrips, etc. may be used or borrowed. We have film programs for children every afternoon and, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, films for the family.

Our children's room is busy with class visits from the neighborhood schools. There are story hours for school and pre-school youngsters. There are earphones so that children may listen to records. Our young adult librarian has had a successful ping pong contest with the older youngsters and is planning a karate demonstration in November. Chess and checkers are available too, and highly popular with young people.

Lincoln Branch also has library aides who work in the community with senior citizens and who visit day-care centers.

In the midst of the blight, the rubble and despair there are many individuals and agencies trying to give help and hope. My staff and many library users wish you had brought out these points.

David Thompson  
115 South Ave.  
Rochester

## DISAPPOINTED

I am writing in regards to the Oct. 7 article on Joseph Avenue. I was very disappointed in the article; it covered points that were not at all necessary, and left out a great many good items about the area.

I agree with the letter of David

Thompson, of the Lincoln Branch Library on Joseph Avenue. The library there was passed over in the article as if it didn't matter to the public.

Another item of great importance that was left out was the Baden Street Settlement. That institution has been in the area for over 25 years. It has served all of the different ethnic groups mentioned in the article. It has a day-care center that is still in great use. Gym facilities and youth groups also. It may not be right on Joseph Avenue, but it has been a very big part of the lives of people on Joseph Avenue.

The Mt. Vernon Church was only mentioned as far as how much it has been destroyed over the past few years, but the man who helped the church and the community very much, Rev. Noel Christian, was not mentioned.

These are only a few of the reasons I thought the article was very poorly done, and should be done over or have an addition made.

E. L. Rudnick  
Rochester

**LIBRARY THEFT:** Thieves who had climbed onto a roof and forced a window stole a quantity of audiovisual equipment from a second-floor media center at the Lincoln Branch of the Rochester Public Library, 585 Clifford Ave., early yesterday. Two witnesses told police they saw three men closing the trunk of a vehicle in front of their homes about 4 a.m. and saw two other men running west on Sullivan Street carrying objects which resembled suitcases. The library said the branch operated on its normal schedules yesterday.

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# Threats, staff shortage cut library branch hours

By RICHARD POPELY

Discipline problems have forced Rochester Public Library officials to cut evening hours temporarily at the Lincoln Branch, 585 Clifford Ave.

Staff members have been threatened at night recently by teen-age

patrons of the branch, said public relations director Alan Kusler.

One employee was "mugged and robbed" of a small amount of money last month in the parking lot as he left the building, Kusler said.

Community Library Director Ste-

phen Lesnak said the employee, who required 11 stitches to close wounds from the attack, is on temporary leave. Three youths were arrested and charged with the robbery.

"It scares away legitimate users who might be afraid to use the library

because of things like that," Lesnak said.

"We have guards on duty all the time, but some of the kids have been very disruptive and we've had to call the police a few times," Kusler said.

The Lincoln branch will close at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday instead of 7 p.m. Saturday hours will be the same, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"This is just temporary, and business between 5 and 7 o'clock has been

so slight that it affects very few people," he said. "We've had a loss of staff, and the branch director is on maternity leave."

Belinda Connor, acting branch director on maternity leave, has not been replaced because library officials don't know if their current budget is final. The Lincoln Branch should have two full-time librarians but has been using one librarian who fills in when needed at any of the 11 branches,

Kusler said. "Rather than hiring somebody we might have to fire, we decided to do the best we could until we know what our budget will be," he said.

Money to run the 11 branches comes out of the city budget, which must be cut by \$740,000 before the fiscal year ends in June. Kusler said library officials hope their allocation will not be cut, but they are waiting to see what City Council does.

## Library Branch Cuts Hours; Teen-age Loitering Blamed

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Problems with loitering teen-agers have forced Rochester Public Library officials to temporarily cut evening hours at the Lincoln Branch, 585 Clifford Ave.

Staff members complain that teen-agers from the neighborhood congregate in the library and occasionally disrupt library operations.

One employee was attacked and robbed last month as he left the parking lot of the building, according to Community Library Director Stephen Lesnak. Three youths were arrested and charged with robbery in connection with the incident.

The library does not have a guard on duty to curtail loitering.

The Lincoln Branch will close at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday instead of 7 p.m. Saturday hours will be the same, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library is understaffed, officials said. Belinda Connor, acting branch director on maternity leave, has not been replaced because of budget cuts. The Lincoln Branch should have two full-time librarians but has been using one who also fills in at other branches, according to Lesnak.

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# Edgerton Library Ready to Move

The Edgerton branch of the Public Library will close temporarily after today while books and other materials are moved into new quarters at 183 Bloss St., near Jefferson High School.

Service will be resumed after the move from 1 Backus St. to the new building, formerly

Al's Party House. Opening date will be announced.

Borrowed materials may be returned to any other public library, or to the branch when it reopens. The library said there will be no fines for materials overdue for the days the library is closed.

Today's hours at the Edgerton branch will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To accommodate residents of the recently-closed Genesee branch library, the Sully Bookmobile has added a fifth stop to its Monday schedule. It will be in the parking lot of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 720 Main St. W., from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The other Monday stops are Maltby Street at School 43, 1 to 3:25 p.m.; Lyell Plaza on Lyell Avenue west of Mt. Read Boulevard, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.; Otis Street west of Sun-

set Street, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., and Ridgeway Avenue east of Ramona Street, 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.

The Genesee branch, formerly at 707 Main St. W., will be relocated.

The library will open a sub-branch at School 21, 399 Colvin St. to serve children on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Heat to Open Library Again

The Edgerton branch of the Rochester Public Library will be opened tomorrow, Library Director John Adams Lowe announced last night after being informed that the steam will be turned on today.

Announcement that the steam would be furnished beginning today was made by Commerce Commissioner Harold S. W. MacFarlin after he had been informed by the Board of Education that the fuel situation for the school has improved. Steam is furnished the Edgerton branch from pipes also serving Jefferson High School. The library branch was closed early in the month when the acute fuel shortage developed. Dr. Lowe said the regular hours of 2 to 9 p. m. will be in effect beginning tomorrow.

## Library Reopening

With the heat turned on again, the Edgerton Branch of the Rochester Public Library will be opened tomorrow, according to Library Director John Adams Lowe.

Heat is furnished through a central heating plant in Jefferson Junior High. The library was closed early in the month when the acute fuel shortage developed.

### CITY NOTICE

By Councilman Celli—

Ordinance No. 69-586.

Bond Ordinance, Dated December 9, 1969, Authorizing the issuance of \$26,000 Serial Bonds of the City of Rochester, Pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York to Finance Surveys, Preliminary Plans, Detailed Plans and Estimates for the Construction of a New Building as a Replacement for the Edgerton Branch Public Library.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The City of Rochester shall issue its Serial Bonds of the aggregate principal amount of \$26,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, to finance the specific object or purpose hereinafter described.

Section 2. The specific object or purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed by the issuance of such Serial Bonds is the preparation of surveys, preliminary plans, detailed plans and estimates for the construction of a Class "A" building as defined in Subdivision 11 (a) of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law as a replacement for the Edgerton Branch Public Library. It is hereby determined and stated that the cost of such purpose is to be financed as a part of the cost of the capital improvement in connection with which they are prepared.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the maximum cost of such purpose as determined by the Council, is \$26,000, and that no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, and the Council plans to finance such cost entirely from funds raised by the issuance of the bonds authorized by this ordinance.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that said purpose is one of the objects or purposes described in Subdivisions 62 and 11 (a) of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of said Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is 30 years.

Section 5. Bonds issued pursuant to this ordinance shall have a maximum maturity of 15 years computed from the date of such bonds or the date of the first bond anticipation note issued in anticipation of such bonds, whichever date is earlier.

Section 6. Subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 60.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Serial Bonds authorized by this ordinance and the renewal of said notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said Serial Bonds and said Bond Anticipation Notes and the power to sell and deliver said Serial Bonds and any Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City. The Mayor and the City Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign and the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to countersign any Serial Bonds issued pursuant to this ordinance and any Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said Serial Bonds, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of said City to any of said Serial Bonds or any Bond Anticipation Notes. Each interest coupon representing interest payable on such Serial Bonds shall be authenticated by the facsimile signature of the City Treasurer.

Section 7. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the official newspaper of the City a copy of this ordinance in full with a notice in the form prescribed by Section 21.00 of said Local Finance Law. The validity of said Serial Bonds or of any Bond Anticipation Notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said Serial Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Introduced December 9, 1969, Int. No. 138 and appearing on page 401 of the current proceedings was:

Adopted by the following vote:  
Ayes—Mayor Lamb, Councilmen Celli, Kress, Malley, Pirrello, Ryan, Wood—7.

Nays—Councilmen Legg, May—2.

FRANK T. LAMB,  
Mayor, Presiding Officer.

The Bond Ordinance No. 69-586 published herewith has been adopted on the 23rd day of December, 1969, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Ordinance may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the City of Rochester is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

JOHN L. COCCIA,  
City Clerk.

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EDGERTON

## Edgerton branch closes

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## Last chapter for library ✓

By CHRIS SCHARF

The Edgerton branch library today becomes just another item on a long list of former institutions in the northwest city neighborhood.

"They're closing down the library," coffee shop owner Pat Giuliano told two customers Wednesday. "All they have to do now is close Jefferson High and this will be a ghost community. It's things like this that break up the area."

The library at 183 Bloss St. is directly across from Jefferson and next door to Giuliano's coffee shop.

The people in Pat's Coffee Shop can rattle off the landmarks that they remember were once part of the Edgerton Park neighborhood: sports arena, museum, zoo, police pistol range, fire academy, ice skating rink, bandstand.

All of them have gone over the past few decades and now so has the library. Giuliano, who's seen most of them come and go during his 52 years in Edgerton, doesn't think it'll return.

The first branch of the Rochester Public Library was just down the street at Building 9 in Exhibition Park, now Edgerton Park. And there's been an Edgerton library on Bloss Street since the 1920s. About 12 years ago, it moved from 128 Bloss St. to the present one-story building.

For immigrant Italians, who settled in Edgerton, the library was a place where they could study for their citizenship test.

For 9-year-old Mike Heberle Wednesday, it was a place where he could go and read the latest football and baseball stories in *The Sporting News*.

And for Jerry Yazback, who started working part-time at the library in 1961 while a student at Aquinas, it was a place to come back to when he became a branch supervisor.

The library originally was going to shut down two months ago but it got a reprieve while a new site was sought. City officials haven't found a new place, though, and decided the beginning of the school year would be the best time to close the branch.

The library was cut from this year's city budget as a cost-cutting move. Officials said it's one of the least used branches, the building is too small, and its location isn't convenient for most people in the Edgerton area.

They have pledged to look for a new site in the Lyell Avenue area but Edgerton residents are skeptical.

Turn to LIBRARY, Page 2B



D&C photo by Juan Garcia

Heather Jean Crawford, 6, looks at book  
She visited Edgerton library weekly with her aunt

## LIBRARY

From Page 1B

"We are aware of the feeling that once you close something, you're not going to get it back," said Associate Library Director Rodney Perry. "But we have a very strong commitment from the city manager to find an alternative site and I think that's a commitment shared by City Council."

Perry said two possible buildings were looked at on Lyell Avenue but the deals fell through.

Because of protests from Edgerton users, the city agreed in June to set to keep the library open temporarily while a new site was being sought.

Books at the library will remain there for the meantime in case a new site is found soon. The city has a lease on the building until Dec. 31.

The closing reduces the number of city branch libraries to 10. The closest branch to Edgerton is Maplewood at 1111 Dewey Ave.

Yazback is confident that a new site can be found before the end of the year. He said flyers soon will be distributed to the neighborhood asking for help from residents.

The present library building has about 4,000 square feet and the city wants the new branch to be 8,000 to 12,000 square feet.

The special feature of the Edgerton library is its collection of Italian language books, magazines and records.

through the inter-library borrowing system.

Open on Thursdays afternoons and at Lake Tower, a senior citizens' apartment building on Lake Avenue, on Monday afternoons, Yazback said.

The city has statistics on how many books were borrowed and how many reference requests were made but maybe there's an even better indicator of what the library meant to the neighborhood.

budget. But it's one that neighbors discuss in Pat's Coffee Shop and that Alfonso Lucchese, who owns the library building, knows about.

In the dozen years that the library was at 183 Bloss St., the police had to be called because of trouble. Not once was the library broken into.

## City planning branch library on Lyell Ave.

It will open next fall,  
cost about \$300,000

By Steve OrD. & C. NOV 1 1984

Democrat and Chronicle

The city of Rochester plans to open a branch library on Lyell Avenue next year, the city's first new branch since 1971.

City officials said the Lyell Avenue branch, scheduled to open in early fall of 1985, will be smaller and more modern than some other branches.

"We're attempting a new approach to library service," said Stephen Lesnak, an assistant director of city libraries.

The new branch, to be located on the northeast corner of Lyell and Avery Street, will cost about \$300,000 and fulfill a city commitment to replace the old Edgerton branch library, which was closed four years ago.

"It's a very happy day today. There really is a dire need for a library in that area," said Rita Hillen-gar, president of the Rochester Public Library board.

Councilman John Erb, who lives near the library site, said the new branch will be "symbolic" of city support for the Lyell Avenue area.

The library will house about 15,000 volumes, including the public library's Italian language collection.

The Lyell Avenue neighborhood has a large number of residents of Italian descent, Erb said. That collection of books and periodicals — to which the city will continue to add — had been housed at the Edgerton library.

Since the closing of the Edgerton branch, Lesnak said, the collection has been kept at the Rundel library downtown, most of it out of general circulation in storage areas.

The city has six special collections aimed at different ethnic groups that are kept in branch libraries in parts of the city where large numbers of people from those ethnic groups live, Lesnak said.

The new library will be about 3,750 square feet — somewhat smaller than some other branches.

"This will not be a traditional municipal edifice, with granite and columns and like that," City Councilman Paul Haney said.

Instead, Haney and other officials said, it will be practical and cost effective.

In past days, Haney said, each branch library was constructed to be self-contained, with the intention being that the branch would have virtually all the reading material that people could want.

Today, he said, "library systems have changed drastically." There now is an emphasis on offering a smaller number of volumes on-site. Library couriers will bring other books to the branch in two days or, if the desired volume can be located in another branch, it can be reserved by computer or telephone for patron pickup.

The basic trapping of a library still will be there, Lesnak said. There will be seating for about 25 people, plus a separate children's room.

The library will be located on city-owned property that now is vacant. Haney said the land, which used to be the site of a bowling alley, was acquired through tax foreclosure.

One reason the site was chosen is that Lyell Avenue is served by a Regional Transit Service bus line, which connects with other main bus lines.

The old Edgerton branch, farther north and east than the new library, was relatively close to the Maplewood branch, 1111 Dewey Ave. The new library will be more toward the center of the area that the library will serve, where 25,000 people live.

In addition, it is in the middle of a family residential area, Erb said. "Geographically, it's just perfect," he said.

The Edgerton library was closed in December 1980 for a variety of reasons, Haney said. It was expensive to run, partly because of high rent on the building. It also was underused and had no parking, he said.

"It was an unreasonable situation in light of the city's financial plight," Haney said.

In the face of complaints from neighborhood leaders about the closing, city officials had vowed to find another location. Lack of a library in the area had "tormented" library officials, City Manager Peter Korn said.

City engineers already have begun design work, Korn said. Construction will begin in the spring. The new library will have parking for 10 to 15 cars.

The new branch will be first built since the Arnett branch in 1971, he said. The city now has nine branch libraries.

## Lake Avenue Library Branch Described as Inadequate

Apparently Mr. Rutherford Rogers, new city librarian, is not aware that the Lake Ave. Branch Library is noisy, crowded, unattractive, and poorly located. His reply (D and C Apr. 9, 1953) to Howard Rupert's suggestion that the branch be relocated indicated his lack of awareness of the need for more adequate facilities for this branch.

Perhaps the fact that the present quarters in converted stores were set up temporarily 22 years ago points up the overdue need.

This library serves an area where there are seven elementary and three high schools in a two-mile radius, and the ward population is 34,000. It is obvious that this heavily populated area needs an attractive branch library with proper lighting, adequate space for study in quiet surroundings, and in a generally convenient location with easy parking.

Mr. Rogers claims that the present location "has the advantages that it is near Kodak and in a heavily traveled street." Just why are those advantages?

However, the important thing is the planning now for a good

branch library—and the determination to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Lake Ave. branch in improved quarters, and to refuse to sign another two-year lease, which Mr. Rogers says has just been done.

Twenty-four years in that "temporary" location are enough!

MR. AND MRS.  
PHILIP L. HARRIS.

191 Seneca Pkwy.

Tenth Ward  
Courier  
Ward

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., APRIL 23,

## "No Sale" Says Owner, Answers Library Talk

"The house is not for sale."

This comment from James C. Corbett, Lake Avenue funeral director, put a new light, at least temporarily, on the movement to re-locate the Lake Avenue branch library.

The house referred to is the former Stuber home at Lake Ave. and Seneca Pkwy., which, with its acre of land was advanced by a local realtor as a desirable site for a library.

"We are waiting a decision of the State Supreme Court," further states Corbett. "And we have high hopes that it will be in our favor and that we will be able to locate our funeral home there. I was greatly surprised to hear all this speculation about my property. It is not for sale."

In the meantime, other Tenth Warders, aroused by the new library talk, have expressed keen interest, says Howard C. Ruppert, the realtor in the case. Regardless of the ultimate site, a new library in the not too far distant future is a "must", he says.

## No Plans to Move Lake Ave. Branch, Says Librarian

The city has no present plans to move its Lake Ave. branch from the location at Lake Ave. and Owen St., Rutherford D. Rogers, Rochester Public Library director, said last night.

Asked to comment on a suggestion of Howard C. Rupert, a real estate man who lives at 15 Riverside St., that the city acquire a property at the northeast corner of Lake Ave. and Seneca Parkway for the branch, Rogers said:

"We have recently renewed our lease on the property at Lake and Owen for two years. If we ever do change the location of the branch, we would want it more nearly in the center of a residential area which it serves. It is now centered toward the northeast corner of the residential district, but it has the advantages that it is near Kodak and in a heavily traveled street."

Rupert, who suggested acquisition of the Lake-Seneca Parkway property in a letter to The Democrat and Chronicle, said it is occupied by a brick and stucco house which was erected in 1913 by William G. Stuber, a former Kodak president. Since, it has been occupied by three other owners, he said.

A study of records in the city assessor's office showed that title to the property is now held by James C. Corbett, a funeral director. Rupert mentioned that the Zoning Board, for the third time in two years, denied permission for the conversion of the residence into a funeral home. One of the applications, made in 1950, was by Ryan & McIntee, undertakers, the other two by Corbett, according to Zoning Board of Appeals records.

Rupert, in his letter, pointed out that "there is plenty of room for offstreet parking and the dwelling sets far enough back from Lake Ave. to eliminate noise." He held that the city should be able to acquire the property "at a reasonable price." It is at the center of the 10th Ward's residential real estate values, Rupert declared. He held that the Lake-Owen location is "far from desirable" because of noise, limited library space and paucity of parking.

Owen St. is about one-fourth of a mile north of Seneca Pkwy.

# New Branch Library Planned in 10th Ward

Plans for construction next year of a branch library in the 10th Ward were disclosed yesterday.

The project came to light when the City Planning Commission approved a Rochester Public Library request that funds for purchase of the library site be included in the 1956 capital budget.

The commission also voted to investigate locations for the new branch, which will replace the present Lake Avenue Branch at Owen Street.

Harold S. Hacker, library director, said the library has funds for construction of the new branch and is ready to begin building when and if the city purchases a site.

Hacker said there is an estimated \$200,000 in the Darrell D. Sully Fund left to the library for capital improvements. The fund recently financed construction of the Sully branch library in Webster Park. The \$90,000 one-story branch was opened in December, 1953. It was the first branch library built here in more than two decades.

A central location for the new branch is sought in the center of the residential district bordered by Ridge Road East, the Genesee River, Emerson Street and the New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks.

"We want a central location in that population density area," Hacker said. "The Lake Avenue branch is tucked away up in the northeast quarter of that area."

The commission also voted to study the possibility of including in the 1956 capital budget an appropriation straightening Park Avenue where it curves in the vicinity of Vick Parks A and B. Deputy City Manager Donald H. Foote, commission secretary, would not estimate cost of the project but said it would involve "a substantial sum."

In other action the commission:

Approved widening of St. Paul Street from Bausch Memorial Bridge to Lowell Street.

Approved plans for a residential subdivision on Denise Road near Kintz Street submitted by the Vinlane Corp.

Approved "restrictive zoning" of Third Ward areas in the vicinity of the new Civic Center at the request of the Joint City-County Committee.

## Dewey-Augustine Site Urged for Library Branch

Construction of a new west side branch library was advanced a step yesterday by the City Planning Commission. The commission recommended to City Council purchase of a vacant lot at the northwest corner of Dewey and Augustine street as a library site.

The land is now owned by the adjoining Aquinas Institute. Proposed purchase price was not disclosed.

The commission's action was requested by the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Public Library. Construction would be financed from the library's \$164,000 Darrell D. Sully fund.

Harold S. Hacker, library director, said the new branch would replace the present library branch at Lake avenue and Ridge road west.

## City Planners Approve Branch Library Site

Purchase of a site for a new branch library at the northwest corner of Dewey Avenue and Augustine Street was recommended to City Council yesterday by the City Planning Commission.

The site was selected by the board of trustees of the Rochester Public Library and, if approved by the Council, will be purchased by the city. Construction of the branch will be financed from the library's capital fund.

Harold S. Hacker, director of the city-county library, said the proposed new branch will replace the present branch on Dewey Avenue near Ridge Road West. The new site was selected because it is nearer the center of the population area it will serve.

The property, which is owned by adjoining Aquinas Institute, is vacant.

The commission also recommended to Council the reapplication of the recently-created F-2 residential zoning district. It proposed establishment of F-2

zoning on East Avenue between Alexander Street and Upton Park.

The proposed new zoning will be residential but will permit establishment of antique and gift shops, tea rooms and similar commercial enterprises, according to Harry P. Rupper, commission chairman.

In other action, the commission:

Recommended new pavement and gutters for Elbert Street, from Waring to Bleacker Roads; Milan Street, from North to Baird Streets, and Sayne Street, from North to Baird Streets.

Reviewed plans for a proposed subdivision near Hillside Avenue and Nunda Boulevard, and for dwellings to be constructed by Dominick Silveri on Newcastle Road.

## Library Seeks to Buy Branch Site

Hopes to Use Bequest For Purchase

Rochester Public Library on its own will seek to buy the proposed branch library site at Dewey avenue and Augustine street.

The library's board of trustees yesterday delegated trustee J. Frank Traynor to discuss the possible purchase with officials of Aquinas Institute, owners of the land.

The board decided to go ahead after Traynor said that no city funds for the purchase are allotted in the current budget.

Also yesterday, Dr. Wilbour Eddy Saunders, president of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, was named board chairman for the sixth consecutive term. Renamed vice chairman was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady, vice rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

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## Library Eyes Bequest To Pay for New Branch

With no city funds available to buy the site favored for the proposed Dewey Avenue branch library, the board of trustees of the Rochester Public Library yesterday considered breaking a precedent and buying the site with library funds.

The possibility arose when Trustee J. Frank Traynor reported on a conversation with City Manager Robert P. Aex which he said had convinced him that no city funds will be available for the purchase in the immediate future.

Funds are available, however, through provisions in the will of the late Darrell D. Sully of Rochester whose bequest already has financed the branch library at 939 Bay St. which bears his name. Remaining funds, if the board decides to take action, could be used for the construction of the new building, which would become city property upon completion.

Accepting election as chairman of the board for a sixth term was Dr. Wilbour E. Saunders, president of Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Named vice chairman was The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady.

Figures just compiled show an 8 per cent increase in the circulation of books this year over last. A total of 1,783,898 volumes were checked out in '55, Library Director Harold Hacker reported.

His survey reflected public appreciation of a new service which permits books to be returned at any branch regardless of where they are borrowed. He said 123,

213 books were returned to the shelves last year by that method.

The discontinuation of a service rendered to school children by the Rochester Public Library over a 44-year period also was announced yesterday by Hacker. The Board of Education, he said, has decided to undertake the work of establishing classroom libraries in a coordinated effort of its own. Co-operation with the public library will be continued without regular collections of books at the various schools by library staff members.

Taking a look at the yield of the Suggestion Box over a period of years, Hacker informed board members the number of complaint from the public concerns lack of parking facilities near libraries. Complaints about the difficulty of opening front doors and requests for remaining open Sundays also are received frequently, he said.

As the result of Suggestion Box memos, the record department began this week to extend phonograph record loans for a two-week period instead of 7 days.

Expected momentarily is a shipment of 500 radio transcriptions of newscasts and March of Dimes broadcasts, donated to the library by Time, Inc. Rochester's was the only library in the country, Hacker said, to be contacted for the gift.

REGARDING the Dewey avenue branch, Harold S. Hacker, library director, reported that about \$185,000 remains in the Sully fund, left under the will of the late Darrell S. Sully.

Under the city corporation counsel's interpretation of the will, he said, some of this could be used for site purchase. The rest, he said, could be used to build the library.

The board also heard: That 1955 book, record and projected book circulation reached an all-time high of 1,783,898, a 7 per cent gain over the previous year.

That 123,213 books were returned in the Monroe County Library System to points other than those they'd been borrowed from.

That the 44-year-old system of classroom book collections—or "grade libraries"—is being discontinued. Formerly books were paid for by the Board of Education and selected, processed and distributed by the library, then loaned out by classroom teachers. Under a new setup, the Board of Education will handle the entire program. Hacker pointed out that grade libraries were the only ones in which circulation dropped.

That a new citywide library service to shut-ins is operated by the Red Cross after a test in the 18th Ward. This augments Rochester Consistory's projected books program, book distribution in hospitals and distribution in nursing homes by the University Wives' Club.

That a Time Inc. gift of some 500 recordings of radio newscasts and March of Time broadcasts, covering 1929-44, had been accepted. Rochester is the only city which will get the records.

That in the library suggestion box's two years, most notes have been in these categories: Complaints on need for parking; compliments; complaints about front doors; and request for Sunday openings and lengthening of phonograph record loan periods. The last, Hacker said, had been met with a new period of two weeks.

That the final tally during the two-day "Conscience Days" was 4,200 overdue books returned.

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## Dewey and Augustine Site For New Tenth Ward Library?

A suggestion that the new branch library for the Tenth Ward area be located on a vacant lot at the corner of Dewey Ave. and Augustine St. has been advanced by the City Planning Commission and now awaits action by the City Council.

The land is owned by Aquinas Institute, which it adjoins.

No indication that there have been any negotiations for purchase of the land were advanced by City Hall sources, however, on inquiry by the Courier. There has been no agreement on a purchase price, up to the present time, according to reliable information. The City Council must

appropriate necessary funds for the needed land.

The commission acted at the request of the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Public Library. Construction funds are available from the Darrell D. Sully fund. The new branch would replace the present Lake Ave. branch.

# Council Authorizes \$8,000 to Provide Traffic Court Site

By WILLIAM A. MURPHY

City Council last night authorized immediate reconstruction of part of Police Headquarters to provide quarters for a traffic court.

The work will be done by the Department of Public Works at an estimated cost of \$8,000.

The Traffic Court—actually the Traffic Division of the City Court's Criminal Branch—will be located on the first floor of the four-story Exchange Street building. The space formerly was used as an assembly room.

The regular Criminal Branch of City Court, popularly known as Police Court, will continue to operate in its second floor location, handling felony arraignments and petty criminal offenses.

The resolution was introduced by City Councilman Frank J. Horton, who said the two courts will operate with separate clerical staffs and judges' chambers. Establishment of a Traffic Court appeared assured last month when the City Court judges came out publicly for it. At that time a Nov. 1 deadline was set for its opening.

## Citizens' Complaints

Their announcement followed growing complaints of citizens who, in court for traffic offenses, found themselves sitting through court dockets which occasionally ran into late afternoon hours.

Vice Mayor Joseph Farbo presided in the absence of Mayor Peter Barry.

City Manager Robert P. Aex was authorized to enter an agreement with the Board of Education to have the heating plant of Jefferson High School provide steam to Building 6 in Edgerton Park. The building is the last of the park's exhibition halls and is being used as a handicraft center by paraplegics.

A resolution was approved to purchase land at the northwest corner of Dewey Avenue and

Augustine Street as the site of a branch library. It would replace the one now located at Lake Avenue and Owen Street.

The Council referred to the public works commissioner the request of the County Water Authority for one million gallons of city water to resell to the Town of Chili. The Lake Ontario water will be deducted from the authority's previous-agreed allotment of 10 million gallons from the up-land water supply.

## Assessment Rolls

The Council received from City Clerk Thomas P. O'Leary the assessment and special assessment rolls and heard no opposition to them at a public hearing. Last night's meeting was adjourned to 8 p.m. Friday when Council will act on the rolls.

In other action, the Council: Settled \$12,000 in claims including one for \$9,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Berge Thomas for injuries received by Mrs. Thomas in a sidewalk fall Oct. 30, 1954.

Appropriated \$16,500 to construct water mains in parts of Anson Place, Stager Street, Cynthia and Sandra Lanes near Branch Street.

Appropriated funds to resurface Copeland Street between Webster Avenue and Bay Street with liquid asphalt and stone, and to resurface parts of Post and Woodbine avenues and River and Arnett boulevards with asphalt, sand and screenings.

Appropriated \$44,095 for seven chassis and bodies and \$18,673 for four refuse collection trucks for the Public Works Department.

# New Library Proposal Gets In Headlines

A well-backed movement to have the city take over a 40-year-old homestead in Lake Avenue as a branch library site came to light last week, but got a cold reception from Rochester's new Public Library director, Rutherford D. Rogers.

The suggestion that the Lake Ave. library be moved from its present location at Lake Ave. and Owen St. to property on the northeast corner of Lake and Seneca Pkwy., was advanced on behalf of a group of property owners by Howard C. Rupert, real estate man who lives at 15 Riverside St.

"There is plenty of room for off-street parking," states Rupert, "and the dwelling sets back enough from Lake Ave. to eliminate noise. There is plenty of land to enlarge the building if necessary."

## Quotes Bostwick

"It seems to me that new library facilities are long overdue in the 10th Ward. I urge the City Planning Commission, all clergymen, parent-teachers associations and 10th Ward homeowners and parents to join in such a movement before it is too late."

Rupert pointed out that the late "Clip" Bostwick had informed him on several occasions that the 10th Ward was going to have a library on three lots at Dewey and Augustine which the city had acquired by foreclosure, but

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## CENTER OF CONTROVERSY

Here is the house at Lake Ave. and Seneca Pkwy. which its owner would like to convert into a funeral home and which other Tenth Warders have advanced as a desirable new site for the Lake Avenue branch of the public library. Home was originally that of William G. Stuber, a former Kodak president.

## NOTICE of PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice Is Hereby Given the pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance #59-123, the Purchasing Agent of the City of Rochester, will sell at Public Auction, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on May 11, 1959, at 10:30 Daylight Saving Time, the following used equipment, suitable for Library use only: 24 single face, high adult shelving, 2 double face, high adult shelving, 1 juvenile desk, 1 high adult shelving, 1 juvenile desk, 1 wooden table, 2 round tables, 12 chairs, 1 swivel desk chair. This equipment may be inspected by prospective bidders at the Lake Avenue Branch Library, 5 Owen Street, between the hours of 2 P.M. and 9 P.M., Monday thru Friday. The successful bidder must make a deposit of 10% of the bid price at the time of the auction. Terms and conditions of the sale will be made known at the time of the auction. Purchase price must be approved by the Council before the sale takes effect.

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Purchasing Agent

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## Library Name May Change

The Rochester Public Library is considering changing the name of the Dewey Avenue Branch Library to the Maplewood Library.

The branch is situated at 111 Dewey Ave.

The Maplewood Neighborhood Association has asked for the change. Action on the proposal will be taken at the April 19 RPL meeting.

## Putter-Off

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If you're a borrower from the Lake Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library, pay attention.

If, besides, you're one of those who always returns his book late and gets fined, pay double attention.

Because you're in the clover this week.

This is the week the Lake Avenue branch becomes the new Dewey Avenue branch at Augustine Street. Books and equipment are being transferred now.

So, during the week you'll be without neighborhood library service but, procrastinator, you won't be fined if that book of yours is due during the time neither branch is open.

The new \$160.00 branch will open Monday. Lake Avenue's branch closed Friday.

## Architects Recommended for Library Branch

The architectural firm of C. Storrs Barrows & Associates yesterday was recommended by the board of trustees of the Monroe County Library System as designers of the proposed Dewey Avenue Branch Library.

The views of the board, reached during a meeting in the Rundel Memorial Building, will be sent to City Manager Robert P. Aex to the City Council for final approval.

Representatives of six architectural firms were interviewed by members of the board. The building, to be erected at Dewey

Avenue and Augustine Street, will be a one-story structure with modern lines. Construction costs will be paid by the Darrell D. Sully fund, recently converted into cash.

Harold S. Hacker, library director, discussed the "crucial" need for interesting young people in library work as a career. He announced two local recruitment programs. On April 25, 20 pages at the library will be guests at a Library Career Day. More than 500 members of high school library clubs will visit the Rundel Memorial Building

on May 7, 8 and 9, tour the building and hear a discussion of library work as a career.

In other action, the board extended to 13 the number of Saturdays that the Main Library will be closed this summer.

## Dewey Avenue Branch Library Plans Approved

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Unanimous approval of the general design of the new Dewey Avenue branch library was voiced yesterday by members of the Rochester Public Library board of trustees, meeting in the Rundel Memorial Building.

The layout plans, presented to the board by Mrs. Arthur J. May, call for a one-story building, facing Augustine Street, with a brick and stone facade. Bids for interior work are expected to be opened soon.

John A. Lowe announced that the Reynolds Library Board had ordered an automatic film inspecting machine to be purchased for the Reynolds Audio-Visual Department of the Rochester Public Library. The machine, costing approximately \$2,700, would be used to inspect films returned by borrowers for film splits or other damage.

Library director Harold S. Hacker reported a 6 per cent gain in circulation for three-fourths of 1957 as compared to last year.

Number of volumes circulated through September this year was 1,365,429, compared to 1,284,469 for last year. Hacker also mentioned the steady gain in Bookmobile circulation.

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## City Pleads To City For City

The city will ask approval of zoning variances in its own behalf for the first time in its history in the case of the Rochester Public Library's proposed Dewey Avenue Branch next week.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Stephen K. Pollard, lawyer for the Zoning Board of Appeals, said the case is the "first, as far as I know," of such a nature.

The library, a city-supported institution, will ask the zoning board for approval of its plans for a branch at Dewey avenue and Augustine street at a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, in City Hall Annex, Main street west at Broad street.

In its application, the library will ask lot coverage and front and rear yard requirement modifications. Approval also will be sought for off-street parking space for about 12 cars.

The building proposed for the northwest corner of Dewey and Augustine, facing Dewey, will be in a residential district. Library trustees were told March 8 that area residents approved plans for the branch. No opposition has developed since then among owners of adjacent property. Owners of property within 200 feet of the area in question today received notification of the library's plans.

The proposed branch will be a one-story structure of brick and stone facing and will cost at least \$135,887.25, net proceeds of the sale of bonds in the Darrell D. Sully Trust Fund.

## City Grants Itself OK To Build Branch Library

The city yesterday gave itself permission to build a branch library at Dewey Avenue and Augustine Street.

The unique case before the Zoning Board of Appeals was presented by Harold S. Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library, who explained that variances were required under the new zoning law.

Need for a library in the northwest section of the city has long been apparent, Hacker said, and the branch at Lake Avenue and Owen Street is inadequate and on the northeast corner of the sector. The one lot available, on a main artery and centrally located, is on the northwest corner of Dewey and Augustine.

The Parent-Teacher Assn. of School 7, he declared, obtained waivers from area residents, since there were tract restrictions also involved. When the waivers were obtained, the city bought the site from Aquinas Institute. Hacker also presented a petition bearing neighbors' signatures, all favoring the variance.

The board also: Adjourned until Feb. 13 the rendering of a decision on Paine Drug Co.'s application to build a branch pharmacy at 1330 Mt. Hope Ave.

Put off to the same date a decision on Thomas DeMeco's application to erect a gasoline service station on the southeast corner of Ridgeway Avenue and Ramona Street.

Denied permission to change the use of a two-family house at 51½ Woodward St. to a three-family, with off-street parking.

Withheld decision, after ob-

jections by John A. Dale, executive director of the City Rehabilitation Commission, on Rosa Chirico's plan to add a used car lot to property he owns at 721 Jefferson Ave. Dale said a dwelling on the site is in violation of the city hygiene-of-housing code.

Withheld decision on Eugene Hemmerich's plea for authorization to change a four-family dwelling at 120 Union St. S., to 15 apartments, build a 10-car garage and provide off-street parking space.

Approved Business Associates Corp. and Frank G. Maggio & Bros. application to change the use of an existing restaurant and grill on the southwest corner of Mt. Read Boulevard and Lexington Avenue to a machine shop.

## D. & C. JAN 18 1958 Library Asks Zone Shift For Branch

Rochester Public Library will ask the Zoning Board of Appeals for approval of its plans for a branch at Dewey Avenue and Augustine Street, it was learned last night.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Stephen K. Pollard, lawyer for the zoning board, said the case scheduled for public hearing Jan. 30 in City Hall Annex is the "first, as far as I know," in which the city will ask approval of variances in its own behalf.

The one-story structure will be of brick with stone facing and will cost at least \$135,887.25, net proceeds of the sale of bonds in the Darrell D. Sully Trust Fund. Sale of the bonds to provide funds for the library branch was authorized in January, 1957, by City Council. The building will replace the Lake Avenue Branch at Lake Avenue and Owen Street, since its location is regarded as more suitable, geographically, for a larger number of potential patrons. The proposed building, on the northeast corner of the Dewey-Augustine intersection, will face Augustine Street.

In its application, the Library will ask lot coverage and front and rear yard requirement modifications. Approval also will be sought for off-street parking space for about 12 cars.

Last March 8, the library's trustees were told that area residents approved plans for the Dewey-Augustine branch. There was no indication yesterday that opposition has developed since then.

## Library Bids Opened

A low bid of \$92,400 was submitted today by Carmen Fantaci, 817 Seward St., for general construction work on the Dewey Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library. The Fantaci firm was the lowest of 10 bidders on the project. The bid is more than \$9,000 below preliminary estimates.

The new branch will be on the northwest corner of the intersection of Dewey avenue and Augustine street, adjoining Aquinas Institute property.

City officials will review all of the bids opened this morning before awarding any contract for work on the library. Other bids were for plumbing, heating and electrical work and shelving in the branch.

Preliminary estimates had placed the general construction figure at \$101,800. Bidders next in line to Fantaci were Fred B. Yager Construction Co., \$93,300; Werner Spitz Construction Co. Inc., \$98,811; and LeCesse Corp., \$100,629.

For plumbing work in the building, estimated at \$7,200, the low bidder was James W. Leach, with \$6,091. Runners-up were Lewis W. Thurston, \$6,600, and Boone Inc. and H. P. Lenhard & Son, with identical bids of \$6,980.

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## Vandals Hit New Library, Cause \$1,000 Damage

Vandals have caused some \$1,000 damage to the Dewey Avenue-Augustine Street branch of the Rochester Public Library since construction started last July, the general contractor said last night.

Carmen Fantaci, 817 Seward St., said that some 2,500 bricks have been damaged beyond usefulness by vandals. He said that chimney flues and other masonry work have also been damaged.

"I've never seen such damage on one job in the 36 years I have been in the business," Fantaci said last night. "If it isn't stopped immediately I am

going to be forced to take legal action."

Fantaci said he and police officers have tracked down several youngsters, aged 10 to 14 years, who have admitted the damage. He said that parents of the youngsters promised they would keep their children away from the project.

The one-story brick structure is expected to be completed by spring. Fantaci was awarded the contract last May when his bid of \$92,400 for the general construction was accepted. Preliminary estimates had placed the general construction figure at \$101,800.

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## Library Branch Bids to Be Asked

The city today will advertise for bids for construction of the new Dewey Avenue Branch of the Rochester Public Library. Bids, to be opened May 13, will include total construction and — an innovation — the library equipment.

The branch, on the northwest corner of Augustine Street, will be the second built with the Darrell D. Sully trust fund. The first was built in Webster Park. The late Mr. Sully was a noted attorney who left bonds for use by the library system. The new library will replace the one housed in three small former stores at Lake Avenue and Owen Street.

## New Dewey Ave. Branch Of Library to Open June 1

Dewey Avenue Branch of the Rochester Public Library will open about June 1, according to Harold S. Hacker, library director.

Construction of the \$160,000 structure began last summer.

The building will replace the Lake Avenue Branch on Lake Avenue at Owen street. The new branch is at Dewey avenue and Augustine street.

It is being built because facilities at the Lake Avenue Branch are inadequate and the old branch is not centrally located in the district it must serve, library officials said.

Carmen Fantaci is general contractor. The building was designed by Barrows, Parks,

Morin, Hall & Brennan, architects.

Hacker said the Lake Avenue Branch building, which the city rents for library use, will probably be used for storage space after the new branch opens.

The new branch will have a meeting room for civic and cultural groups. It is being built through a bequest by the late Darrell D. Sully.

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## Dedication Slated At Dewey Library

Dewey Avenue Branch Library, Dewey Avenue and Augustine Street, will be dedicated at 8 p.m. tomorrow. Dr. Wilbour E. Saunders, president of the board of trustees of the Rochester Public Library, will give the key of the new branch to City Councilman August J. Muehleisen. A community open house will follow the ceremony.

## Library to Open New Dewey Unit

The Rochester Public Library will open its \$160,000 Dewey Avenue Branch about June 1, Harold S. Hacker, library director announced. Located at Dewey Avenue and Augustine Street, it will replace the branch at Lake Avenue and Owen Street.

The Lake Branch building, which the city rents, probably will be used for storage. The new building is being built through a bequest by the late Darrell D. Sully. Designed by Barrows, Parks, Morin, Hall & Brennan, architects, it is being constructed by Carmen Fantaci.

## \$5,559 Bid Low On Library Gear

A low bid of \$5,559.93 for the shelves, desks, catalogue files and other equipment of the new branch library in Dewey Avenue—scheduled to open in May—was received yesterday by City Purchasing Agent Spencer S. Punnett.

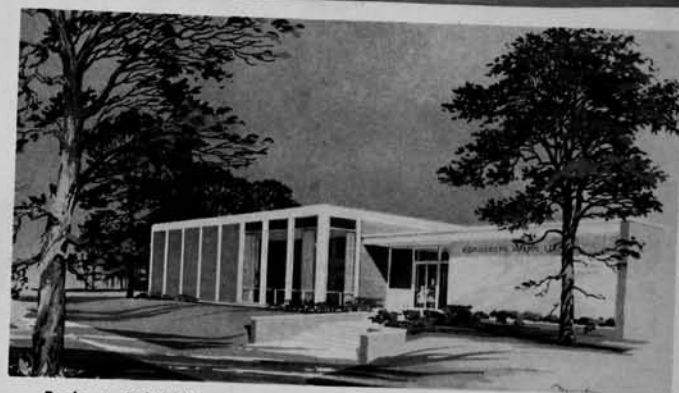
The bid came from the National Contract Supply Co. of Rochester, the only local bidder. Walker-Bilt of Penn Yan bid \$6,346, and the Buffalo office of Remington Rand Corp. \$9,172.65. The bids were referred to Library Director Harold S. Hacker. No tax money will be used for the purchase as the branch is being built from a fund established by the late Darrell E. Sully.

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## New Library Draws Kids

Dewey Avenue Branch Library opened yesterday afternoon to the thunder of little feet.

Tommy Gibbons of 216 Alameda St., a fourth grade pupil at Sacred Heart School, was the first borrower to sign out books. He selected works on ranching and farm animals. The Dewey Avenue Branch replaces the old Lake Avenue Branch in Owens Street.



Rochester Public Library — Dewey Avenue Branch. Architects — Barrows, Parks, Morin, Hall and Brennan.

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## New Dewey Library Set To Open June 29

The new Dewey Avenue Branch of the Rochester Public Library, originally scheduled to open June 1, will open at 2 p.m. Monday, June 29.

Work on the library has moved slower than originally estimated by the architect, Barrows, Parks, Morin, Hall & Brennan, and the general contractor, Carmen Fantaci.

Harold Hacker, library director, has reported that all construction on the new \$160,000 branch should be done by next Friday.

Work still to be done includes installation of a luminous plastic ceiling in the adult reading room, laying of vinyl tile floor covering and installation of book shelves.

The week of June 22-27 will be spent moving in equipment and transferring books from the Lake Avenue Branch to the new branch.

**THE NEW** branch, at Dewey avenue and Augustine street, will replace the old Lake Avenue Branch on Lake avenue at Owen street.

Between the time the Lake Avenue Branch closes, at 9 p.m. next Friday, and the new one opens June 29, area residents will be without neighborhood library service.

Hacker said the area to be without service is bounded roughly by Ridge road west on the north, the Genesee River on the east, Lexington avenue on the south and the Belt Line railroad tracks on the west.

Until the Dewey branch opens library users in this area will find it easiest to go to the Edgerton Branch on Bloss street or the Charlotte Branch, 40 Statton St., Hacker said.

He said no fines will be charged for books borrowed by residents of the area and due during the time neither the Dewey nor Lake avenue branches are open.

No ceremony is planned for the June 29 opening. The dedication has been set for Sept. 21.

## Things Are Stacking Up!

library at 1111 Dewey Ave. yesterday and today. Putting them on the shelves are Paul Smith (left), 388 Raines PK., and John Reif, 32 Ridge Rd. W. Furniture is scheduled to arrive tomorrow.

Books are stacked in the new Dewey Branch of the Rochester Public Library preparatory to its opening on Monday. A total of 12,000 books were transferred from the Lake Avenue branch to the new

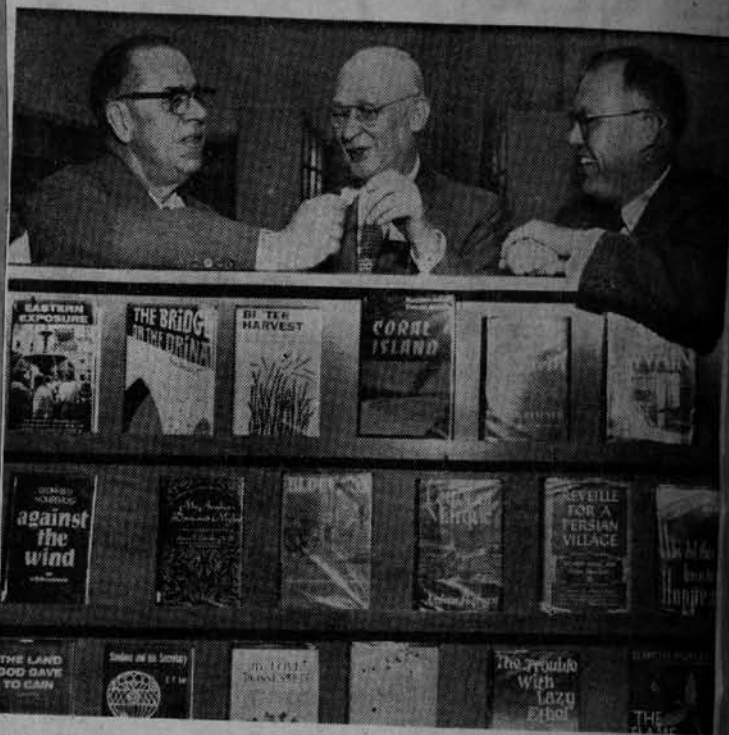


## Now Vies for Funds

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The new branch library at Dewey avenue and Augustine street, dedicated last night, has given much new reading pleasure to residents of that neighborhood.

Funds for the new building came from the Darrell D. Sully Fund, as did money for the Sully Branch on Bay street built in 1953 and the city bookmobile. That fund of \$200,000, willed to the city in 1931 and increased by later investment, is now nearly depleted.

That means decisions on future capital financing for new or improved library buildings must be made by City Council in competition with other pressing municipal projects, unless another benefactor appears. It is to be hoped that libraries in Rochester will always rank high on any list of city improvements because of their importance to well-rounded, happy urban living.



**KEY TO KNOWLEDGE**—Dr. Wilbur E. Saunders, chairman of the board of trustees of Rochester Public Library, Eddy Saunders, chairman of the board of trustees of Rochester Public Library,

left, gives key to new Dewey branch to Councilman August Muehleisen as Harold Hacker, library director, watches.

## New Branch Library Dedicated

A new 20,000-book branch library, already one of the city's busiest, was dedicated last night in Dewey Avenue next to Aquinas Institute.

In a brief talk, Director Harold S. Hacker of the Rochester Public Library thanked residents who signed waivers to enable the city to grant a permit in the residential zone. Signatures were solicited by school PTA.

Dr. Wilbur E. Saunders, board of trustees president, symbolically presented the branch's real key to Councilman August Muehleisen in whose district the branch is located.

In the two months since it moved from old quarters in Lake Avenue and Owen Street, the branch has chalked up 86 and 80 per cent more loans in July and August from its previous record.

The low, colorful one-story building was designed by Barrows, Parks, Morin, Hall and Brennan. It was built for \$150,000 by the Carmen Fantaci Co. of Rochester.

The land at 1111 Dewey Ave. was bought by the city from Aquinas Institute.

Distinguishing features are ceiling to floor windows, pastel

walls and gray and orange furniture in the adult and children's rooms. The branch functions as a scaled-down version of the Main Library. Although it has capacity for 20,000 books, it is still stocking its shelves.

More than 150 attended the ceremony last night during an open house. In the two months of its existence the branch has shot to the top of the county system in terms of loans, Hacker told the group.

change period is reached. Before that period is reached, the oil may not be capable of providing the necessary protection and eventually the owner is going to "pay through the nose".

The chassis lubrication problem has not changed from last year. Ball joint grease, particularly needs an E.P. type grease. In our part of the country, grease which is not affected by salt corrosion is most desirable. The zinc oxide type such as "Lubriplate" seems to have the best resistance to salt corrosion—plus excellent E.P. characteristics. Some greases are now being compounded with molybdenum disulfide which imparts some extra E.P. properties to grease. It remains to be seen whether the results justify the increased price.

The problem of corrosion of chassis and body parts remains with us, Ford Motor Co. has started to use the Latex paints for body prime coats. It may be

arate adult and children reading rooms. The children's room will have a fireplace for use in the mornings for neighborhood story hours.

Another feature of this branch library is the meeting room for use of community civic and cultural groups. This room can be used in the evenings with no interruption of library service as it is entered from the vestibule.

There will be a twelve car on-the-street parking lot adjacent to the rear entrance on Augustine Street. Cost of the structure is \$127,837.00 and the prime contractors are: General Construction, Carmen Fantaci; Plumbing, Leach Plumbing Company; Heating, Leo J. Roth Corporation; Electric, Fantaci Electric.

The building is scheduled for occupancy in late spring 1959.

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**ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Dewey Avenue Branch  
by Thomas O. Morin

This branch for the Rochester Public Library was given a certificate of merit for outstanding design by the jury of the New York State Association of Architects at the 1958 annual convention held in the Powers Hotel last October.

Located in the northwest section of the City at the corner of Dewey Avenue and Augustine Street it is planned to replace the Lake Avenue Branch.

The building was designed by Barrows, Parks, Morin, Hall & Brennan, Architects, with Robson & Woese, Inc., Mechanical Engineers, and William S. Lattin, Site Planner as professional consultants.

This is the second new branch library to be constructed from funds provided by the estate of Darrell Den-

man Sully. In 1953 the Sully Branch was opened on Bay Street.

Conceived in the classical feeling but constructed in the modern medium it is a one-story structure with 6000 square feet of floor space. Of fire resistive construction, the structural system is wall bearing with steel roof joists and a poured in place gypsum roof. The exterior walls are face brick and marble. Aluminum window sash were used with insulating glass in the large areas.

Harold S. Hacker, Director of the Rochester Public Library system, stipulated in the original program that he wanted this library to be inviting to the passerby from the street. Eight large floor to ceiling windows, a luminous ceiling in the adult room, plus informal furnishings, will create good reading conditions and an inviting informal atmosphere.

The Dewey Avenue Branch will contain 20,000 volumes and have sep-

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Branch Sets  
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Refreshments will be served by members of the PTA of School 7, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry Sherwood.

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At the Dewey Avenue Branch Library, a young woman returned several books that were about a month overdue.

"I have a good reason for being late," she said. "I was on my honeymoon."

After paying her fine, she shyly asked for a copy of "Uncoupling: The Art of Coming Apart," the popular new handbook on divorce. The book was available, and the newlywed promptly checked it out.



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Peter B. Taub

From Cover

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Circulation  
Mark Set at  
New Library

The first day of operation at Rochester Public Library's new Dewey avenue branch broke the one-day circulation record of its predecessor, the Lake avenue branch.

The new library loaned 1,268 books between 2 and 9 p.m. yesterday. Last year's average for a June day at Lake avenue branch was 326.

Library officials reported about 90 children were on hand when the doors opened at 2. Throughout the afternoon and evening children outnumbered adult book-lovers.

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Sully Fund Built  
Dewey Ave. Library

THIS is the time of year when incumbent politicians do their best to cut ribbons, lift spadesful of dirt and participate in opening ceremonies of one kind or another.

In the Sept. 22 paper you featured an article on the dedication of the new Dewey Avenue Library. Your reporter incorrectly gave credit for the erection of this much needed and most attractive new library building to the City of Rochester and not to the Darrell D. Sully Fund whence all of the money for its erection came. Erection of the now familiar blue and white "Sign of Progress" by the city during construction, coupled with the inference that the library was built with city funds, does a disservice to the memory of Darrell D. Sully and would tend to discourage others who might be disposed to make donations for the public benefit.

For you to feature a picture of a city politician

presenting the key of the new building would leave in most readers' minds an erroneous picture which should be clarified.

Let the politicians continue in their plenipotentiary sputniks but do let us preserve the memory of the all too few people who have given their money for the benefit of the citizenry at large.

HENRY R. DUTCHER JR.  
704 Seneca Pkwy.

Rochester Public Library's Charlotte Branch has dropped its subscription to Playboy to cut costs. The other day a boy about 12 asked the librarian for the latest issue of the magazine, which is kept under the desk. Informed that the library was no longer subscribing, he said he would settle for any issue.

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Sunday, June 18, 1972

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D&amp;C Photo by Jay Reiter

Cathy Marsh paints the Dewey Avenue library.

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From 1B Mrs. Nehr's husband, is in the amination if she hadn't volunteered to paint.

Dick Friscano, of 90 Selye Ter., also a library page, admits paint on a wall in the adult section he'd be "taking it easy" if he weren't painting, but said he doesn't mind helping out.

"When you're working here, support," he said. "When you're working here, support," he said.

Although many of the volunteers said they have limited experience handling a brush and paint bucket, Aloysius Nehr, brary."

touching up rough spots and putting things back in order.

"I wanted to help," says Cathy Marsh, of 391 Clay Ave., despite the fact that she didn't get in from her senior prom until 7 a.m. Miss Marsh is a senior at Nazareth Academy and a page at the library.

"We're having a lot of fun here," she said, touching up a spot on the ceiling. "It's the people I like the most."

Elizabeth Ferlicca, of 116 Albermarle St., another library page, agrees. "It's a joint effort on the part of everyone here," she said, adding that as a senior at John Marshall High School she'd be studying for a chemistry exam.

Please turn to 3B

## Library Books Cleanup

D. &amp; C. JUN 18 1972

By JANICE ROMBECK

The Dewey Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library, 1111 Dewey Ave., will have a new look tomorrow thanks to more than 30 volunteers.

Members of the Maplewood Neighborhood Association, the Area Youth Ministry of the Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church and the library staff are giving the 13-year old library its first interior painting since its opening in 1959.

Plans for the renovation began 6 or 7 weeks ago, said Mrs. Ellen Nehr, of 210 Seneca Parkway, a four-year member of the Maplewood Neighborhood Association.

"We all use this library," she said, "and it needed painting badly."

Library officials approved the plans and agreed to pay for the paint and supplies if the association provided the labor.

And the group had no trouble getting volunteers, says Ronald Griffith, of 128 Parkdale Ter., president of the association.

Work began at 9 a.m. yesterday when members of the Area Youth Ministry began to prepare the library by covering rows of shelves and furniture and applying masking tape to wall edges.

The painting was in two shifts, the first crew working from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the second from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Mrs. Nehr said. Another group of volunteers will finish the job today,



Missing metal letters at library's Dewey Avenue branch are believed to have been ripped off by youthful vandals.

## Neighbors Strike Back

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## Maplewood Area Meeting To Air Youth Troubles

By READ KINGSBURY

Roused by youthful demonstrations of contempt for persons and property, residents of a 26,000-population neighborhood of the city will go to a meeting tonight to see what can be done.

The neighborhood is the old 10th Ward area, now called the Maplewood area since ward lines have changed. The meeting is at Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church, at Seneca Parkway, at 8 p.m.

Reports from residents that show a rising resentment about vandalism, intimidation, verbal assault and violence will be aired before a crowd that will include numerous city officials.

The purpose is to show the full scope of the problem and to see how it can be tackled, explains Rev. Albert L. Jeandheur, minister of the Dewey Avenue Church and the first and only chairman of the 2-year-old Maplewood Association, sponsor of the meeting.

The association represents residents in an area that runs between Driving Park Avenue and Ridge Road, from Mt. Read Boulevard to the Genesee River, more or less.

It expects the 500-capacity of the church will be filled and is prepared to accommodate an overflow crowd in other rooms of the church.

City Manager Seymour Scher, Police Chief William Lombard, several city councilmen and youth agency representatives have said they'll attend the meeting.

Rev. Jeandheur will lay the groundwork for the discussion with a report on conditions drawn from dozens of complaints received by the association.

He has received many letters from residents. Many other residents filled out and returned a complaint form printed in the 10th Ward Courier, a weekly newspaper, on behalf of the association.

VANDALISM at public buildings is said to be a constant headache—windows are broken at schools and churches (BB holes have been shot in Dewey Avenue Church stained glass windows several times), letters were ripped off the front of the Rochester Public Library branch at Dewey Avenue, big windows in stores are shattered.

Homeowners report windows broken, bottles broken on their

## More Policemen On Foot Urged

Councilman Robert F. Wood called today for "an immediate effort" to increase the number of foot patrolmen walking neighborhood beats with two-way transistor radios.

The Republican councilman made the proposal in a letter to City Manager Seymour Scher.

"These patrolmen would be an effective deterrent to vandalism and the molestings which occur on the streets at night," Wood said. "They also would be a helpful complement to the patrol cars."

steps, gutter pipes torn down, flower pots shattered.

"The concrete steps in front of my house are constantly littered with pieces of broken glass that young people smash at night," wrote one irate resident.

Residents say they dislike walking the streets in the evenings because youths who gather at street corners say profane and obscene things to them as they pass.

Some report beatings by youths.

"We have seen young hooligans walk up the street 6 or 8 abreast, cans of beer in their hands, and completely stop motor traffic," said one letter-writer. "Should anyone honk at them they shout all sorts of vulgarities, and this at 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning."

"We have a pretty fair knowledge of what a rough situation we are up against. Now what we need is to formulate a plan of action," Rev. Jeandheur said.

## Book sparks rescue effort

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The Rochester Public Library's hottest book survived a fire the other day.

In last week's fire at Maplewood Manor South, one of the last residents evacuated from the Lake Avenue proprietary home was Charles Lovelius, who lived on the second floor. After spending some time at a hospital, where he was observed for possible smoke inhalation, he went to Selligto's Restaurant at Driving Park and Dewey.

From there he phoned Jerry Yazback, branch head of the Maplewood Community Library. Lovelius told Yazback that in his room at Maplewood Manor were six books he had borrowed from the branch library, including *The Brethren*.

"He's a regular patron of the library," Yazback said, "and he wanted to make sure the books got back all right, especially since he knew *The Brethren* is in great demand. A lot of people have reserved it."

Yazback picked up Lovelius at the restaurant, and together they returned to Maplewood Manor as the building was being boarded up. The books were still in Lovelius' room, undamaged.

"It was thoughtful of him to be concerned about his local library," Yazback said.

*The Brethren*, the book about the inside workings of the Supreme Court, is currently the most popular book circulating in the library system, a spokesman said.

## Writhing display of life at library

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The audience's skin, like the subject matter, was crawling yesterday at the Maplewood Community Library.

More than 200 people viewed the library's "Live Snakes" program, where the Columbus Day gathering came to see the 12 live reptiles handled by Marianne Smith, an amateur herpetologist and snake collector.

Smith held and displayed snakes ranging in size from the baby King snake to the giant, 13-foot Burmese Python.



Marianne Smith's hand is the world to this baby King snake.

"It was really a successful program," said Mary Lyke, the branch's adult services librarian.

The free presentation, one of about a half-dozen per year offered by the branch at 1111 Dewey Ave., is part of the Monroe County Library System's Visiting Artist Program. The library system has a list of programs, such as book talks, musical programs, jugglers and clowns, and the branches schedule the programs they want, usually on non-school days, Lyke said.



Shannon King, 13, and her brother Jordan Wilson, 6, of 250 Burr St., recoiling at a library lesson on snakes.



Dennis R. Floss Democrat and Chronicle

Michael Dunham, 12, of 208 Clay St., gets acquainted with 13-foot Burmese python at Maplewood Community Library.

## Library Branch Renamed

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The Dewey Avenue Branch Library has a new name. It's now the Maplewood Community Library.

Members of the board of trustees of the Rochester Public Library voted 5 to 1 yesterday to give the branch the new name.

Maplewood Neighborhood Association asked the board last month for the change. The group said that since the library is in what's considered the Maplewood district, the name should be associated with the area.

The library is at 1111 Dewey Ave.

The board voted to change the registration period for borrowers' cards from three years to one. The action was taken to cut the loss of materials to delinquent borrowers and to establish a better system for the control of materials.

## Branch Library Kept Open As OPA Pledges More Oil

Monroe Branch Library will remain open.

That became apparent last night as OPA moved into the picture and assured the city that an application for supplemental oil rations would be accepted and "receive prompt attention."

The information was contained in a formal letter Joseph D. Paterson, district OPA manager, handed W. Raymond Whitley, city purchasing agent, after a conference in Paterson's office where Whitley was summoned. OPA sources said the city had not filed a supplemental application prior to the announcement that the branch would be closed due to lack of oil.

John Adams Lowe, city librarian, greeted the information with deep pleasure last night.

"That is fine," he said. "If we have the oil, we will keep open."

Lowe said he will confer with city officials and library trustees this morning. Closing the branch, scheduled for Saturday, was the last step after complete consideration had been given the situation, he said. Closing would force some 10,000 borrowers to use the main library, downtown, further congesting buses, he pointed out, as well as forcing a number of school children, who utilize the building after school until their working parents reach home, to go elsewhere.

Whitley, who will confer with City Manager Louis B. Cartwright this morning on the latest development, said the city's oil supply for the branch had been cut about 25 per cent under last year's total, and the unusually cold winter virtually exhausted the allowed supply. Lowe said remaining oil would be adequate only to keep the pipes from freezing. The oil system could not be converted to coal, he added.

Paterson's letter said "the Fuel Oil Rationing Board of the Office of Price Administration will entertain a request for issuance of supplemental ration of fuel oil for use of the Monroe Library. It will receive prompt attention."



### Reading Champ at Monroe

The Public Library's Monroe Branch had a party for summer readers yesterday.

And if there was a champion among the youngsters who attended, it must have been fourth-grader Karen Bowman (above) of 61 Wilmer St. She has read 19 books since school closed,

Librarian Helen Calnan reported.

Karen's list included five "Snipp, Snapp Snurr" books, one "Flicka, Ricka, Dicca" book, the "Poems of Rachel Field," "Joji and the Dragon," "Policeman," and "Fancy Be Good," which she read twice.

Every child who read six books received a certificate.

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### Company Bids \$7,300 On Library Project

John Luther & Sons Company was the low bidder yesterday for a contract to reconstruct and repair the doorways to the Monroe Ave. Branch of the Rochester Public Library. The company bid \$7,300, according to Fred W. Ereth, city purchasing agent. The bid was \$700 below the maximum of \$8,000 fixed for the project by City Council Tuesday night.

### LIBRARY BURGLARIZED

Burglars who smashed a rear window to enter the Monroe Branch of the Rochester Public Library at 809 Monroe Ave. made off with 35 cents taken from a change box, it was reported to police yesterday morning.

### LIBRARY UNIT WINS OIL PLEA

Monroe Branch of the Public Library System prepared to continue functioning last night after OPA gave the word additional oil could be obtained.

John A. Lowe, city librarian, said signs posted in the building, telling of the scheduled closing for the winter Saturday night, due to an oil shortage, had been taken down.

In City Hall, meanwhile, W. Ray Whitley, city purchasing agent, was awaiting the return of City Manager Louis B. Cartwright from Albany before filing a formal supplemental application for additional oil. Cartwright is expected back today.

Joseph D. Paterson, OPA head here, told Whitley Tuesday that the city would be given "prompt attention" when an application is filed.

### Intruder Prowls Monroe Library

An intruder prowled the Monroe branch library at 809 Monroe Ave. during the night, police reported. Some cards were scattered about and desk drawers were rifled but apparently nothing else was taken or disturbed.

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### Library Entrance Remodeled

The Monroe Ave. branch of the public library is getting a \$7,200 face-lifting. The work involves replacement of the entrance balustrade and front steps which have deteriorated.

The balustrade was leaning, forming a potential hazard to library patrons, according to library officials. A contract for the work was let to John Luther and Sons Company, of 87 Stillson St.



—Times-Union Photo—Fred Powers

### Reading In The Rink

It's story telling time for these youngsters in Xerox Square's new garden. Reading to youngsters of the First Universalist Church Head Start group is Patricia Hope of the Monroe Branch Library. Patricia is one of four pages

who read stories and play games daily with children in various spots in the branch area. Ted Baenziger, Head Start teacher, is on far right. Xerox officials say the garden, which includes artificial grass, will be ice rink in the winter.

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## Open House Slated

The Monroe Branch of the Rochester Public Library, 809 Monroe Ave., will hold an open house program tomorrow from 7:30 to 9 p.m. to show off its newly decorated interior. Audio-visual equipment will be demonstrated.

## Libraries to Be 'Pied Pipers' For Youngsters

The "Pied Piper" program of stories and games for three-to-eight-year-olds will be conducted again this summer in the neighborhood playgrounds by two branches of the Rochester Public Library.

Monroe Branch will offer the program Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and South Avenue Branch Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., weather permitting. Schedule is:

Mondays, Cobbs Hill Recreation Center, July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14; Wednesdays, School 23 playground, 170 Barrington St. July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 6;

Wednesdays, School 24 playground, 900 Meigs St., June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Thursdays, School 13 playground, 81 Hickory St., June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

Fridays, School 35 playground, 94 Field St., July 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18.

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## Library Offers Top 30 Tunes

You can now check out the top 30 popular music hits at the Monroe Branch of the Rochester Public Library.

The library has 10 to 4 p.m. records of each of the 10 top tunes and five each of hits 11 through 30, as selected from WBBF Radio's charts.

The record checkout started July 5. "It's been going pretty well," said Maria Kinsella, who is in charge of the program available only at the Monroe Branch, 809 Monroe Ave. New records on the charts will be ordered every two weeks, she said. They can be borrowed for two weeks at a time, with a maximum of three records per person.

Popular tune lending part of a six-month experimental program, has a \$500 budget.

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## On The Go

## Monroe Library Offers 'Free Trip'

Rochester Public Library is offering "a free trip to Israel." And everyone is welcome.

The trip is a vicarious one, planned from library travel books and delivered in slides and talk by Gilbert Fix of Monroe Branch Library at 8 p.m. Thursday.

"The Cage," prison drama performed by ex-convicts which played at Monroe Community College last, will be repeated at Nazareth Arts Center Wednesday night, Feb. 17.



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## 19 Years Overdue

Nineteen years ago someone borrowed "Thurber's Carnival," a book by humorist James Thurber from the Rochester Public Library, Monroe Branch—exactly 19 years later the book was returned.

Helene Pearlman, 38 Harper Drive, Pittsford, said she bought the book along with several others at a garage sale on her street about three weeks ago.

She said on the inside flap a due date was stamped—Due Aug. 25, 1953. Miss Pearlman returned the book to the Central Branch of the Public Library, last Friday, Aug. 25.

"They were a little bit flustered," she said.

The maximum fine for an overdue book is \$2.50, and "Thurber's Carnival" is valued at \$2.95.

Had Miss Pearlman been required to pay the fine, she said she would have been quite upset.

"I would have been very upset since the book was due about four months before I was born," she said.

She said as she left the library, the librarians were reading and chuckling over the Thurber wit.

A six-part, weekly series of free noon-hour programs, "Investments Sandwiched-in," will begin next Monday at Monroe branch of the Rochester Public Library, 809 Monroe Ave. First topic will deal with bank investments. Bruce Mann, Rochester Savings Bank financial adviser, will be the speaker. Subsequent programs, each lasting 40 minutes, will concern investments in stocks, investment clubs, real estate, insurance and mutual funds.

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## Peter B. Taub Must Like Catalogs



The Harold who's top dog of the Rochester Public Library has a namesake living at the Monroe Branch—a cat.

A young man working at the library branch brought the cat in about a year ago as a nameless kitten. His benefactor no longer works at the library, but the cat found a home there. The pages named him Harold after Harold Hacker, library director.

"When Harold was a kitten, he would get behind books so we couldn't find him for hours at a time," says Loretta Horner, Monroe Branch librarian. "Now he has his favorite corners."

A recent visitor to the library found Harold, who is black, curled up on the book checkout counter.

Hacker knows about Harold but hasn't met him.

The library director "should be flattered that Harold is named for him," Mrs. Horner said. "He's a lovely cat, and very intelligent."

A wall hanging in memory of Loretta Horner, head librarian of the Rochester Public Library's Monroe Branch from 1967 until she retired in 1980, will be dedicated at a reception at the branch library from 6 to 7 p.m. Nov. 17. Mrs. Horner, who died in 1981, was a member of the Rochester Weavers' Guild. Another member, Margaret Carr of Victor, made the wall hanging.

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## WHO'S IN CHARGE?

## Monroe library branch will get heat, steps

The front steps are crumbling off the Monroe Branch Library, 809 Monroe Ave., and the building has been without heat since late October.

"We're well aware of the problems there," said Linda Bretz, director of the Rochester Public Library. "The furnace was slated to be replaced next year but, when the weather turned cold, it died on us."

A new furnace was installed last week but had to be shut down because of wiring problems and steam leaks in parts of the building, said Rodney Perry, associate director.

"We're working on it and the staff is hanging in there despite the cold temperatures," Perry said. "The alternative would

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Steps at Monroe library branch

## Library Lockout Ends

✓ If you wondered why the Rochester Public Library's Portland Branch at 571 Portland Ave. has been closed, there is really a simple explanation.

Before we get to that, let it be stated that the Portland Branch will reopen today. Hours are from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Getting back to why the branch was closed Saturday, Monday and yesterday, there has been a lot of vandalism in that area and there was an equipment problem at the library.

"They were having trouble with the lock on the front door," explained a library spokesman. Repairs have been made.

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## Books in Spanish

✓ The Portland Branch of Rochester Public Library is starting a new service — "El Ricon Espanol" — the Spanish Corner—a collection of books in Spanish for Spanish-speaking people in Rochester.

An open house with refreshments and music will be held at the branch Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. *Times Union*

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✓ Portland Branch library got a book in the mail this week from American Airlines. A note said the book, "The Law of Marriage and Divorce Simplified," was found on a plane. It was due Dec. 10, 1963, at Portland Branch. The book wasn't sent air mail.

## Editorials

# Lest We Be Driven from Libraries

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In the way that crime is measured, discouraging someone from visiting a library to read or borrow a book probably doesn't rate as a very serious offense. Yet denying people access to books is just about as bad as banning or burning them, and that's pretty bad.

That's the effect rowdiness is having on the Portland Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library. According to library director Harold S. Hacker, "continuing discipline and harassment problems caused by a group of youths in that area have driven adult patrons away and forced a number of emergency closings..."

We don't mean to magnify the problem. Only this branch has been significantly affected, and not at all times. And there are other reasons why book borrowing is down in the libraries generally.

But even if one person is stopped from using a library for fear of harassment, that's a serious matter in our judgment, and in the judgment of the library director. Books are the source of wisdom, counsel, spiritual guidance, information and entertainment, and we cut people off from them at our peril.

The library is well aware of the importance of finding a solution, and has already had to resort to the police, arrests, parent warnings, rap sessions and so on. Part of the difficulty, it feels, is a lack of recreation facilities in the area.

There may be a prime opportunity here for a lively neighborhood group to work with the library staff and with the youngsters and with the parents in an effort to put an end to the trouble once and for all. Books are too precious to be denied to a single borrower.

## City Libraries Help Keep Children Busy

Good news to harassed mothers: the libraries have taken a hand in curing youngsters' vacation-time "what can I do now?" blues.

Gerry the Giraffe, a perky little quadruped with a bow atop its head, peers out of signs bearing the message "reading is fun," and urging children to join the summer reading club in their neighborhood library.

Gerry's clubs are already firmly established in eight of the libraries of the Monroe County Library System, and young club members are busily engaged in reading books.

"We give all the children their own cutout of Gerry," explained Harold S. Hacker, director of the Monroe County and Rochester Public Library system. "For every five books they read, they can color a spot on their own personal giraffe."

The tentative goal for the summer is 20 books, or five spots, but, if a reader gets ambitious — well, so far no one has limited the number of spots per giraffe.

At the end of the summer, each faithful club member will be awarded a diploma—embellished with a picture of Gerry.

Even the Monroe County traveling library is getting into the act, with a special club for juniors and a certificate of membership for each child finishing four books during the summer.

"These summer programs are not a new idea," Hacker said. "Rochester has used them for a long time to encourage more youngsters to read during the summer. And it's worked, too. July used to be the 'slump' month for us, but that's all changed now."

Both parents and children are equally enthusiastic about reading clubs.

"My daughter picks up a new book every other day," Mrs. Sydney Appelbaum, 177 Grafton St., said of her 9-year-old Paula. "She's always been an avid reader, and even more so since the teachers are encouraging her to read during the summer."

Paula is a member of the Bandbox Reading Club, at the

Portland Ave. branch of the Rochester Public Library. Instead of Gerry the Giraffe, eight of the city libraries have planned their own special vacation clubs, some of them loaning out books, and some conducting a reading hour program.

The Bandbox Club, for example, gives each child a small paper cutout of a hat for each book read. These cutouts are deposited in a large hat box and at the end of the summer each youngster gets his hats returned to him as souvenirs.

The hat motif pops up again in the 500 Hats Club of the Arnett branch, based on the Dr. Suess book, "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins." Each member of the club is given his own cutout of a little boy or girl, which is pasted on the library wall. For each book read, another hat is pasted on the head of the paper doll.

Most of the libraries have taken special pains to make the children's room as cheerful and appealing as possible, with gay pictures on the walls, books grouped for easy reference, and low chairs inviting "browsers."

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# Portland Avenue Branch Library to Close

By ANITA JOHNSON

The board of trustees of the Rochester Public Library voted unanimously yesterday to close the Portland Avenue Branch Library Dec. 30.

A decrease in circulation was cited as the major reason for shutting down the 50-year-old library.

"The number of items loaned in 1965 was about \$0,000," said William Cox, an assistant director in charge of branch and extension services.

"Our statistics show that last year, only about 33,000 items were taken out and that's about a 60 per cent decline in almost a 10-year span," he said.

The Portland Branch at 571 Portland Ave. is one of the oldest and smallest of the 14 libraries in the city's public library system.

The yearly cost to maintain it is about \$55,000, which is too much for a library that has a low financial return, Cox said. He didn't say how much money the library makes annually.

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"In-house use has been declining for many years, and the staff is too small to do much outreach activity," he added. Two librarians make up the staff.

One will join the Hudson Branch staff, while the other will be assigned to the Extension Department at the main library.

The Portland Branch in the northeast section of the city also draws fewer audiences to film programs and story hours than the other libraries, Cox said.

Other libraries in the area are the Lincoln Branch at 585 Clifford Ave., Hudson Branch, 1151 Hudson Ave., and Sully Branch, 939 Bay St.

"The ultimate purpose in closing the Portland Branch is to coordinate the best possible patterns of library service to reach as many residents of the whole areas as possible," Cox said.

To obtain this, "we will provide a full schedule of service hours at Lincoln and Hudson branches, with the Extension

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Inside the Portland Avenue Branch Library today. In background is librarian, Mrs. Samuel Margano,

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## Library closing Portland branch

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After 50 years of operation, the Portland Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library is closing.

The library's board of trustees voted Thursday to close the branch Dec. 30, after a survey showed that many borrowers lived within a mile of another branch, and that an experimental "rolling library" in the area was working.

Circulation at the branch at 571 Portland Ave., has dropped 60 per cent since 1965, said William H. Cox Jr., assistant director for community services.

"We feel we can provide better library service to people in that area," Cox said.

The Portland branch is one of four in the northeast part of the city, and is within a mile of the Lincoln, Hudson and Sully branches.

With the closing of the branch, the library plans other services in the area, including bookmobiles and film programs and story hours at community centers such as neighborhood organizations and schools.

Small centers where books may be

checked out also may be set up at some community centers, Cox said.

"Dollar for dollar we can give better service in different locations," he said. "We feel this may be a solution to bringing library service closer to the people."

Although Cox said he doesn't anticipate reducing service at other city libraries within the next year, he said the library would like to expand such community service if it works well in the northeast section.

The Portland branch has been open since 1925. Several years ago budget cuts forced some curtailment of services, Cox said. This fall the library is open only three days a week.

The branch has two full-time librarians, and operates on a \$55,000 annual budget, Cox said.

The library, he said, hopes to retain the same budget, but use it in different ways.

If the Portland branch had remained open, however, the hours at other branches in the area would have been reduced, Cox said.

"We also contacted a number of educational facilities and talked to regular Portland Branch users and explained that we wanted to improve library service."

Cox said the department asked users to suggest other locations for bookmobile library services. "Of those people surveyed, a number indicated they could just as easily use other libraries."

The library rents the Portland Branch from L.M.D. Realty Co., which is owned by the law firm of Noto, Rudin & Berlowitz in the Reynolds Arcade Building.

Mrs. Linda Marzano, 327 Hunts Park Rd., Victor, has been a clerk at Portland a little more than a year.

She said the Library has had a lot of trouble with vandalism by neighborhood children and said she believes this had "something to do with" the closing.

Cox said book circulation at several city libraries has dropped.

The decrease, he said, may be caused by an increase in television viewing and the popularity of paperback books.



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Department providing several mobile service stops in the area."

Bookmobile service, which has been running on a five-day basis, will be increased to six days. Also, the Hudson and Lincoln branches, previously opened for five days, will be open for six, Cox said.

A survey done by the library's Extension Department for October showed that Portland Branch loaned 1,781 items. The library was open 14 days, or a total of 98 hours.

This means that approximately 127 items per day, or about 18 items per hour, were borrowed.

During the same month, Cox said, "our new Rolling Library (Bookmobile) experimental stops were inaugurated, and 15 separate stops were made in eight locations, with a total public service time of just under 14 hours."

"The Rolling Library circulation varied from zero to 90 at some stops," Cox said, "but the total for the period was 442 items, or approximately 30 items per service hour."

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IN THE BANDWAGON—Paula Appelbaum, 9, drops paper cutout, awarded to children for each book they read during the summer, into a bandbox with the help of Mrs. Ruth Miller, children's librarian, at the Portland Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library.



STORY HOUR SESSION at Hudson Library finds Mrs. William R. Connelly reading to youngsters.



LISTENER Debby Kawa of 135 Knapp St. prefers to stand through story.

## When It's Story Time at Library

Photos by Peter B. Hickey

Text by John Street



ATTENTIVE Becky Boyko of 60 Laser St. listens to the story.

Some in the audience listened attentively; others stamped their feet, scratched their heads or craned their necks. One of the smaller listeners broke into tears.

It was the first children's story hour of the season at Hudson Branch, Rochester Public Library.

About 30 children, 3 to 4½, attended, with mothers in tow. They sat in a circle around Head Librarian Mrs. William R. Connelly.

Some heard every word Mrs. Connelly read from "The Tale of the Wee Little Woman" and "Angus and the Ducks." The attention of others wandered, from the story-teller to the faces of other children seated nearby, to the high ceiling of the library and finally, back to their mothers.

Mrs. Connelly explained that for many of the children, the first story hour is their first contact with other little people like themselves. She said it's natural for them to be interested in everything around them.

"These are our borrowers in three years (when they reach second grade). They'll soon be the general public," she added.



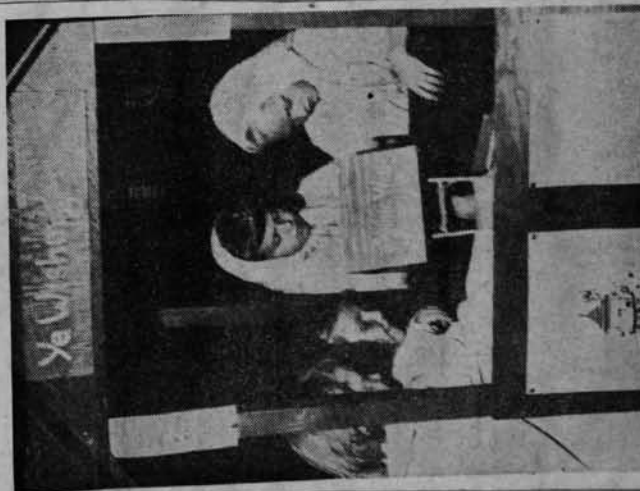
CONCENTRATING on the story is little Charlene Pellicano, 65 Laser St.

### 7th Ward Petition D. & C. FEB 29 1952 Asks Library, Rink

Anthony G. D'Amanda, attorney, 203 Hudson Ave., has petitioned City Council for more educational and recreational facilities in the Seventh Ward.

In his petition he asks that funds be appropriated for a new branch library; a skating rink in Ormond St., and an outdoor swimming pool. The council has referred the petition to City Manager Cartwright.

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THEIR WISH: A BOOK TO READ — Fishing into the "wishing well" at the Hudson Branch Library are four young booklovers. Kathleen Meagher, 8; Paula Zalofsky, 7; Donna Fascione, 10, and Patricia Rybach, 10. Girls are taking advantage of a summer reading club in which members are assigned buckets, then draw slips of paper from them with suggestion for reading. Clubs are being set up at 16 branch libraries.

## Hudson Library To Be Brighter

Better reading light at the Hudson Branch library at Hudson avenue and Norton street is coming this summer.

Fluorescent tubes will replace incandescent bulbs. Library officials hope that by fall, light in these rooms will be five times as strong as it is now.

The improvement is badly needed, says J. Vernon Steinmann, assistant director of the Rochester Public Library.

"The Hudson Branch is one of our most poorly lit," he said.

Cost will be in "the neighborhood of \$5,000." Bids for the job will be opened Wednesday.

When the building was opened in 1932, engineers believed 25 foot-candles of light was sufficient for reading. Specifications for the new fluorescent lighting call for nearly 100 foot-candles.

## New Lighting Set For Library Branch

The Hudson Branch Library at Hudson Avenue and Norton Street will get a new modern lighting system.

Conlang Electric Corp. of 140 Curtis St. was lowest among four bidders to replace the incandescent bulbs with fluorescent tubes and to do any necessary rewiring. Conlang bid \$5,961. City officials said the present lighting system is more than 30 years old. Eureka Fire Hose Co. of Passaic, N.J., a division of U.S. Rubber Co., was low at \$690 to furnish Rochester 1,000 feet of fire hose. Five other bids ranged to \$920. "Eureka" is from the Greek and is an expression of triumph.

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## Pulaski Mass Set Sunday

The memory of Brig. Gen. Casimir Pulaski will be honored Sunday by members of Pulaski, Melvin Mishalski and Polish Army Veterans posts, American Legion, and their auxiliaries with a Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church. After the services a wreath will be placed at the plaque of the Revolutionary War general in the Hudson-Norton Branch of the Rochester Public Library where Robert W. Zielinski, past Monroe County American Legion commander, will be the chief speaker.

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## Reading Club for Children

It's "Aloha to Hawaii" in the children's room at Hudson Branch of the Rochester Public Library these days as youngsters participate in a vacation reading club. Already about 100 children have enrolled.

Mrs. William Connelly, branch librarian, has arranged a sandy beach under a palm tree where the boys and girls walk in their stocking feet. Each child is represented by a pineapple, and as he reads books during the summer, he plants his pineapple on a different island on a map of the Hawaiian Islands.

The books are listed on his personal reading record, too, so at the end of the summer he will have a list of what he has read and a signed certificate to show that he participated in the reading club.

The Hudson Branch is one of seven city libraries which is participating in the summer reading program sponsored by the Pioneer Library System. Others are Arnett, Brighton, Charlotte, Genesee, Portland and South.



**BEACH PARTY**—Palm trees and sand in the Children's Room at Hudson Branch of Rochester Public Library simulate Hawaii as Mrs. William Connelly, branch librarian, reads about the new state to (left to right) Mary Rita Kiereck of Hudson Avenue, Marcia Walkowicz of Dunn Street, Debra Kiereck of Hudson Avenue and Patricia Lesniak of Townsend Street. The children are members of a vacation reading club studying Hawaii this summer.

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# THE MISSING CACHE

By Kathy Urbanic

## Part of the history of Rochester's

**O**ld buildings have special charm. Some also hoard secrets. Consider, for instance, the strange case of General Pulaski's box.

On the wall behind the circulation desk in Rochester's Hudson Branch Library hangs a 16-square-foot, bronze memorial plaque to Count Casimir Pulaski, hero of the U.S. Revolutionary War. It has hung there 45 years, ever since the library was built.

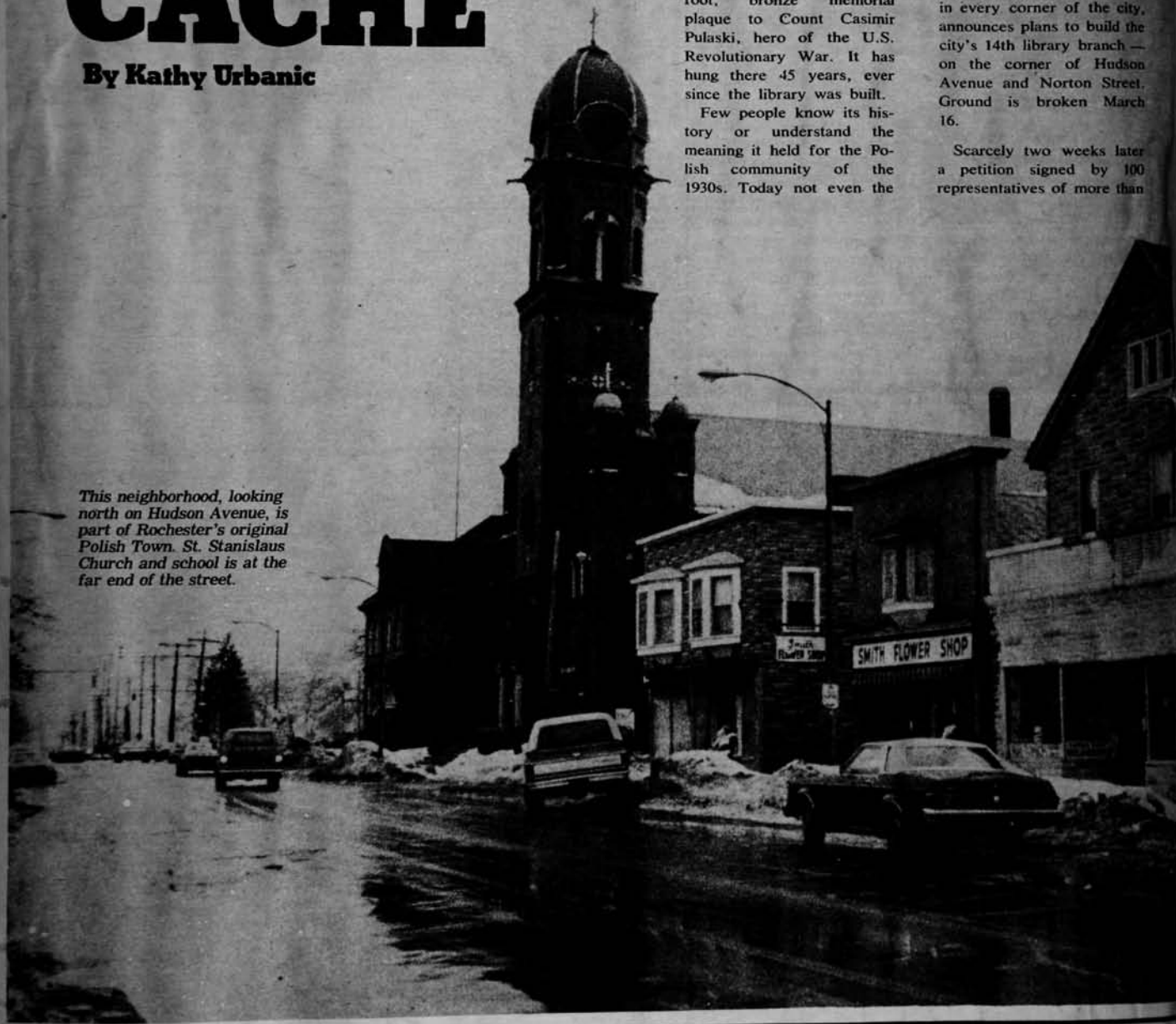
Few people know its history or understand the meaning it held for the Polish community of the 1930s. Today not even the

public library knows what's happened to the sealed strongbox Pulaski's Plaque was supposed to safeguard

March 1931: The Rochester Public Library Board of Trustees, inspired by Director William Yust's dream of taking books to the people in every corner of the city, announces plans to build the city's 14th library branch — on the corner of Hudson Avenue and Norton Street. Ground is broken March 16.

Scarcely two weeks later a petition signed by 100 representatives of more than

*This neighborhood, looking north on Hudson Avenue, is part of Rochester's original Polish Town. St. Stanislaus Church and school is at the far end of the street.*



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## Polish community has disappeared **Photos by Jim Laragy**

40 organizations and churches on the city's northeast side arrives at City Hall. The citizens request permission to name the new library after Polish-American patriot and founder of the U.S. cavalry, General Count Casimir Pulaski.

Since 1890, when a group of 30 immigrant families put up a small wooden church on Hudson Avenue near Norton Street, that intersection has been the heart of Rochester's "Polish Town."

In 1890 Norton Street marked the northern line of

the city; Hudson Avenue north of St. Jacob Street was nothing but a dirt-packed road. The area, only about two miles from downtown, was a place of fields and farmland where wild ducks were hunted along a little creek (now submerged and diverted into the northeast sewage system). Residents' water came from six wells scattered through the area. As Polish immigrants began making their homes around the parish, the fields and farmlands and dirt-packed road changed into a neighborhood.

By the 1930's the com-

munity was criss-crossed with streets named Kosciuszko, Sobieski, Pulaski, Warsaw, St. Casimir and St. Stanislaus. It was dotted with businesses and clubs whose proprietors lived in the neighborhood, belonged to one of the four Polish churches and made transactions with their customers in English and Polish. It was a self-sufficient neighborhood with schools, churches, butcher shops, bakeries, dress shops and grocery stores.

About all Polish Town lacked was a public library. The Poles had started three of their own, but they were

small collections, mostly of Polish-language titles, and depended on personal contributions. With 13 branch public libraries already built around Rochester by 1931, Hudson Avenue was one of the last corners of the city to be served.

The Polish-American Citizens' Central Committee (Centrala) had called the meeting to draft the petition asking the library honor Pulaski. Centrala, founded in 1924, represented all the groups within the Polish community. It sponsored concerts and appearances by Polish artists, raised money

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Although Rochester's city officials would not name the library at the corner of Hudson and Norton after Casimir Pulaski, they approved a memorial to the Revolutionary War hero. The plaque fit the city requirements that nothing permanent be carved in the building and that the project cost the city nothing.

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## 'About all Polish Town lacked was a library'

for scholarships and charitable causes, built playgrounds and a park for the neighborhood (Pulaski Park, of course) and each October organized celebrations for Pulaski Day.

Centrala waited four months for a reply to its request, until July 1931, when Charles Wiltzie, president of the library board, and City Councilman William Durnan called a meeting of the petition's sponsors at Polish Falcon Hall. It was, well, a nice idea, they told the Poles, but really not in keeping with library policy. Libraries were always named for street locations, not in honor of famous people.

Centrala had already raised \$500 to help pay for a bust of General Pulaski for the building. After consideration, the Library

Board said that would be all right. The Poles could place a memorial to Pulaski inside the library with two guidelines. They could carve nothing permanent on the building and the project was to cost the city nothing. In a gesture of good will, Wiltzie personally donated \$50 to the Pulaski Plaque fund.

**A**lphonse A. Kolb is a master sculptor and engraver, 84 years old and still living in the city for which he created scores of monuments, memorials, plaques and medallions. Around Rochester and Monroe County — on

buildings, along roadways, by the river — are dozens of landmarks he designed: a plaque on the University of Rochester campus inscribed with a song memorializing the Genesee, the bronze sculpture of a discus-thrower above the entrance to Rochester Turners' Hall, a memorial depiction of charging fire horses in honor of the city's last horse-drawn engine. The German immigrant's work was also commissioned nationally by Yale University, various colleges in California and American numismatic societies.

In 1932 Alphonse Kolb was a young man just es-

tablishing his career when the Polish-American Citizens' Central Committee asked him to submit sketches for a memorial to Casimir Pulaski. One of his designs won the approval of the Poles, the Library Board, and City Historian John Foreman, who was called on to write the plaque's inscription.

Although he doesn't remember how much he was paid or how long he worked on it, Alphonse Kolb today will explain in detail the complex process of creating the Pulaski Plaque: how he carved the wording in wood, sculpted Pulaski's portrait in metal and cast it in plaster. After the entire work was cast in bronze at a foundry, he applied delicate finishing touches by hand and rubbed and burnished it to a permanent shine. Kolb will also

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tell you how proud he is of the Pulaski Plaque; he used to stop into the library often, just to have a look at it.

January 1933: The Hudson Library opened to the public quietly and without ceremony.

October 11, 1933 — Pulaski Day: With a ceremony they've planned for months, the Polish community presents to the City of Rochester their memorial to General Pulaski.

Dressed in bright costumes representing the regions of Poland and escorted by the veterans of Pulaski Post #782, the Poles paraded proudly along Warsaw, St. Casimir, Pulaski and Kosciuszko streets, past homes specially decorated with flowers and banners. In front of St. Stanislaus Church a crowd of people — "thousands," said local newspaper reports — heard a Polish government vice-consul and state and local officials talk about Pulaski and patriotism.

Poles, spectators, dignitaries and all then assembled at the library, where the plaque had been hung. A bronze strongbox, filled with documents of the local community and mementos from Poland, had been sealed into the wall behind it. Little publicity was given to the box or its contents, what with the flurry of speeches, applause and hand-shaking as Stanley K. Kowalski of Centrala presented the plaque to Mayor Percival Oviatt and stewardship of the gift to John Adams Lowe, the library director.

The celebration continued through the evening with a dinner at Falcon Hall and a special radio program of polonaises, polkas and mazurkas broadcast by WHEC. As a finishing touch, at City Hall the Polish flag was flown beneath the Stars and Stripes all day.

The celebration had its impact. For years afterward,

in passing and in the press, people in Rochester referred — unofficially, of course — to the library at the corner of Hudson and Norton as the Pulaski Public Library.

**F**or 45 years Pulaski's Plaque has hung in the Hudson Library, honoring the general and, according to the evidence, safeguarding the bronze cache. What did the Poles put into the box sealed into the library wall? Did they intend that someday it would be re-opened?

No one knows. In fact, no one knows where the box is hidden, or if it's even inside the wall.

Although library files about the Hudson Branch contain scattered references to a cache receptacle, the library has no official records of the box, its contents, or its exact location. (A 1937 note says the receptacle was re-opened at least once to insert new materials and was accessible "from the workroom side" of the wall on which the plaque hangs. The reference states that Mr. Steinmann, then assistant library director, knew the spot to look.)

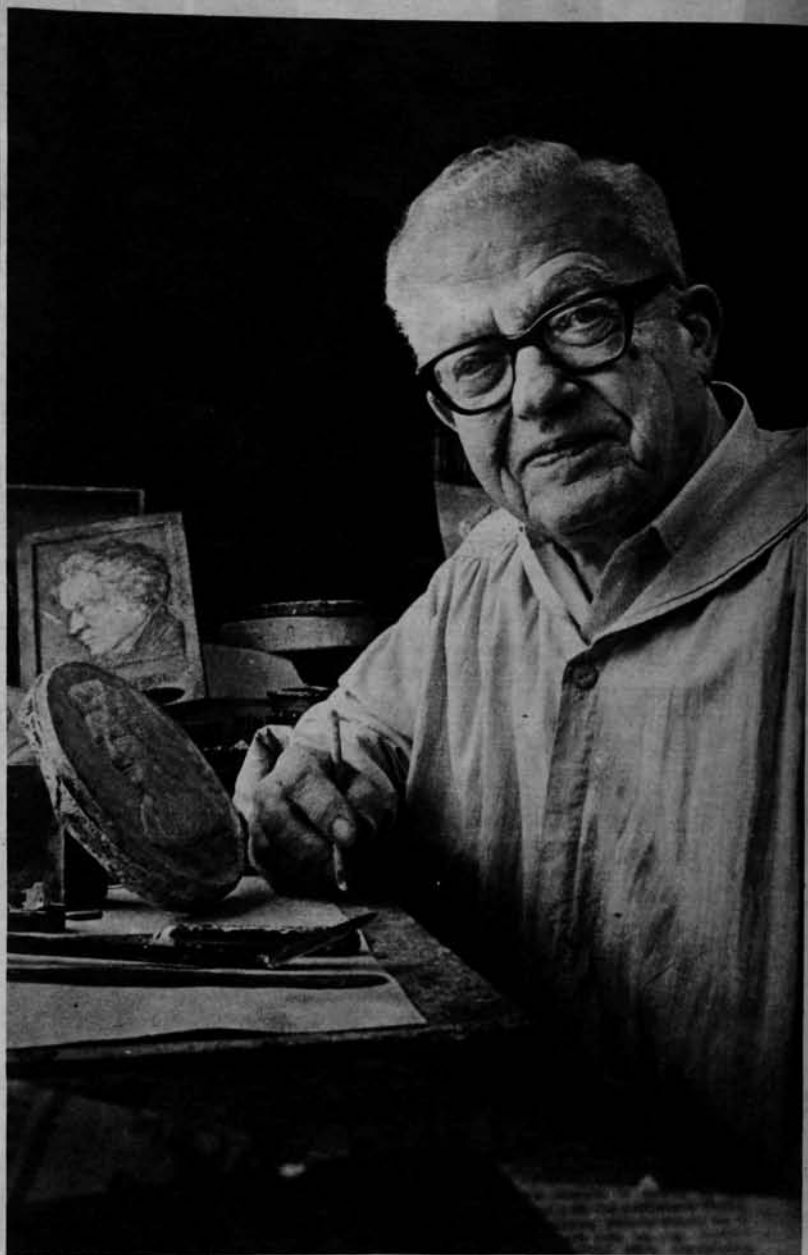
A book tracing the history of the local Polish community, financed by Centrala in 1935, says a list of the book's sponsors is preserved "in a cache with other historical documents in the back of General Pulaski Plaque," but Centrala today has no account of a strongbox or its contents.

Alphonse Kolb still has a letter Centrala sent him in 1933 requesting his assistance in securing the cache into the wall, but he now is not certain that he ever did it.

And although they can't say for sure what was put into the box, older residents of Polish Town are not surprised to hear it mentioned. Many say they remember something about a box behind Pulaski's Plaque.

Because the evidence says

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The whereabouts of the box, or what happened to it, may never be discovered. Above, Alphonse Kolb, designer of the plaque, now can't remember if he ever helped, as requested, to put the cache in the wall behind the memorial.

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Pulaski's Box exists, the Public Library and members of the Polish community have tried to locate it, document its contents and salvage that lost bit of the past.

Following descriptions from library files, library custodians and, later, volunteers from the community, spent several days sounding

the wall and excavating behind the plaque, looking for the box or some sign it was once there. With drills and hammers and a metal detector, they broke into the wall behind, around, above, and below the plaque.

They uncovered plaster, bricks, bits of old paper and straw. No trace of a strongbox; no trace of its con-

tents.

Where is the box? What was in it? Was it ever put into the wall at all? Nobody seems to know.

And it doesn't look like General Pulaski is going to tell.

KATHY URBANIC is a Rochester freelance writer.

# Polish community recovers buried treasure

A wall at General Pulaski Community Library has yielded a 50-year-old secret, and with it a part of the city's history treasured by Polish-Americans. They will celebrate the discovery, appropriately, just before Pulaski Day.

It was on Pulaski Day, Oct. 11, 1933, that the Polish-American Citizens' Central Committee (Centrala) gave the city a plaque for the new Hudson Branch Library on Hudson Avenue at Norton Street in the heart of the Polish neighborhood.

## PETER B. TAUB

Centrala had asked to have the library named for Casimir Pulaski, the Polish general who distinguished himself in the American Revolution, but the group's request was denied. It wasn't until two years ago that the library was renamed as the result of another petition from the neighborhood.

**THE POLISH** community had a great deal of ethnic pride in 1933, as it does today, and the unveiling of the plaque honoring Pulaski was quite an occasion.

After a parade from Falcon Hall, thousands gathered outside St. Stanislaus Church to hear speeches about Pulaski and patriotism. Then the crowd went to the library for a ceremony dedicating the 500-pound bronze plaque by sculptor Alphonse A. Kolb.

"The library proved entirely inadequate to shelter all who desired to witness the ceremony," a local newspaper reported, "and thousands waited long outside and filed through the library long after the ceremonies just to get a glimpse of the plaque."

The plaque was the Polish immigrants' "way of welcoming the library to the neighborhood and in a sense claiming it as their own, even though their petition to name the building after Pulaski had been turned down," says Kathy Urbanic, a communications assistant with the City School District who has researched Rochester's Polish-American community extensively.

**ALMOST OVERLOOKED** in the excitement over the plaque was a wooden box that Centrala planned to place in a bronze container to be sealed in the wall behind the plaque. The box was forgotten until one night in 1977 when Urbanic's brother, Tom, said, "Did you know there's a box hidden in the library wall behind Pulaski's plaque?" He had been leafing through a His-



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Head librarian Jeff Rice places contents of 50-year-old box in a display case.

tory of the Polish People in Rochester, written in 1935 by Norman Lyon.

Urbanic's remark inspired his sister to go through records at the library and City Hall. She also interviewed Kolb and families in the Polish neighborhood.

Scattered references indicated there had been a strong box behind the 16-square-foot plaque at one time, but its location wasn't recorded. According to library records, the wall was opened in 1935 and 1937 so that new material could be placed in the box.

"Each time the wall was broken at the particular spot not identified in the records," Urbanic said, "and then carefully resealed to leave no clue."

In 1978 an effort was made to find the box, but library custodians breaking into the wall from behind the plaque uncovered only plaster, bricks, bits of brown paper and straw.

**AGAIN THE** box was forgotten until a few weeks ago. Frank Anders, a graphic artist who grew up in the Polish neighborhood, was working on a catalog for Eirtech Instruments Inc. on East Ridge Road and saw a pipe and cable locator of the type that utilities use to find underground cables.

"I thought that was just what we needed," says Anders, a friend of Urbanic. "Finding a bronze box behind a bronze plaque is like looking for a white kitten in a snowstorm."

With the support of Jeff Rice, head of the branch library, Eirtech's Bill Krutenat offered to look for the box.

"It was a community relations thing," Krutenat says. "We have the talent and instruments. They had the problem. We thought we could help them, and we did."

After measuring, scanning and probing the wall with three kinds of locator devices, Krutenat thought he had found a metal object, about 10 inches by 8 inches, deep in the wall behind the center of the plaque. Library staffers Dick Schampier, Bill Simon, George Botticelli and Jack DuBois chipped, drilled and chiseled into the wall.

At the exact spot that Krutenat had pinpointed was the bronze box that Kolb had welded to the back of the plaque before it was installed. One side of the box creaked open on a hinge, revealing a wooden box with its lid nailed shut.

Inside were Lyon's history of the Polish neighborhood, a document in Polish describing the community's Pulaski Day celebrations from 1929 to 1937, programs from the celebrations in 1929, 1935 and 1937, a Pulaski Day button from 1936, a \$1 city bus pass for the week of Oct. 11, 1935, and a letter in English explaining why the box was placed there and listing its contents.

At the end of the letter was this note: "We the committee beg that, in any event should this tablet and documents be removed at any future time, such will be replaced in a most appropriate place deserving this great hero."

One of the six persons who signed the letter was John Stenclik, whose daughter-in-law, Stephanie Stenclik, was there when the box was opened.

Finding the box has "caused an emotional stir" in the neighborhood, Urbanic says. "It's been quite a happening for the community."

A Pulaski Day ceremony at 1 p.m. tomorrow at the library will include a talk about the general and the story of how the box was found. The contents will be displayed at a reception afterward.

After recording the contents of the box and its location, the library plans to reseat the wall. New items may be added to the box to update the history of the Polish community here.



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**SNAKE CHARMER** Steven Santana needing a little help to handle a 60-pound boa constrictor yesterday at the Pulaski branch of the Rochester Public Library, at 1151 Hudson Ave.

Maryanne Smith of All Creatures pet shop in Greece showed the boa and other snakes to children yesterday and even let them hold some of the creatures.

## 2 Bid on Library Job

Werner Spitz Construction Co. Inc. was low bidder today with a bid of \$12,363 for repair work on the floors and foundations of the South Avenue branch public library building. Only other bidder was Ralph Lill, 590 Titus Ave. His bid was \$15,500.

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## Library Will Show Movies for Children

South Avenue Branch of the Rochester Public Library will hold a series of three Saturday morning film programs for children beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday. The opening program will include "Red Carpet," "Seminole of the Everglades," "Making a Mask" and "Circus Baby."

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## Library to Offer Series of Reviews

The South Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library will offer a series of book review sessions on the next two Monday evenings beginning tomorrow at 7:30.

Tomorrow, three books will be reviewed by a trio consisting of Mrs. Norman Moore ("Schools Without Scholars"), the Rev. Kenneth Gates ("Story of the Christian Church") and Miss Marion Simmons ("Future a la Carte").

A week from tomorrow Conrad Olsen will review "The New Class," Miss Ethel von Hensler "Ice Palace" and Mrs. E. G. Agnew "Books That Changed the World."

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## Library Branch to Show Children's Movies

Rochester Public Library's South Avenue Branch will present the first of three children's movie programs at 10 a.m. Saturday. Programs will also be given Jan. 17 and 24. Films are from the Reynolds Audio-Visual Department. The opening program will include "Red Carpet," "Seminole of the Everglades," "Making a Mask" and "Circus Baby." There is no charge.

## Library Safe Battered Open

A small safe was battered open in the South Avenue branch, Rochester Public Library, 715 South Ave., during the night, it was reported to police today.

Thieves broke a side window to gain entry sometime between 11:15 p.m. yesterday and 7:30 a.m. today. Amount of cash taken from the safe wasn't immediately determined.

## Libraries to Close For Carpeting

Two branches of the Rochester Public Library will close temporarily for carpet installation, but a bookmobile at each will provide basic services during the period.

The South Avenue branch, 715 South Ave., will be closed from Tuesday through Sept. 27. Bookmobile hours at the branch will be 2 to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The Hudson branch, 1151 Hudson Ave., will be closed from Sept. 28 through Sept. 31. The bookmobile hours will be 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Friday.

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# Charred library may never reopen

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The South Avenue branch of Rochester Public Library probably will never reopen because of serious structural damage caused by yesterday's fire, a library official said.

Stephen Lesnak, assistant director for community services, said renovations had been planned. But now, he said, it's a matter of "where" to locate a new South Avenue branch.

The present building, about 50 years

old, is at 715 South Ave. near Gregory Street.

Lesnak said fire, smoke, heat and water destroyed about 22,000 books. He said the inside of the building was reduced to a pile of rubble.

"Everything inside is charcoaled ... like a well-done steak," he said.

He said that, in addition to the books destroyed, the library lost records, films, tape recorder cas-

ettes, prints and sculptures.

Lesnak said everything in the children's section of the library, where arson investigators said someone started the fire, was destroyed. At least 12,000 children's books were lost in that section, he said.

Library officials said firefighters tried to protect books by placing covers over them. But officials said many of those books will be lost to

smoke or heat damage.

Lesnak said library officials were checking "insurance coverage and taking inventory," but no damage estimates were released yesterday.

Arson Investigator John Chiavetta said someone apparently broke in through the side door of the building and set fire to drapes and curtains

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## \$5.4 Million Sought

# Library Cries: "We Need More Room"

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Rochester Public Library trustees yesterday ripped another page from the same book for its message to City Hall — "We need more room."

The trustees, who are headed by Margaret A. Boland, a lawyer, asked for the fifth year for a \$5.4 million enlargement of its Main Branch, 113 South Ave.

"We're bursting at the seams," Edwin S. Holmgren, assistant director, said.

Rochester's Bureau of Municipal Research a year ago termed the building "over-aged and grossly inadequate."

The request has never been approved by the city administration.

The city has funded a study for the "feasibility" of enlarging the Main Branch and a report is due in February from Waasdorff, Northrup & Kaelber architectural firm, Holmgren said.

The library board recommended joint city-county financing of the enlargement. The county recently assumed the library maintenance and operational costs.

The Main Branch enlargement was the largest single item in a \$9.7 million six-year capital budget request approved by the library trustees yesterday. Last year's request, which contained

almost the same items, was \$8.6 million. The increase of \$1.1 million is due to rising construction costs, Holmgren said.

New items in this year's requests include \$50,000 for short-range repairs on the Main Branch, and \$309,000 to relocate the Bookmobile staff and equipment from the Main Branch to possibly the Portland Branch, 571 Portland Ave., Holmgren said.

Another change in this year's capital requests is priority to replace Arnett Branch, 310 Arnett Ave., at \$448,900 over a \$464,000 replacement for Edgerton Branch.

The Edgerton Branch had inadequate quarters at 1 Backus St., a library spokesman said, but has moved temporarily to 183 Bloss St. The Backus Street site is being demolished. The Bloss Street site being rented is adequate, he said, giving Arnett priority in the replacement schedule.

Other branches budgeted for replacement, all near or over half a million dollars each, were Genesee, recently closed at 707 Main St. W., which has been funded, Lincoln, 585 Clifford Ave., South Avenue, 715 South Ave., Hudson, 1151 Hudson Ave., and Portland.

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hanging in front of windows near the rear wall of the library.

The fire burned out of control for at least 30 minutes before it was discovered by a neighbor, Chiavetta said.

The fire was reported at 3:43 a.m. and was under control about 4 a.m., firefighters said.

Chiavetta said flames raced up a back wall and spread rapidly throughout the one-story building because of the dry wooden ceiling.

Library officials said they would have a mobile unit parked at the side of the burned-out building during regular library hours.

But Lesnak said the branch library's services have been reduced drastically. He said the old library

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housed about 30,000 books and served about 15,000 patrons in a one-mile radius.

# Burned Library To Be Replaced; All Books Lost

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The burned South Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library will be replaced, Library Director Linda M. Bretz said today.

The building at 715 South Ave. is about 50 years old and had been scheduled for replacement in five years, she said.

"We'll just have to shift (projects) around and do it a little sooner," Mrs. Bretz said. "Our intent is to go back in there with a new building."

Library staff and insurance adjusters said today that the entire 30,000-book collection in the South Avenue branch is lost due to extensive smoke damage, Mrs. Bretz said.

"They felt there's no way to salvage anything there. The effort would be too great, so it's just a total loss."

Library officials originally

thought that part of the adult book section could be saved. The branch's 12,000 children's books were clearly destroyed in the fire.

A Brighton woman, Elizabeth Eaton of 2125 East Ave., offered in a call to The Times-Union today to work on a donation project for the library. She said she had several dozen children's books in good condition that could start such a donation drive.

Mrs. Bretz said the library system would gladly accept books as gift, but would reserve the right to place them in the appropriate library program.

"We also would use whatever budget money to build a new collection," she said. "And we have about 40,000 discards from other branches which are still in good shape, so we can tap into that collection."

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## Council Weighs Lease For Branch Library

The City Council will consider signing a two-year lease on a building at 683 South Avenue to replace the South Avenue branch library, which burned last May.

The new library site is close to the former library branch, which was at 715 South Ave.

The building, which the city would lease from James F. Delibert, would cost the city \$700 a month. The city also has the option of renewing the lease for two more years at \$800 per month.

The library system has been serving the area with a book mobile since the fire last May. The proposed lease was approved last month by the Library Board of Trustees.

The building needs painting and decorating, which will be done by the library and will take about a month, according to library estimates.

Steven Lesnick of the library system said "We're targeting Dec. 1" for opening the new branch.

He said this building is considered only a temporary answer. The city is studying its entire branch system, he said, and that study will include a recommendation for a permanent replacement to the South Avenue branch.

The old building will be auctioned off as part of the city's regular auction next Wednesday.

### New branch library hours

New hours for the South Avenue Branch Library, temporarily housed in a bookmobile, are in effect. The library will close at 6 p.m. each weekday and at 5 p.m. Saturdays. The change was made because of winter weather conditions and mechanical difficulties in the make-shift library. The original library at 715 South Ave. was destroyed by fire in May.

## South Avenue branch

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### Library seeking temporary quarters

The Rochester Public Library staff plans to meet with neighborhood groups and city officials to discuss plans for a temporary library branch in the South Avenue area.

Library Director Linda M. Bretz said her staff also wants to talk about plans for a permanent site in the area.

The old South Avenue branch and

its contents were ruined by a fire May 23. Fire officials said it apparently was a case of arson.

Library officials estimate they lost about 30,000 books.

Mrs. Bretz said the library is looking for "city-owned quarters" for its temporary location but will consider renting a site if no city-owned facilities are available.

She said a new building had been planned for 1982 as part of a capital improvement program, but the building will be needed much sooner.

Arson Investigator John Chiavetta said the fire still is under investigation.

Fire investigators believe the fire was started to cover up a burglary.

## Branch reopening

DEC, JUNE 18, 1979

The South Avenue Branch of the Rochester Public Library will reopen for daily service today at 11 a.m. The new library at 683 South Ave. replaces one that was destroyed by a fire last year.

Since the fire, short bookmobile stops have been made in the area twice a week. Hours for the new building are Mondays and Thursdays from 2 to 9 p.m., and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The library is closed Saturdays during the summer, but will begin Saturday service September 8. At that time, hours will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## South Ave. Library Opening

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The South Avenue Branch of the Rochester Public Library — which replaces one that was destroyed by fire last year — will open for daily service at 11 a.m. tomorrow. Hours for the new building at 683 South Ave. are Mondays and Thursdays from 2 to 9 p.m., and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The library will begin Saturday service September 8, with hours from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There have been Bookmobile stops twice a week in the area since the fire destroyed the building at 715 South Ave. in May 1978.

# South Avenue library was an oasis

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AS the much-quoted Chinese proverb declares: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

Our candle for 50 years in Southeast residential Rochester—our branch library—has been snuffed out in a consuming blaze which left not just darkness but a void.

Our library was unassuming, unpretentious. Nevertheless, it was sound in intellectual foundations, nurturing in spiritual function, and it was warm, pleasant, helpful and accepting in atmosphere.

Almost more than any other feature, that branch library made our area culturally cohesive. It was an oasis or a bank of rich heritage and wholesome recreation, and a beacon of hope for ambition and resolve.

Our branch library should be rebuilt, it should be refurbished, and most of all, the challenge to our values represented by its destruction should make us aware of its unique and abiding contribution to the texture and the quality of our lives.

ALICE ROGERS, 171 Mt. Vernon Ave.

## A world of adventure at South Ave. library

RECENTLY we witnessed the end of an era. And the majority never even batted an eyelash.

South Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library was destroyed by fire. In my opinion it will not be restored. More likely the demolition crew will soon move in, smash it down and black top over the surface and we will have another parking lot.

But I would like to protest for all the millions of young minds that pushed open the library doors and entered a realm of adventure and knowledge at the South Avenue branch.

**YOUR FIRST** library card! What an experience to enter those hushed, hallowed book-lined walls. And it had a strange clean aroma, as if knowledge oozed from every book.

Every little child knew about the secret door in the children's section. And to be able to hear stories read was such a thrill and privilege.

Has this generation become so calloused and unconcerned that the passing of a library means nothing?

I, for one, could not stand by and let this



Rochester Public Library branch at 715 South Ave.

... Burned but not forgotten

happen without at least expressing my feelings about the loss of our library.

GLORIA BLAKLEY LEWIS, 305 Caroline St.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Rochester Public Library director Linda M. Bretz has said the library will be replaced.

## Without culture, we become barbarians

WHAT was I to say? The South Avenue Branch of the Rochester Public Library had been gutted by fire and I was meeting with Miss Susan Rosenkoetter, head librarian of the branch.

Would I mention that we were losing a service that was an integral part of the neighborhood? Could we reminisce of the personal services her staff extended to patrons young and old?

Perhaps we might recall the times my friends and I needed information and played "Stump the Librarian." She never failed to come up with the answer from materials within her own branch.

Maybe we could thank Miss

Rosenkoetter for allowing us patrons to have a "book swap" shelf? How about mentioning that a good number of elementary school teachers considered the children's book collection at the South Avenue Library to be the finest of any branch within the Monroe County Library System?

What about mentioning the well-rounded book and record collection? Should I mention that the fire could possible destroy what she and her staff had built with hard work and integrity?

I met with Miss Rosenkoetter and didn't mention any of the above items. I was well aware of the fact that she already possessed this knowledge.

However, my eyes fell upon the title of an open book by James Herriot. The title was, "All Things Wise and Wonderful."

Those were the words for which I searched. The South Avenue Branch Library is all things wise and wonderful. For this reason, this branch must and will rebuild in the same area and continue to serve the community with its arts and culture. For without the arts we become barbarians.

A. BERNARD CAPONE, 34 Stover Road

## Library Negotiates for Use Of South-Gregory Building

City and Rochester Public Library officials hope to wrap up within a week negotiations for using the Rochester One Stop building at South Avenue and Gregory Street as a temporary site for the burned-out South Avenue Branch Library.

The library board yesterday approved signing a two-year contract with One Stop owner James Delibert, provided an "acceptable" rent figure is agreed upon by the negotiators. Board members did not indicate what amount would be acceptable. The city Real Estate Department is represented in the negotiations. Rochester One Stop has been a phonograph record distributor.

The first floor of the two-story building at 685 South Ave. is vacant. The second floor is used for storage. The building is about a block from the South Avenue Branch, where the fire last May ruined 30,000 books.

If that site is selected, a citizens committee will be named to find a permanent home for the library in two or three years, library officials said.

The board also updated its five-year capital improvement plan yesterday. Linda Bretz, library director, referred to the plan as a "wish list." The board isn't certain the money needed to carry out the plan will be available.

Based on preliminary recommendations from Barnard & Maybeck, a local engineering consulting firm, the board approved \$3.8 million in capital improvements at the Central Library in Rundel Memorial Building to bring it up to city code standards.

Mrs. Bretz said the electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning systems must be replaced. She said no major renovations have occurred since the building opened in 1936.



**THEIR COMMON INTEREST: A NEW LIBRARY BUILDING**—Examining plans for new branch library, to be built at Bay and Iroquois Sts., are, from left: William A.

Clark, consulting engineer; E. H. Walker, of the city engineer's office; Herbert H. Bohack, architect, and Anthony C. LeCesse, contractor. Library will replace branch in Goodman St.

## New Branch Library Building Due by Oct. 1

Yesterday it was nothing more than a few piles of freshly-moved dirt, an old elm tree stump, and a series of trenches filled with muddy water.

"Tomorrow"—or rather, by Oct. 1—on this site at Bay and Iroquois Sts. will be a new 90x90 foot public library building, the most recent addition to Rochester's culture.

Anthony C. LeCesse of the LeCesse Corporation, which has the \$90,000 contract for building the structure, said, "Weather permitting, we'll begin to pour the concrete footings within the next day or two, and then will begin the brick work." The site has been virtually cleared.

Delivery of steel necessary for the building might occasion some delay, but LeCesse said that "right now the situation looks good." The building will be of brick and stone exterior. Herbert H. Bohack is the architect.

It will be known as the Darrell D. Scully branch, and will replace the Goodman St. branch, at 511 Goodman N.

The Goodman St. building, one of five branch libraries for which the city rents quarters, must be vacated by the end of September, according to Rutherford D. Rogers, Rochester Public Library director, because the building owners, a labor union, wish to occupy it.

The city rents the buildings which house the Lake Ave., Portland, Arnett and Genesee branches. It owns the other seven branch buildings—Monroe, Brighton, Charlotte, Edgerton, Hudson, Lincoln and South Ave.

Serving a large residential area, the new branch, which is at the eastern end of Webster Park, will have approximately 15,000 volumes on its shelves. Its director will be Miss Hilda Atterberg, who has headed the Goodman branch.

## \$90,977 Is Lowest Bid

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## On New Library Branch

Herbert H. Bohack, Architect DRC  
Nine local firms today submitted bids on a city contract to construct a new public library branch in Webster Park at Bay and Iroquois sts.

Low bidder was the Le Cesse Corporation, 1515 Lyell Ave., with a bid of \$90,977.

Second low was Fred B. Yaeger, 1096 Joseph Ave., with an estimate of \$94,254, followed by:

Le Chase Construction Corporation, 29 Saratoga Ave., \$94,772; Anthony Link Sons, 616 Goodman St. N., \$99,500; Stewart and Bennett Inc., 126 Water St. N., \$99,666; John Luther and Sons Company, 87 Stillman St., \$104,100; Werner Spitz Construction Company Inc., 11 Comfort St., \$104,220; Saucke Brothers Construction Company Inc., 82 Saranac St., \$104,629, and Henry Stallman Son, 135 Spring St., \$114,400.

**LOW BIDDERS** on subsidiary contracts on the library branch building were:

Plumbing—H. W. Dean Plumbing Company, 270 Haywood Ave., \$4,148; heating—William A. McCor-

mick Plumbing and Heating Company, 4 Lake Ave., \$8,200, and electrical wiring—Horacek-Hayden Inc., 16 Howell St., \$8,760.

Preliminary estimate of the total cost of the work was \$123,000, including costs of general construction, plumbing, heating and wiring.

Total of low bids received today was \$112,085, about 10 per cent below city estimates.

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## Work Starts On Branch Library

HERBERT H. BOHACK

Preliminary excavation for the new Darrell D. Scully Branch of the Rochester Public Library in Webster Park is underway. Completion date for the 90-by-90-foot building is Oct. 1.

Mr. Sully, donor of the money which made this new building possible was a prominent local attorney and financial expert who was president of the Genesee Valley Trust Company from 1914 to 1922. He was born here Mar. 7, 1845 and died here in 1931 at the age of 86. He studied law in Scotland, New York City and Canada, where he received his degree from the University of Toronto.

Mr. Sully was a founder of the Genesee Valley Club and served on the Board of Education for many years. He left the bulk of his estate, \$200,000, to a niece, Mrs. Anna E. F. Boyd. Upon her death the trust reverted to the city for library purposes.

The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Public Library recently voted to name the Webster Park branch in memory of Mr. Sully. Books for the building will come from the present Goodman Branch, which has been sold and must be vacated by the end of September.

## Branch Library Named For Benefactor

Departing from precedent, a branch library to be built at Bay and Iroquois Sts. will be named for Darrell D. Sully, late benefactor of the city library system.

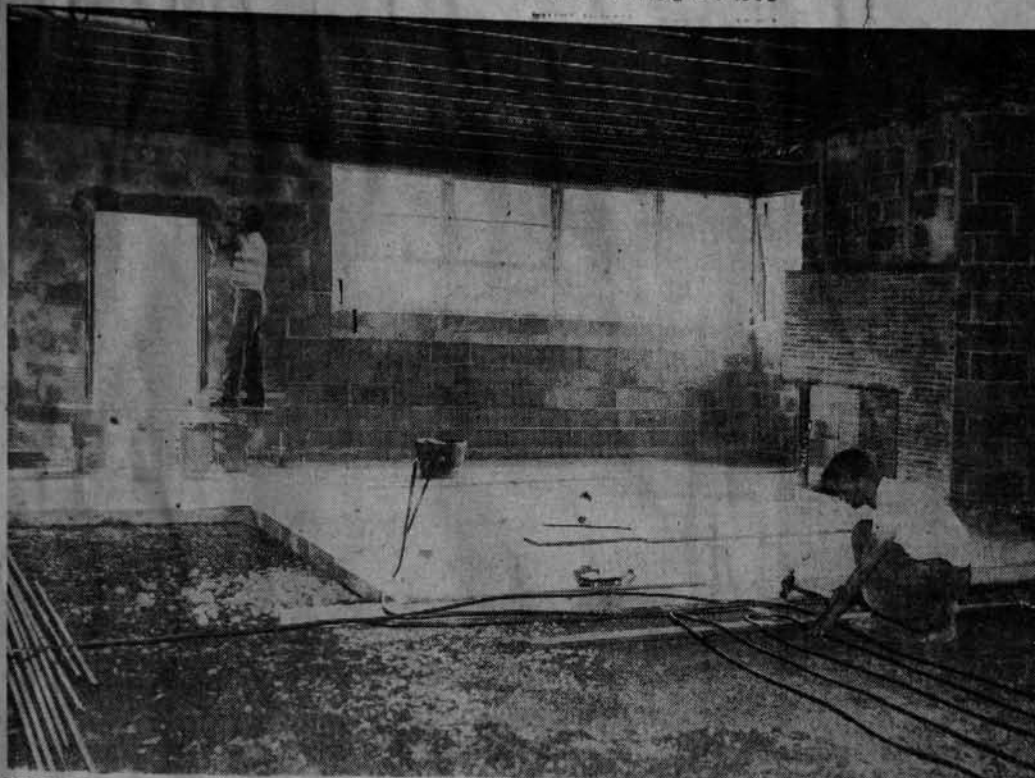
The decision of the trustees of the County Public Library System was announced yesterday. The branch, preliminary work on which is under way, will be the first to be named after a person; all others bear the name of the street on which they are located.

Mr. Sully, who died in 1931, left a \$200,000 trust which ultimately went to the city for library purposes. The board, feeling that this money made the new branch possible, voted unanimously to make the building a memorial to the late Rochester attorney.

## Concrete, Tile Stolen At Library Project

Thieves and vandals stole concrete and drain tile valued at \$36 and did \$60 worth of damage to new foundations at the Iroquois St. library construction project, police were informed yesterday. Raymond LeCesse of 495 Lyell Ave. said the acts were committed between 3 p. m. Monday and 7:30 a. m. yesterday.

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UPWARD—This will be the children's book room in the new branch Public Library at Bay and Iroquois Streets when it is finished Nov. 1. Joseph Pierleon of 1293 Jay St.

is finishing up preliminary work around rear entrance, at left, while William Day Jr. of 64 Cedarwood Ter. is laying soft copper tube to be used for radiant heating.

## Work Advances Rapidly At New Branch Library

Herbert H. BOTTACKER - Architect

Contractors plan to have the new Rochester Public Library branch at Bay and Iroquois Streets "all enclosed and ready for interior plastering next week," it was disclosed yesterday.

Anthony LeCesse, treasurer of LeCesse Corp., general contractor of the job, said installation of radiant heating pipes in the floor will be finished this week. The pipes are a half-inch soft copper tubing that will be imbedded in concrete two inches under the floor level.

Other radiant heating pipes will be installed in the ceiling of the one-story brick building. LeCesse said that 20 per cent of the heat will come from the floor pipes and 80 per cent from the ceiling.

The building is scheduled to be completed by Nov. 1 and if there are no more unexpected delays, the completion date will be met. LeCesse said the firm anticipated no more delays. Work was held up a month waiting for delivery of structural steel.

Next month, LeCesse said, the landscaping will be done and the parking lot behind the building completed. LeCesse estimated the building was 60 per cent completed yesterday.

It is mainly built of cement blocks with a light pink colored brick facing. The flat roof is poured concrete supported by steel columns and beams. Workmen yesterday were completing the brick work around the main entrance facing on Bay Street.

branch now located at 511 Goodman St. N. The city rents the building housing the Goodman Street branch.

Mr. Sully, who died in 1931, left a \$200,000 trust which ultimately went to the city for library purposes. The branch will be the first to bear a person's name. The others are known by the streets on which they are located.

Children's rooms and books will be on the west side of the building. A study room with a fireplace will be in the southwestern corner of the library. Two rooms on the east side of the building will be devoted to adult and young people's books.

Entering the main entrance, a person will face the distribution desk. The librarians' office and staff rooms also will be in the center section. Storage space for books will be in the basement. There also will be a rear entrance for persons using the parking lot.

The new branch library, costing \$90,000, will be named for Darrell D. Sully, late benefactor of the city library system. It will replace the old Goodman Street

THE WEATHER BUREAU HAS

## Library Branch

Ready by Nov. 1

The new Rochester Public Library branch at Bay and Iroquois sts. will be ready for use by Nov. 1 if no unexpected delays occur, according to Anthony LeCesse of the LeCesse Corp., general contractors for the job.

LeCesse said the building is now about 60 per cent complete, with interior plastering scheduled to begin this week. Landscaping and construction of a parking lot are also scheduled to begin next month.

The \$90,000 building will be built of cement block with a light pink brick facing. It is to be named for Darrell D. Sully, late benefactor of the library. It will replace the old Goodman St. branch in a rented building, 511 Goodman St. N.

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**BOOKS ON THE MOVE**—Transfer of operations from Branch Library at 511 Goodman St. N. to the new Darrell D. Sully Branch Library, 939 Bay St., was under way today. Here Virginia P. Miller, supervisor of branch libraries, checks off list of volumes being taken off old library shelves by Francis C. Carey (center) and Arthur Smith of maintenance staff. Some 13,500 books will be moved to the new building.

## HERBERT H. GODFREY - ARCHITECT DEC 31 1953 New Darrell Sully Library Branch Opened

Rochester's latest library branch was in business today.

The Darrell D. Sully branch, at Iroquois and Bay streets, was dedicated yesterday afternoon, with the Rev. Wilbour Eddy Saunders, D.D., the principal speaker.

Dr. Saunders, president of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, recently was reelected president of the board of trustees of the Rochester Public Library.

Citing libraries as one of the city's most essential assets, he said in part:

"Appropriately, we dedicate this building to Darrell D. Sully, whose gift of many years ago makes possible the housing of a book collection.

"Quite as appropriately, we dedicate that which is between the covers of the books—history,

philosophy, poetry, of love and adventure—to the men, women and children of this area . . . to whom these treasures are made available without expense, except the wise investment of leisure time."

The late Mr. Sully was an attorney, banker and philanthro-

pist. The \$115,000 library branch was financed from funds he left the library.

At the dedication were Rutherford D. Rogers, director of the library system; Dr. John A. Lowe, former director, and Harold S. Hacker, who becomes director Jan. 1.

## New Librarian to Appear At Dedication of Branch

Harold S. Hacker, new director of the Rochester Public Library, will make his first public appearance here on Dec. 13 when the new Goodman Street North Public Library branch at Bay and Iroquois Streets is dedicated.

Hacker, director of the Grosvenor Library in Buffalo, will not take over his Rochester duties until Jan. 1, but has been invited to the dedicatory services and is expected to attend. Also present will be Rutherford D. Rogers, present director of Rochester Public Library. It will be one of the last final appearances for Rogers as he is to leave for New York at year's end to assume his new duties of chief of personnel of the New York City Public Library.

Rogers said delays in construction of the Goodman Street branch have cropped up, but he expressed belief it will be possible to proceed with the dedication on the date planned. The ceremony will begin at 3 p. m., he said, with Mrs. Floyd Newell, chairman of the building committee, presiding. Dr. Wilbour Eddy Saunders, president of the city library's board of directors, will make the dedication speech.

The new branch, constructed at a cost of \$90,000, will replace an old branch in rented quarters at 511 Goodman St. N. Construction of the new concrete block building was begun last March by the LeCesse Corp., general contractors. The branch will be named in honor of the late Darrell D. Sully, library benefactor. It will be staffed by Miss Hilda Atterberg as branch librarian; Miss Clara Neal, assistant librarian, and Miss Mary Cashman, children's librarian. High school pupils will serve part-time as pages.

Funds for the branch were given by Mr. Sully who died in 1931. His will stipulated that a \$200,000 trust be set up to establish and maintain a free public library. The Goodman Street branch will be the first to be named after an individual. All other branches take their names from the streets where they are located.

### WE ARE MOVING!

GOODMAN BRANCH CLOSING  
at 900 PM

Tuesday, November 24

No Library Service  
November 25-December 6

DARRELL D. SULLY BRANCH

939 Bay Street

OPENS

Monday, December 7

## Dedication Rites Stated Today for Branch Library

An address by the Rev. Wilbour Saunders, D.D., president of Rochester Public Library's board of trustees, will highlight dedication ceremonies today of the new Darrell D. Sully Branch Library.

The new branch at 939 Bay St., open tomorrow, Dr. Saunders will speak at 3 p. m. The new building replaces the Goodman Branch which operated in a rented building for 36 years.

Harold S. Hacker, who will take over the directorship of the Rochester Public and the Monroe County Libraries, will make his first public appearance here at the dedication ceremony.

**NOTICE**—This sign on Goodman street building informs library's "customers" of the transfer.

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**BIBLIOPHILES**—Principals of branch library dedication gather under portrait of Darrell D. Sully whose

bequest financed structure. From left, Harold Hacker, R. D. Rogers, Mrs. Floyd Newell, Dr. W. E. Saunders.

## 250 Attend Branch Library Opening

Tea Scheduled  
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At Library

**FIRST** fire in the fireplace of the new Darrell D. Sully Branch of the Rochester Public Library, at Bay and Iroquois streets, will be lighted by Director Rutherford D. Rogers this afternoon at a Christmas tea given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers by the staff association of the library.

Pouring at the tea will be Miss Virginia P. Miller, Miss Marian D. Mosher, Miss Emily Rowe, Miss Julia L. Sauer, Miss Marion L. Simmons, Mrs. J. Vernon Steinmann and Miss Helen W. Wilson.

The festivities were planned by a committee headed by Mrs. Thelma C. Jefferies and Miss L. Christine Sullivan.

Mr. Rogers, who has been director of both the Rochester Public Library and the Monroe County Library System, will leave Rochester at the end of the year to take up new duties as chief of personnel at the New York Public Library.

Three "generations" of library leadership and some 250 neighbors crowded between blond oak reading tables and book shelves to witness yesterday's dedication of the Darrell D. Sully branch of the Rochester Public Library.

The doors of the gleaming building at Bay and Iroquois Streets were opened to the public shortly before the afternoon ceremony. Only three hours earlier, Rutherford D. Rogers, director of the library system, was one of several executives who helped scrub the floor prior to the opening.

When the Rev. Wilbour Eddy Saunders, D.D., began his dedication address, however, serenity had replaced the bustle of the last minute preparations. The speaker—president of the library trustees and head of Colgate Rochester Divinity School—cited a city's library as one of its most essential assets.

"The adequacy of its library," he said, "is as important to any community as the purity of its water supply and as essential as its fire and police protection."

The new branch, he said, becomes one of the pillars of vitality in the city's northeast section which it serves. It provides the pool of knowledge essential to the informed citizen, he said.

"The wise parent moving into

this neighborhood will not only ask whether the transportation facilities are adequate," he explained, "and the shopping center convenient; but also whether the stimuli for cultural achievement are present or absent. The library is our reservoir of information, the pipe line for the flow of the accumulated knowledge of the past and the vehicle for the interpretation of the present."

"Appropriately, we dedicate the building to Darrell D. Sully whose gift of many years ago makes possible the housing of a book collection. Quite as appropriately we dedicate that which is between the covers of the books—history, philosophy, poetry, tales of love and adventure—to the men, women and children of this area . . . to whom these treasures are made available without expense, except the wise investment of leisure time."

In Dr. Saunders' audience were Rogers; Dr. John A. Lowe, who preceded him as library director, and Harold S. Hacker, who will succeed him Jan. 1. Of the three, Rogers was the only one to participate in the program. He defined the purpose of a library as serving "education, recreation, aesthetic appreciation, information and research." It was Roger's final

public appearance before his departure for a major library post in New York City.

Mrs. Floyd B. Newell, chairman of the building committee for the new branch, presided over the informal ceremony. Vice Mayor Norman A. Kreckman, city councilman, who resides in the 18th Ward in which the library is located, expressed the appreciation of the neighborhood and the city as a whole.

The \$115,000 structure was financed from funds left to the library by the late Darrell Denman Sully, Rochester lawyer, banker and philanthropist who died in 1931. The building replaces the rented quarters of the Goodman Street Branch. It is headed by Miss Hilda Atterberg, branch librarian.



STORE OF KNOWLEDGE—Street reflects lights of the Darrell D. Sully Branch Library, the newest in the city.

# Lights 'N Enlightenment

## Evenings Busy at Sully Branch Library



Six evenings a week the lights in a one-story brick building at Bay and Iroquois streets burn until shortly after closing time at nine.

Traffic through the gleaming glass doors is brisk and the building generally enjoys a good business every day. But unlike other nearby business places, its wares are free to all who enter.

Photos by Times-Union Photographer Curt Barnes.

The building is the Darrell D. Sully Branch of the Rochester Public Library, newest of the city's widespread branch libraries.

The new branch, which replaced the rented quarters of the Goodman street library,

was dedicated shortly before Christmas last year. First branch to bear a person's name, it was dedicated in memory of the late benefactor of the city library system.

THE LIBRARY, which is in the charge of Miss Hilda D. Atterberg, contains a total of more than 15,000 volumes.

ALL DATED UP—Kathy Whalen, Sully Branch page, checks out books for Margaret Smith (center), 11, of 144 Kiniry Dr., and Jean Woerner, 10, of 124 Kiniry Dr.

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**CATS 'N CAPTIVATION**—Point of interest in book of cats draws attention of Jeanne Lutus, 8, of 8 Fernwood Pk.; Sandra Robertson, 10, of 33 Fernwood Pk., and John Lutus, 6, of 8 Fernwood Pk., at Sully Branch.

### School 33 PTA To See Film

A founders' day program will be presented by the PTA of Audubon Unit 33 School at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Sully Branch Library, 939 Bay St.

Norman Moore, director of the audio-visual department of the Public Library, will show a film entitled "Impressionable Years," which will be followed by a discussion.

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**THE BIG BOOK**—Patrick Mahoney, 9, of 66 Meredith St., refers to the dictionary for some word definitions.



**TAKE IT HOME?**—That would appear to be on the mind of Lou Ellen Wetzel of 622 Laurelton Rd. as she peruses book in one of the stacks of Sully Branch Library.

## Library Unit Moves to Acquire Cash

A request for liquidation of the Sully Fund bonds as soon as is legally possible for financing construction of the proposed Dewey avenue branch library was made yesterday by the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Public Library.

The request to the city comptroller was made at a meeting in the Rundel Memorial Building.

The Sully Fund, donated to the city by Darrell D. Sully for purposes of library development, now has a balance of more than \$100,000 in bonds and other securities.

J. Vernon Steinmann, assistant director of the Rochester Public Library, said a provision in the city charter prevents the city comptroller from selling municipally-owned bonds at more than 1 per cent below purchase price. Bonds in the Sully Fund, he said, have now depreciated about 6 per cent below their face value.

J. Frank Traynor moved that no commitments be made with architects or other business firms for construction of the library building until the securities in the Sully Fund can be reduced to cash.

The motion, adopted unanimously by the trustees, will be reported to City Comptroller Emmett V. Norton.

The City of Rochester has taken a 60-day option for \$7,500 from Aquinas Institute to purchase land for the library building. City officials have been assured by Traynor, on behalf of the trustees, that they will not be asked to defray any cost of the construction if they agreed to purchase the site.

## Club Slates Book Review

Miss Helen Sullivan of the Sully branch of the Rochester Public Library will review Agnes DeMille's "And Promenade Home" at the dinner meeting of the Rochester Business and Professional Women's Club this evening.

The meeting following the dinner will take place in the YMCA on Gibbs street with Mrs. Harry C. Boyd presiding.

Miss Jeanette Dick, book club chairman of the RBPW, is in charge of arrangements.

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Saturday, December 15, 1956

## Cashing of Securities Proposed to Finance Branch Library Job

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The action was taken at a meeting in the Rundel Memorial Building.

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Complications in the liquidation procedure were outlined at the meeting by J. Vernon Steinmann, assistant director of the Rochester Public Library. A provision in the city charter, he said, prevents the city comptroller from selling municipally-owned bonds at more than 1 per cent below purchase price. Bonds in the Sully Fund, he added, have now depreciated about 6 per cent below their face value.

### Foresees Solution

"I am hopeful," remarked J. Frank Traynor, "that the city will be able to find a legal way around this provision." He made a motion, which was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees, that no commitments be made with architects or other business firms for construction of the library building until the securities in the Sully Fund can be reduced to cash.

"That is the only way," Traynor said, "that we can know our financial limits in this undertaking."

Word of the board's decision will be relayed to City Comptroller Emmett V. Norton.

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A special appropriation of \$5,000 has been voted to the Rochester Public Library by the Reynolds Library Board. Funds will be used by the Reynolds Audio-Visual Department of the library for the purchase of films and recordings, according to trustee John A. Lowe.

Funds donated to the library by the Reynolds Library Board

during 1956 now total \$29,000. Lowe said. Of this money, \$27,000 was used to buy audio-visual material, and the remaining \$2,000 for reference books.

The Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Grady, whose term as trustee expires Dec. 31, was appointed for another five years by City Manager Robert P. Aex.

The report of Harold S. Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library, included the following items:

Teen-age rowdies are causing problems in the Hudson, Portland and Lincoln library branches. In dealing with these youngsters, library officials will cooperate with the Police Youth Bureau and various social agencies. Hacker mentioned that letters would be sent both to offenders and to their parents, warning them either to mend their ways or to risk being barred from the library. If such action does not have the desired effect, the services of the Police Youth Bureau would be brought into action.

### Normal Schedule to Resume

Library hours for all the branches of the Rochester Public Library will return to their normal schedule on Jan. 2. Under this schedule, libraries are open from 2 to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For several months, the Edgerton, Portland, and South Avenue branches have either stopped or cut down Saturday service.

Bookmobile circulation during November hit the 10,448 mark, putting it behind only two other library branches in circulation figures. Total monthly circulation for the library system was 163,123 volumes, compared to 160,088 last year.

The promotion of William H. Cox Jr., senior librarian, to personnel officer was approved by the Board of Trustees, as were the following appointments: Mary Jean Kelly, junior librarian; Grace Guidice, typist; William T. Gerstner, building maintenance helper, and Edward Vander Mallie, maintenance mechanic.

## Library Bonds Sale Authorized

Construction of a new branch library on the northwest corner of Dewey Ave. and Augustine St. will be possible through sale of bonds in the Darrell D. Sully Fund.

City Comptroller Emmett V. Norton has notified the trustees of the Rochester Public Library of the sale which was authorized by the City Council at its last meeting. The library board had decided to take no action towards the construction of the building until the Sully bonds could be converted into cash, so that they would know how much money is available.

The new library building will replace the Lake Avenue Branch at Lake Ave. and Owen St. The Dewey avenue site is strategically located in the center of the area to be served. The Lake Avenue Branch is housed in what was formerly three small stores in the northeast corner of a residential area of some 25,000 people.

Trustee J. Frank Traynor, chairman of the committee for the new branch, reported to the library board that his committee now plans to proceed with outlining the requirements which the new library should meet before an architect is chosen. The committee plans to recommend a modern one-story building somewhat similar to the Darrell D. Sully Branch in Webster Park.

The new library is expected to have 20,000 books and an annual circulation of over 100,000 books. At the request of the City Planning Commission, on-site parking will be provided.

## D & C. FEB 27 1957 Sully Fund Bonds Net City \$135,887 For New Library

The city realized net proceeds of \$135,887.25 in the sale of bonds in the Darrell D. Sully trust fund recently. City Comptroller Emmett V. Norton said yesterday.

The sale was authorized by City Council last month to provide funds for the construction of a new library branch at Dewey Avenue and Augustine Street.

The late Mr. Sully, a noted attorney, created the trust fund for the furtherance and maintenance of the city's library system.

Par value of the bonds totaled \$144,512.50. They included \$139,000 worth of U.S. Treasury Bonds and \$5,512.50 worth of German government bonds issued in 1930.

The American securities were sold for \$132,282.97. They were purchased between 1944 and 1952 and cost the city \$137,721.15 to buy. The loss was sustained because the city did not keep them until maturity.

The German bonds brought \$3,604.28. They were carried on city books as having market value of only \$1 because until 1953 they were considered to have little or no value. Three years ago the present West German government at Bonn recognized the old Weimar Republic bonds.

Norton also said he sold U.S. Treasury Bonds with a par value of \$4,500 for \$4,065.08 from the Kate Gleason trust fund. The proceeds will cover the cost of publishing City Historian Blake McKelvey's latest book, "Rochester: The Quest for Quality, 1800-1925."

## Burglar Writer, Not a Reader

The Rochester Public Library branch at 939 Bay St. was burglarized last night and an \$80 portable typewriter was stolen, police reported.

Two offices were ransacked. The custodian, Edward Barry, reported a rear door was forced. The breakin occurred between 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.

## Sale Aids Library

Sale of United States and Weimar Republic (Germany) bonds from the Darrell D. Sully trust fund brought \$135,887.25 for use in building a new branch city library at Dewey avenue and Augustine street, according to City Comptroller Emmett V. Norton. The German bonds had a par value of \$5,512.50 and were sold for \$3,604.28.

**Sully on its rocker**  
Users of the Sully Branch Library at 939 Bay St. can settle into a new rocking chair in the reading room, thanks to the Homestead Heights Neighbor Association.

The rocking chair was presented Saturday as thanks for allowing the group to use the library grounds for its annual neighborhood festival last fall.

"This is the first time we made a profit so we could buy the library a gift," said Pat Schichler, president of the 3-year-old group. The chair cost \$130. **JUL 16 1972**

## Safe 'Snatchers'

**Collect \$775**

By TONY CASALE

Is the safecracker being replaced by the safe snatcher?

Burglars used a hammer over the weekend trying to open a safe at the Rochester Public Library branch at 939 Bay St. When the door wouldn't budge, they just loaded it on a book cart and took off, said police. The open safe was recovered yesterday, minus \$75, in the 200 block of Clifford Avenue.

And at Ramsey's Lounge at 3939 East Henrietta Rd., burglars yesterday removed a safe containing \$700.

But the thieves who broke into the Clover Croft Market at 2832 Clover St., Pittsford, on Saturday couldn't even open a cash register. After trying unsuccessfully to open the register, they carted it away, according to sheriff's deputies, along with a box of tools. The amount of money, if any, in the safe was not disclosed.

An envelope addressed simply to "Public Librarian 14609" arrived at the right place. It was opened by Louise Rivoli, a librarian at Sully Branch on Bay Street. Inside was a request for information from a Chicago credit agency . . . Incidentally, the library asks the Credit Bureau to collect money owed on long-overdue items of significant value. Failure to pay can affect one's credit rating and ability to borrow from a bank. Money, that is. **JUL 16 1973**

## Library Branch Looted of \$110

Burglars carted off a small office safe containing \$110 early yesterday from the Rochester Public Library Branch at 939 Bay St., police reported.

After smashing in through a rear window, the intruders carted the safe out a rear door, leaving it ajar.

The breakin was discovered by a gasoline station attendant, who noticed the rear window screen lying on the ground.

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## Part-time Library Set

Rochester Public Library will reestablish a subbranch in School 27, 127 First St., this September, but will abandon a subbranch in Danforth Recreation Center.

The library will staff the subbranch for a half hour each week and provide 1,500 to 3,000 books, depending on space and collection status.

Library Director Harold Hacker said lack of space forced the library to close the School 27 subbranch several years ago. The staff time then was transferred to Danforth Recreation Center, Hacker said Danforth could retain library service if it will provide a volunteer to staff it. **JUL 28 1965**

Rochester Public Library's Sully Branch got a form-letter appeal for campaign funds from Sen. George McGovern, a Democratic presidential hopeful. The letter was addressed to "Mr. Sully Branch" at 939 Bay St. and began "Dear Mr. Sully." The branch is named, by the way, for Darrell D. Sully.

## Typewriter Stolen From Branch Library

Burglars visited the Rochester Public Library Branch at 939 Bay St., but they weren't interested in reading, police reported yesterday. They seemed to have a penchant for writing, however. A typewriter valued at \$80 was stolen. A rear window was broken to gain entry.

## SULLY BRANCH PARKED

The Sully Mobile Branch of the Rochester Public Library will be out of operation for two weeks beginning Monday for repairs and a general overhaul. It will return to service Monday, Sept. 11, to assume its regular fall schedule. **Aug 26-61**

## Library Plans Transfer

Relocation of the Rochester Public Library's Genesee branch — possibly in a new building in the 3rd Ward urban renewal project — is under consideration by the library trustees as one of a number of long-term goals.

The 3rd Ward's large population growth makes it desirable to move the branch south of its present location in rented quarters at 707 Main St. W. according to director Harold Hacker. But no formal request for a site in the urban renewal has been filed with the city administration or the city Planning Commission, he said.

The trustees will discuss the goals at their November meeting. In February they asked for the 10th consecutive time that the city replace the Brighton branch at 25 Winton Road N. City Manager Porter Homer has so far made no recommendation to City Council on the request.

## Library Plan & C. APR 22 1965 Now Up To Advisers

Setting up a citizens advisory committee will be the next step in relocating the Genesee branch library, now at 707 Main St. W.

About 50 residents in the area served by the branch attended a preliminary meeting last night at the Rundel Memorial Building. They were asked for their comments on the location of the proposed library as well as the type of services and facilities it should have.

The suggested site of the branch, for which \$27,500 has been allocated in the new city budget, is the southeast corner of Bronson Avenue and Olean Street.

Harold Hacker, library director, said the site "has not been definitely selected, but with the design of the urban renewal planned for the 3rd Ward, it meets several criteria."

According to Hacker, the present building, first used in 1917, is no longer adequate, and that while city library usage in the last 10 years increased by 33.4 per cent, the Genesee Branch showed a decrease of 17.6 per cent.

A similar meeting will be held to determine the needs of the library that will be built at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue.

# Meeting Set on Branch Library

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A public information meeting on the proposed new Genesee Branch Library will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Rundel Memorial Building auditorium.

Harold Hacker, library director, will outline reasons for the new building and the branch library's relocation from 707 Main St. W. He also will discuss criteria for branch library sites.

The southeast corner of Bronson Avenue and Olean Street has been suggested as a site for the new Genesee Branch which will serve the area bounded by Jefferson Avenue, the Genesee River, the New York Central Railroad tracks and Brooks Avenue.

RESIDENTS of the area will be polled on the desir-

ability of the suggested site and of having a Citizens Advisory Committee to work with the library to plan services, facilities and materials for the new branch.

There also will be a general discussion of services desired in the proposed new branch.

Hacker said this is the first time residents have

been asked to help with initial planning for a library branch. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Suggestions resulting from this meeting and subsequent planning may be applied to the Pioneer Library System's project for the library non-user, according to project director Clement Hapeman.

## Library Branch Needs Aired

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Rochester Public Library director Harold S. Hacker, asked to explain in detail the library's planning for the new Genesee branch to be built in the Third Ward, today said that the library's concern is to get the thinking and the suggestions of a community that does not normally make wide use of library services.

The library, he said, has had a lot of experience in serving middle-class communities, but the problems of a branch such as the Genesee branch offers are different.

THE TRADITIONAL library program, he said, wouldn't necessarily meet the needs of a community of different economic and educational levels.

"We want to talk with people and get their views. There may need to be a greater emphasis on audio-visual, over printed material. There may be a need to use space differently, such as providing small areas for tutorial work and person-to-person work. There may be a need for

more facilities for film viewing. If this is so, then we will of course need a different physical facility."

The library, he added, could be quite wrong in its thinking and this was one reason it wanted to talk with people and find out what emphasis, for example, should be put on children's collections, youth and adult services and so on.

One public information meeting has been held at the library and, although something was learned, the attendance was not very good. So, said Hacker, the library decided to work with existing groups such as the citizen's advisory committee of ABC (Action for a Better Community), the education committee of FIGHT when it is formed, and other organizations.

The library, he said, is already working with FIGHT's urban renewal committee, because the library site is still tentative and changes in urban renewal planning may affect it.

Normally, said Hacker, the

library would get a list of all the various community groups. But since many of those concerned were already affiliated with FIGHT, there seemed no point in going to them all individually.

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## State Gets Area Bids For U.S. Library Aid

The State Education Department has been sent applications for \$148,050 in federal aid for the proposed new Genesee Branch of the Rochester Public Library and for three service project proposals totaling \$220,871 for the five-county Pioneer Library System.

The funds being requested are authorized under the newly-extended federal Library Services and Construction Act, but the proposals are routed to the states, which received set authorizations.

The proposed replacement for the Genesee Branch Library would cost \$423,050, including land costs, and be situated in the Third Ward. Urban renewal plans for the area suggest it be located at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street.

The requested federal aid would pay 35 per cent of the cost; city bonds the rest.

The Pioneer Library System includes the public libraries in the counties of Monroe, Wayne, Livingston, Wyoming, and Ontario, with the exception of Geneva. Rochester Public Library is the system's central library.

The project proposals for 1966-67 are:

—Continuation, for the third year, of a librarian recruitment project, which places college students in area libraries as trainees, and expansion of the program to include demonstrations of summer cadets and neighborhood library aides at work; \$69,193 budget.

—Establishment of a special regional training unit, with an experienced director, for in-service library training. It would be available to the five member county systems through use of mobile training material and equipment; \$65,367 budget.

—Addition of new types of audio-visual at the central Rochester library, an intensified audio-visual training program for library employees, a demonstration community library and a production unit to prepare materials for public use and in-

service training, with emphasis on the rural areas in the system; \$86,311 budget.

Harold S. Hacker, Rochester Public Library director, said the three proposals were picked from 23 suggested by Pioneer Library System staff members.

## Purse Snatched At Library

After smashing a window, a thief reached in and grabbed a purse from the rear staff room of the Rochester Public Library Branch at 707 Main St. W. about 7:30 last night.

The victim, Virginia Cole, 18, of 243 Lincoln Ave., a part-time worker at the library, lost about \$3.50. Police said the purse, minus the money, was found in nearby Troup Street.

Hearing glass break, Mrs. Richard Stieg, the librarian, entered the staff room in time to see a white youth sprinting away down the alley. The purse had been on top of a cabinet by the window.

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## New Arnett Branch Eyed

## Edgerton, Genesee Libraries to Move

By ANNE STEARNS

Rochester Public Library's Board of Trustees voted yesterday to move the Edgerton Park and Genesee branch libraries to "temporary" locations in December. Future new buildings are planned for both branches.

Meanwhile City Council last night authorized the city manager to hire architects to design a new building for the Arnett Branch library, to be built at a different location to be selected.

The library board is negotiating with the owners of the former Al's Party House, 183 Bloss St., for a lease on that building as a new location for the Edgerton Park library, now in a building soon to be demolished.

The board has included a new

facility for the branch in the city's Capital Improvement Program, with projected construction by 1970-1971 at an estimated cost of \$426,300.

The present building, formerly a correctional institution, was converted to library use in 1912 and is the city's oldest branch library.

Genesee Branch, now at 707 Main St. W., is vacating its present rented quarters Dec. 1. The board is seeking a location as close as possible to the planned construction of a new branch it hopes to have built in 1970 in the Bronson Avenue-Olean Street neighborhood.

The branch has been in the Main Street West area since 1917 and is described as "badly deteriorated." In addition, the

population center has shifted since 1917 so that now the section is primarily industrial. As a result the facility has the lowest circulation of any branch.

To serve the Main Street West area the board voted to provide bookmobile service at SS. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church, at 750 Main St. W., across the street from the present branch. The bookmobile will be intended both for children and adults.

The board also will ask the City Insurance Committee to review with the library the possibility of obtaining coverage under the Model Insurance Policy for Libraries developed by the American Library Association and American Insurance Association.

Board member Edwin S. Holmgren said last night the insurance is marketed by various companies in the United States, but he believes only Hartford Insurance Co. writes the policy

in New York State.

The insurance committee also will be requested to review the amount of insurance now carried on various library facilities, Holmgren said.

## Nothing Hush-Hush About This Library

By MARY ANNE PIKRONE

Imagine a library where the floors, ceilings and walls are carpeted; where you don't enter under the stare of the woman at the circulation desk; where you can either borrow films and a projector, or watch a film of your choice at your own booth.

The new Genesee Branch Library at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street in the Third Ward will be this and more. Groundbreaking will be in a few weeks, and it is scheduled to open late next year—six years after planning first began.

It will be a library for people who have been "turned off by libraries," says Genesee's new director James R. Wright, 28, an Alabama State College graduate.

Wright was recruited from an inner city library in Gary, Ind. He and two assistants are working on plans for the new branch in temporary headquarters at Kennedy Towers, 666 Plymouth Ave. S.

"This will be a place where people get what they want, and not what librarians think they ought to have," he says.

Although it will have the largest collection of black literature of any Rochester Public Library branch, books will take up just half its space.

The other half will be devoted to 8 and 16 mm films, tape recordings, records, framed prints and sculpture, all of which will be loaned to patrons.

It will include 22 carrels, or desk-type booths, 12 of which will be wired so the user can see a film of his choice or listen to his favorite recording.

Bulletin boards will display job listings and community programs, and an information desk will be manned by volunteers from community organizations who will help make the library an information center.

A multi-purpose room will be used for films, discussion groups and community meet-

ings, even after the library is closed at night. Space will be available for tutoring and teaching machines will be provided.

For those who hesitate to ask a librarian questions, Genesee will provide earphone sets which will pick up recorded messages on how to use the library.

It will even combine its young adult and adult book selections, so older people will not be embarrassed to choose younger selections.

Genesee branch will include so many innovations, says Wright, that "we know right now there is no other library in the country we can go to and look at their program and say, this is what we're thinking of."

One of his assistants, Priscilla McGill, 24, formerly of Kingstree, S.C., plans to talk to school children in the area and "invite" them to visit the library.

A second assistant, Mary E. Kamb, 22, a Nazareth College graduate who will work with young adults, is interviewing young people in the area to find out what kind of library they want.

Among her findings — "Kids won't come in if they're told to be quiet and given a stern look." Conclusion: Genesee is going to have some noise, and won't be a "hush-hush library."

The new library building will cost \$523,536, with \$148,068 of that coming from a federal Library Services and Construction Act grant. It is designed by James H. Johnson, architect of the Liberty Pole.

Since Wright wants the new branch to be a community library, he welcomes calls at 235-3682 from area residents.

Meanwhile he is setting up a temporary Genesee branch in two old bookmobiles parked at Plymouth Avenue South and Edinburgh Street.

They should be open in several weeks.

The old Genesee Branch Library at 707 Main St. W. was closed last December.



—Times-Union Photo—Bob Gapsky

New librarians for future Genesee Branch Library are (from left) Priscilla McGill, James Wright and Mary Kamb.

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## New Library To Feature Film Plaza

The new Genesee Branch of the Rochester Public Library will include an outdoor plaza and garden area where films can be shown nightly during the summer.

The idea would be to attract passersby who normally wouldn't step into a library, architect James H. Johnson explained today.

Johnson was to present a preliminary sketch of the building to the RPL Board of Trustees this afternoon. The new branch, formerly at 707 Main St. W., should be built in the Bronson Avenue-Olean Street neighborhood next year.

Plans have to be approved by the trustees and then presented to Third Ward community leaders for their approval.

The library will be a one-story curved structure of glass and concrete covering 11,000 square feet. Both the roof and walls will be rounded, and inside both floors and ceilings will be carpeted, the latter for sound control.

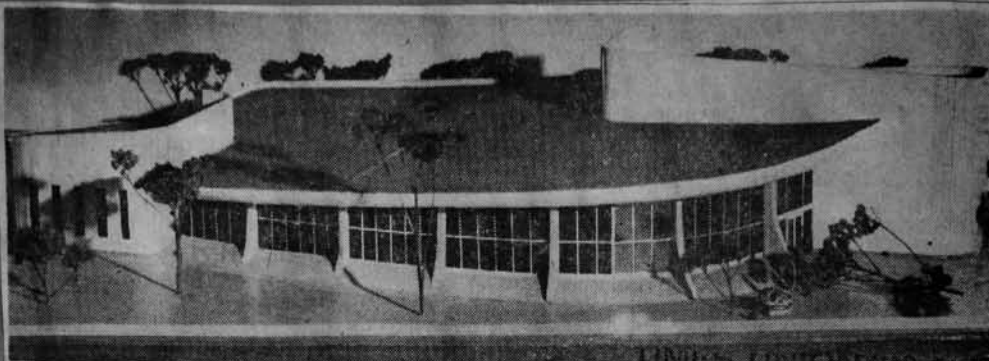
Johnson, architect of the Liberty Pole, has used a "landscape planning" technique inside.

This means that all wall partitions inside will be movable, to suit changing needs of the library, and none will extend all the way to the ceiling.

About half the library space will be devoted to audiovisual use, and the rest to books.

A large browsing room, a children's library and a multi-purpose room which is actually a small auditorium, are included. The auditorium can be used for neighborhood activities when the library is closed.

According to the RPL capital budget program of 1968-74, the library will cost \$423,050. A little over one-third of the total can come from federal aid and the rest from the city.



## New Library . . . With Ceiling Carpets

Scale model shows curved walls and sloping roof of Rochester Public Library's new Genesee Branch to be built at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street next year. View is from old Penn Central railroad bed which will eventually be Ford Street. Architect is James H. Johnson, who designed Liberty Pole. Both floors and ceilings inside will be carpeted. Half of library space

will be devoted to audiovisual use, half to books. Plans for new building, which replaces vacated branch at 707 Main St. W., have been approved by Third Ward community leaders. RPL Board of Trustees yesterday authorized architect to proceed with drawings and specifications. Building will cost \$423,050, with about 1/3 paid by federal government and 2/3 paid by city.

## More Branch Libraries?

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By Scott A. LaBounty

As an employee of the main branch of the Rochester Public Library, I have seen much lacking as far as space and multi-media equipment that patrons should have.

What I am saying is that I firmly oppose the construction of the Genesee Branch Library at this time. That branch, when built, will have more equipment and will be more up to date than any of the other branches including the Main.

What I am proposing is that there be a halt to the construction of new branches proposed, Genesee serving as an example. The need is for a new, efficient Main Library building, located in the downtown area with free ample parking.

The Edgerton Branch is renting a building, and I see no reason why Genesee Branch and any other branch that needs to can't do the same for a several year period.

257 Magee Ave.

EDITORS' NOTE: Harold Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library, comments as follows:

"It is true that the Main Library is lacking in space for some purposes. A study is underway to determine the best solution to that problem.

"But Reader LaBounty is wrong when he says that the new Genesee Branch will have more multi-media equipment than the Main Library. The Main Library has a substantial amount of such equipment now.

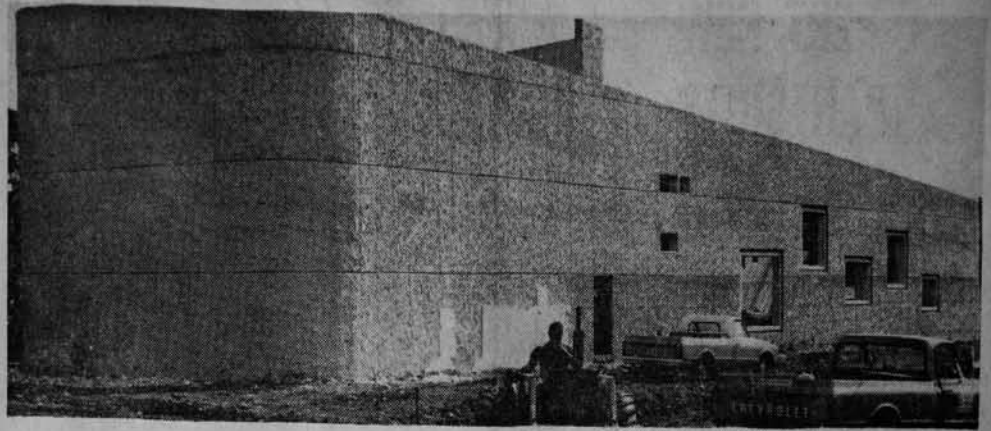
"He is right in stating that the new Genesee Branch will be more up-to-date than any other branch of the Rochester Public Library. As the newest branch, it should be.

"It will be the first branch library planned from scratch to provide for its users every type of media for learning and enjoyment. The people in that neighborhood have lacked library facilities.

"The city's capital budget also provides for the construction of the new Edgerton Branch Library within the next several years. We are renting a temporary facility only because the old Edgerton Branch Library building was scheduled to be torn down before we could plan and construct a new building.

"Mr. LaBounty suggests that we call a halt to all branch library construction until we can solve the Main Library problem. Such action would be grossly unfair to those neighborhoods that have no modern branch library buildings."

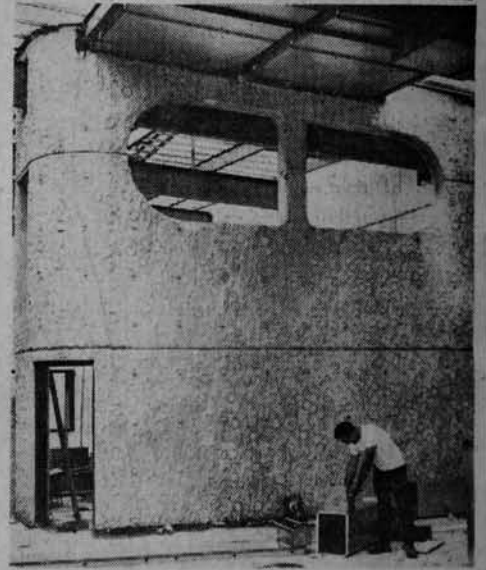
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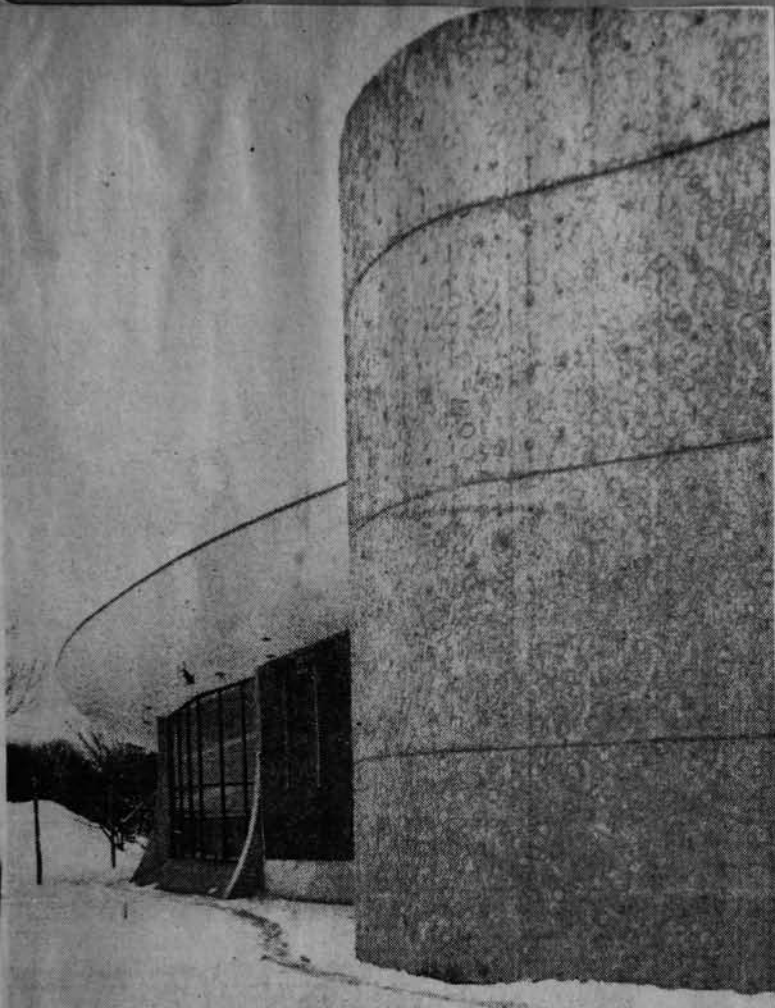


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## ✓ Burns Pattern Library Wall

Curved wall of new Genesee Branch of Rochester Public Library (above) shows unique design of library system's latest addition. Branch is being erected at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street. Cost is \$523,536. Random sculpted pattern (shown in picture at right) comes from styrofoam-lined forms into which concrete was poured. Thousands of styrofoam sheets were "burned" with hot pickaxes and tubes by artist-brothers Russell and James D. Secrest to create pattern. According to library officials, this is the first time styrofoam forms have been used in area construction to form sculpture on concrete. Genesee Branch is expected to be open by end of January. Architect is James A. Johnson, who designed the Liberty Pole.





Modernistic library at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street is due to open in spring.

# New Genesee Library: Far from Traditional

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By MARILYN BAILEY

The \$500,000 Genesee Branch of the Rochester Public Library being built at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street will be quite a jump from the old storefront library at 707 Main St. W.

But the jump isn't being made with the speed most people associate with jumping.

The building already is four months behind schedule. And James R. Wright, library director, said it won't be completed until March at the earliest.

He said the delay was caused by the construction strike earlier this year.

Wright has been head of the branch for two years. That time has been spent planning the new building, because the old branch—in a rented building—closed two years ago.

The new building was proposed by Harold S. Hacker, director of the 15-branch library system, in 1963. Funding was approved in March 1964. The site was decided on in the spring of 1965.

were cleared and the people relocated before we could start building."

Finally, the building is near completion. The city is paying about 65 per cent of the cost and the Library Service Construction Act, a federal agency, is paying the rest.

The structure of the building has been taken for everything except a library, Wright said.

"That's one of the purposes. We don't want it to be the traditional library that will automatically turn people off.

"We don't want it to be the stereotyped cold institution. We want it to be a part of the

community, so the people will feel that it is theirs."

The library, which is located in a predominately black community, will have the largest collection of black literature of any Rochester Public Library branch.

But books will take up only about half its space.

Wright said it will be audiovisual oriented and will be "a media center within a public library situation."

The other half will be devoted to 8mm and 16mm films, tape recordings, records, framed prints and sculptures.

The library was to be included with the Brighton Branch, in a \$12 million "community improvement" project.

Hacker said the years of delay were caused by a dispute between planners of the Third Ward Urban Renewal Project and FIGHT officials.

"FIGHT wanted a voice in which buildings would be demolished," Hacker said. "We agreed with them, but, we had to wait until everything was settled—until the buildings

# Library's in Tune with Third Ward

By MARILYNN BAILEY

The new Genesee Community Library will be right in tune with its Third Ward community, starting with a jazz festival at its opening in early June.

James R. Wright, the library's director, said he plans to contact local night clubs to "borrow" jazz artists for the event.

The \$500,000 library, being completed at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street, replaces the old storefront library at 707 Main St. W.

Wright said the library is the only one in Rochester that has deleted the word "branch" and added "community."

"Our library will be different because the programming will be different, he explained. "We hope to be more community oriented."

Some of the programs

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planned for the library, which will serve a predominantly black community, include a gospel festival, black studies groups and a fashion show.

A community desk will be set up at which area organizations will be able to distribute information and help residents with problems. Social services and Social Security workers will also have access to the facility.

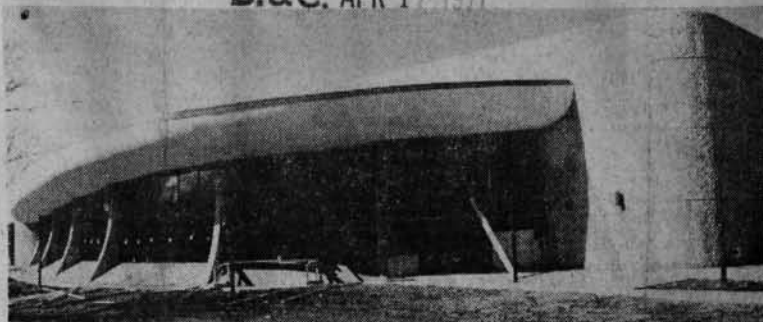
The library's auditorium also will be available for community use.

The opening of the library, which is several months behind schedule, has been delayed by "routine construction problems," Wright said.

"Some people think the library's administrators are dragging their feet, but we're doing everything we can to speed up the opening," he said.

The new building is complete except for book shelves,

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'We hope to be more community oriented,' says library's director.

books and furniture, but some windows will have to be replaced because of vandalism.

"We're trying to get a guard," Wright said "because some of the kids break windows and climb inside. I understand that some of the kids

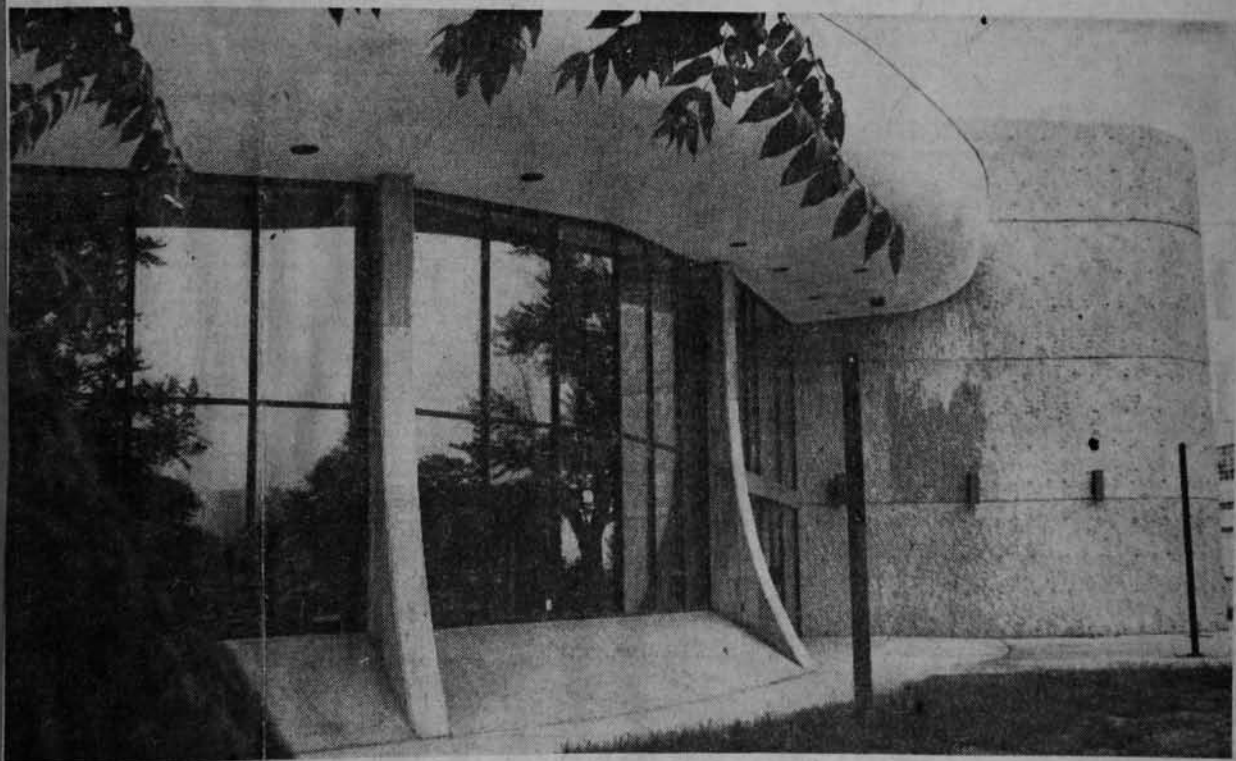
must have had a party last week, because there were several beer cans lying around.

"But you know, it's kind of funny. As many times as they have broken in, they haven't done any real harm. Evidently they feel a little proud of their

library."

While awaiting completion of the library, the community has been served by bookmobiles and other libraries. The closest library to the new one is about 14 blocks away, on Arnett Boulevard.

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Dramatic, sculptured sweep of the architecture of new Genesee Community Library at Bronson and Olean streets is visible in the two exterior views, above and below. The building, designed by

James Johnson of Liberty Pole fame, is just an innovative on the inside both in furnishings and concept. It is scheduled to open to public in July.

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# This . . . TIMES UNION JUN 25 1971 Is a LIBRARY?

By MARY ANNE PIKRONE

When they said they'd carpet the ceilings of the new Genesee Community Library, everyone thought it would look just like the floor up there.

But architect James Johnson of Liberty Pole fame had other ideas.

The designer of the Rochester Public Library's newest branch decided to hang big bright swatches of carpeting vertically from the ceiling.

When you walk in then, the effect is some-

what like entering a medieval hall, with green, red, yellow, orange and blue banners hanging down from above. A red carpet (on the floor) and rough concrete walls complete the effect.

The library is scheduled to open early next month and will be dedicated at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, July 11.

Located at Bronson and Olean streets, it is the most attractive of all the system's buildings.

Its outside walls are made of concrete which was poured in specially sculpted molds. The walls curve in and out, the roof slopes, windows

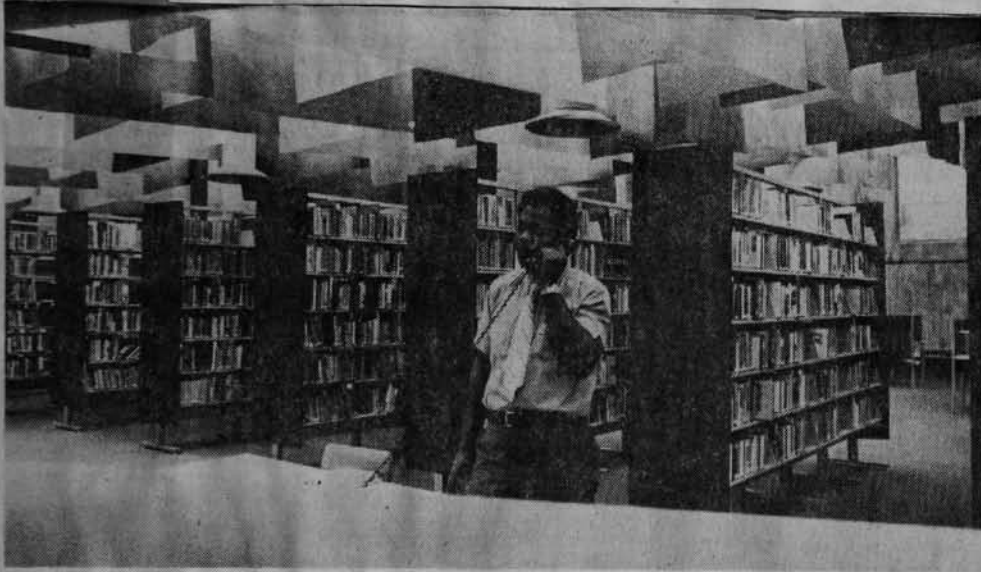
stick out like bubbles.

Inside, all lending materials are in one huge room and everything is movable — bookshelves, desks, study carrels. Poles will extend from the ceiling to provide electricity where it's needed.

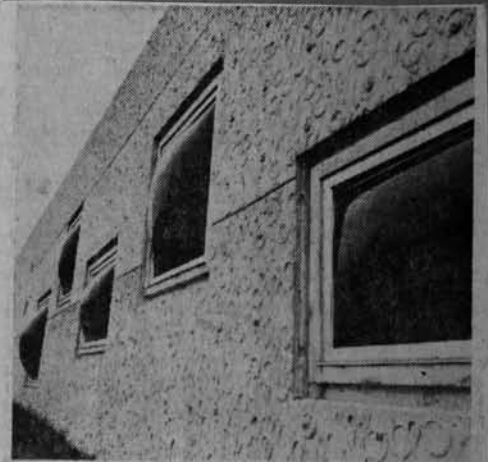
A multi-purpose room off to the side will hold more than 100 persons, is available for reservation by community groups, and can be used after library hours. Instead of having a built-in stage, Johnson has sloped the floor up several feet at one end of the room.

Genesee will have the largest audio-visual

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Assistant Librarian Freddie Paterson, 12 Stanley St., at his desk in Genesee Community Library. Colorful banners of carpeting hang down from ceiling to absorb sound. Everything on interior of library is movable.



Bulbous windows project from textured surface of library's side walls, constructed of poured concrete. Special forms gave the concrete the textured effect.

# This . . . Is a LIBRARY?

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department of any branch library, with cassettes, tapes, film strips, records and 16mm and 8mm films for loan.

Half of its two dozen study carrels will be "wet" — that is equipped with plug-ins for audio-visual equipment. Each carrel enclosure even has its own built in square foot movie screen.

Situated in a predominantly black community, Genesee will also have the largest black literature collection in the library system.

"When you walk in, the first thing that hits you in the face is the black heritage collection," points out Freddie Patterson, young adult librarian.

The new branch will also provide a teen area, browsing section near magazine racks, a children's story-telling corner, and a "community service desk." The desk will be available to representatives from local organizations who want to offer their services to residents.

Patterson says the library's staff of 10 is ready to serve the public, but the opening is being held back by a missing shipment of bookshelves.

"At least every day we get people who knock on the windows, saying, 'Look, can we come in?'" he says.

The library's summer hours will be 2 to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and closed Saturday. All branch library hours have been curtailed because of cuts in the city budget.

Genesee Community Library cost about \$525,000, with \$148,000 of that coming from the federal government through the Library Services and Construction Act.

James R. Wright is Genesee's head librarian.

THE \$500,000 Genesee Community Library, Bronson Avenue and Olean Street, is scheduled to open Monday. It will be dedicated at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, July 11. James R. Wright, the library's director, said the opening was delayed about a year because of last summer's construction strike and because shelves ordered were late in arriving.

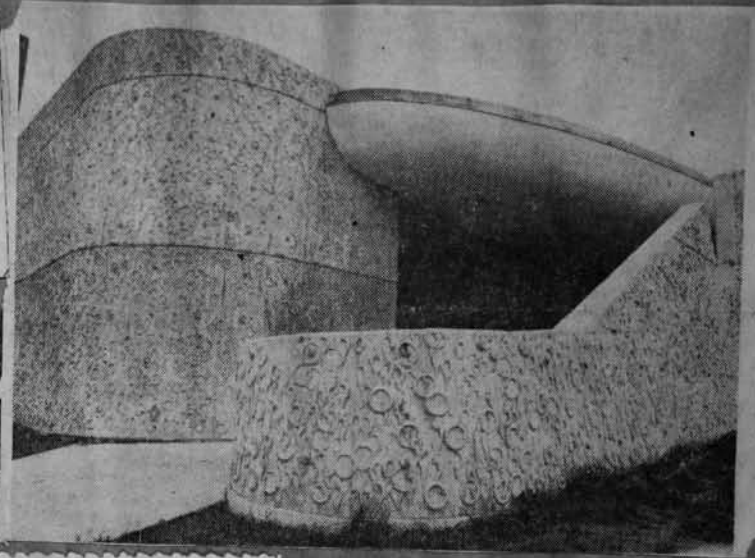
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## New Library Branch To Open

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The Genesee Community Library, new modern neighborhood branch of the Rochester Public Library at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street, will be open to the public at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

The library replaces the old Genesee Branch located at 707 Main St. W. from March, 1917, until December, 1968. Genesee Community Library is located in the Third Ward Urban Renewal area.

Summer hours will be 2-9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 2-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday. It will be open Saturdays beginning Sept. 11.



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Two youngsters from the nearby Montgomery Neighborhood Center get a sneak preview of the new Genesee Community Library, most modern in the

city. They're Robert Upshaw, 4, of 254 Bronson Ave., and Carol Washington, 3, of 203 Bronson Ave.

## Library Job Bidded

A bid of \$7,744 by DiClemente & Volk, Inc., was the apparent low bid for millwork and interior finishes at the Genesee Branch Library at Bronson Avenue and Olean streets. Bids were opened yesterday at the County Purchasing Offices. 9-2-71

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# A Hard(cover) Run Turns Soft

The Soul Mobile, a small Chevrolet van owned by the Rochester Public Library, performs routine duties on weekdays.

But every Saturday it's loaded with about 300 paper-

back books and cruises the predominantly black 3rd Ward.

Earle Williams, a 21-year-old library aide at the new Phyllis Wheatley Community Library, 13 Bronson Ave.,

drives the Soul Mobile through the neighborhood, stopping wherever youngsters are gathered.

The paperbacks, he explains to the kids, don't necessarily have to be returned to the library, although that would be appreciated.

"We're short on mysteries," Williams said. "But we've got everything up through works of philosophy."

Many of the 50 or so books he distributes each Saturday, he said, are returned either to him or to another unit of the library, but he didn't know what the return percentage is.

The important thing, he said, is that, through contact with the Soul Mobile, 3rd Ward youngsters are encouraged to read during the summer and to visit the community branch.

Williams said the Soul Mobile started operating in early July and will keep rolling until winter sets in.

"Paperbacks are identified with recreational reading," a library spokesman said, but hardcover books — in the minds of the youngsters — are

associated with school and reading "chores."

The cost of the program is minimal, the spokesman said, because Williams normally works Saturdays and the van already was owned by the library.

The expense of gasoline and of books that may not be returned will be compensated for, he said, by greater use of libraries by 3rd Ward youngsters.

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## Library's Wooden 'Windows'

Vandals have broken 23 thermopane windows worth about \$5,000 at the new Phyllis Wheatley Community Library of the Rochester Public Library.

It opened in July at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street.

The breakage was reported by RPL Director Harold S. Hacker at yesterday's library board of trustees meeting. He says most breakage occurred before the building was opened.

Seven of the windows will be replaced with glass at \$215 a pane. But the remaining 16 will be temporarily replaced with extra strength 3/4 inch plywood at \$140 a window, a library spokesman said.

Plywood is being used instead of glass because the "ammunition" rocks — still fills an abandoned railroad bed next to the library.

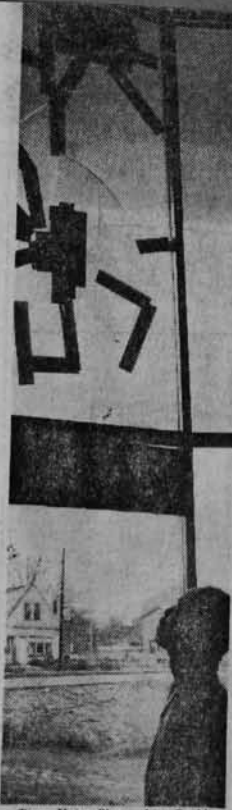
## New Library May Get New Name

The Genesee Community Library, the new \$500,000 structure at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street, is officially part of Rochester and its Third Ward community, after yesterday's dedication ceremonies.

However, in a few weeks it may not be known by that name.

Dr. Joseph Yudelson, president of the Rochester Public Library board of trustees, said yesterday he will meet with some community residents to decide on an official name. A date has not been set.

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Jake Nix, custodian, looks at broken windows in new library branch on Bronson Ave.

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## Alan, Jim And 'Phillis'



### Communications breakdown:

Library administrators at a recent Syracuse University-sponsored weekend conference on communications included Alan Kusler, public relations director of the Rochester Public Library, and James Wright, director of the Phyllis Wheatley Community Library at Bronson and Olean streets.

Persons attending the session at the Sheraton Canandaigua Inn were asked to share rooms, so Kusler and Wright doubled up. When they checked in, an envelope with the key to their two-bed room was waiting for the two men plus "Phyllis Wheatley." Neither the hotel nor the conference sponsor had any objections, evidently, to that kind of arrangement.



People browse through paperback book racks and book shelves at Phillis Wheatley Library.

## Wheatley Library First Birthday

The Phillis Wheatley Library at Bronson Avenue and Olean Street celebrated its first birthday yesterday with business as usual.

Tiny feet prance across the auditorium stage in a nursery school graduation while older youngsters sit not far away watching their weekly favorite — the Flip Wilson Show.

Other youths are being tutored in their school work as some community people preview a film on sickle cell anemia.

The library, in the predominantly black 3rd Ward, is really a community center, its director James R. Wright said yesterday.

"We haven't reached our goal of being a total part of the community, but we've come closer to it than most. We can't accomplish that goal in a year, it's a time thing," Wright said.

"The community must be educated to the library as being an information center not just a building for books. This is a people place aimed at meeting the needs of the people in the community," he said.

"There are loads of community meetings in the auditorium here," Wright said. "That's one of our biggest assets. As a matter of fact SPAN (City School District's School Parent Adviser to the Neighborhood program) met here today, all day."

Kitchen facilities at the library has been the scene for "some good soul food cooking," he said.



Cheryl Hodge uses earphones to listen to record.

## Soul Mobile Brings Kids In City More than Books

The Soul Mobile, a Chevrolet van that distributes paperback books to inner-city residents, each Saturday, brings the younger crowd a double treat.

It shows them that all books aren't formidable hardcover books, while also telling them of dancing and storytelling at a nearby library branch later that week.

The Soul Mobile has been cruising Jefferson and Plymouth avenues in the predominantly black 3rd Ward since the first of June, said James R. Wright, director of the Phillis Wheatley Community Library at 13 Bronson Ave.

For about three hours every Saturday afternoon, it stops wherever youngsters are gathered and lets them go through the 300 paperbacks

stocked in the van.

Most of the books are geared to older teen-agers and adults, Wright says, but information about library activities is geared to the 6- to 13-year-olds.

From 9:30 a.m. to noon each Wednesday, about 75 to 100 youngsters visit the library to see films that appeal to their age group; try new dances; learn skills in arts and crafts; and listen to stories told by a library staff member, Wright said.

Children can still register for the Wednesday program, he said.

"Hopefully," he added, "the Soul Mobile will continue operating through November." The Wednesday sessions will end when school starts.

Last year, the Soul Mobile operation died in late September with the resignation of its driver. Since the program is funded by a yearly grant — running from November to November — Wright felt it

would be unfair to hire another person for just two months.

This year, he said, he expects no dilemma over whether another yearly grant will be forthcoming—as happened last year.

**BOOK PARTY:** The Phillis Wheatley Community Library, 13 Bronson Ave., will hold an open house from 3 through 5 p.m. tomorrow. William Johnson, the new director of the Rochester Urban League, will attend.

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**SANTA'S COMING:** The Wheatley branch of the Rochester Public Library at 13 Bronson Ave. is sponsoring a Christmas program for neighborhood children today and tomorrow. Both days from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., children will be able to talk with Santa, sing carols, see a Christmas film and receive gifts.

## Library gets grant to study noted blacks

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The Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the Rochester Public Library was among several recipients recently awarded grants by the First Community Interfaith Institute.

The Catherine Smith Award for \$100 was given for the library's research on noted blacks from Rochester.

Albert Thomas, 20, of Geneva and a junior at the Rochester Institute of Technology, received a \$100 scholarship contributed by the Afro-American Club. Portia Searles, 21, of 11 Bond St., was awarded a \$100 Martha Jordan Scholarship and an additional \$50 scholarship. She is a junior at Central University, Pella, Iowa.

The late Martha Jordan was the founder of the Interfaith Institute.

## Talk on Black Family Histories

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A workshop on methods of researching black family history is scheduled tomorrow at the Phyllis Wheatley Community Library.

Dr. Leadrow Johnson, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, and Dr. John Walker of Baden Street Drug Center will speak at 9:45 a.m.

An 11:00 a.m. discussion on Rochester's black history will be led by historians Dr. Blake McKelvey and Dr. Joseph Barnes, Walde Johnson of Action for a Better Community and Dr. Felix Okoye, chairman of the black studies program at State University of New York College at Brockport.



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Boarded up windows at Phyllis Wheatley Community Library, 13 Bronson Ave.

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## Library Windows to Be Restored

BY NANCY KREISLER

Broken windows and graffiti-covered plywood panels have marred the appearance of the Phyllis Wheatley Community Library for more than a year.

But the modern-looking library, at 13 Bronson Ave., will be getting window replacements soon, James H. Wright, library director, says.

The one-story building in the city's Third Ward has been plagued with vandalism since it was built in 1971.

Wright said some of the windows in the building were broken even before the library opened. The vandalism continued until last year, he said.

Wright said he believed the source of the problem was the readily available stones laid for the bed of Ford Street, which the library fronts. Once the street repaving was completed last year, the problem diminished, Wright said.

William H. Cox Jr., director for community services for the Rochester Public Library, said about \$5,000 has been spent replacing the windows as they were broken.

"There came a point where we decided it would be much too expensive to continue that," Cox said.

Cox said an architect has suggested that some of the

panels remain in place at the building, and that they be covered with decorative grill.

Other windows will be replaced with lexan, a plastic material that looks like glass but is more durable. Specifications for the job are now being drawn up, Cox said, and the work is expected to be put out for bid soon.

The library stopped spending money to replace the double plate glass windows this year.

Cox said Wheatley is the only library in the city that has had repeated window breakage.

James McCuller, director of Action for a Better Community (ABC), said he "finds the library's plans an unsatisfactory response."

ABC was one of the neighborhood organizations which helped in the plans for the library before it was built in 1971.

McCuller said he wants glass or a glass substitute in all the windows so passersby can look into the well-designed interior. He added he would try to get renewed community interest in the building.

"I don't think there's a lack of cooperation from the (library) staff," McCuller said. "I believe they would like to have their windows back. They're somewhat embittered by the fact that kids (breaking the windows) came back repeatedly."



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Librarian David Thompson of Lincoln Branch Library tutors Anthony Session, 8, of 725 Joseph Ave., in reading in

new program under way at two city library branches. (See story on Page 7B today.)

## Librarians to Tutor

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## Inner-City Youngsters

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Two city librarians interested in helping inner-city youngsters improve reading skills have set up free tutoring programs at Phyllis Wheatley Library and at Lincoln Library.

The after-school sessions got under way last Monday, at Wheatley Library, 13 Bronson Ave. and Lincoln Library, 585 Clifford Ave. The experimental programs, on Mondays and Wednesdays, will last six weeks.

"There are so many children who need an extra push," said Wheatley children's department librarian, Audrey Frazier, program co-founder.

"Sometimes, they can't get it at home. Parents come home from work tired and really don't feel up to helping children with homework. I

hope that our sessions will fill this void."

David Thompson, Lincoln branch head, says he and Mrs. Frazier decided to place emphasis on reading. "But we can help with math, spelling and other subjects," he said.

Besides Thompson and Mrs. Frazier, tutors will include teachers from the City School District, some members of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority who are college educated women, community group workers, a college student and others.

# D. & C. SEP 11 1954 \$150,000 Branch Of Library for Brighton Urged

Rochester Public Library's Board of Trustees yesterday recommended construction of a new \$150,000 Brighton Branch Library building on the site occupied by the existing branch.

But the board, meeting yesterday afternoon to consider 1955 budget requests, indicated there was little likelihood that money for the new building would be appropriated in the city's capital expenditure budget next year. The request was made, it was said, to bring the need for a new building to the attention of City Manager Robert P. Aex and the City Council.

The new building in Winton Road North between University Avenue Extension and East Avenue would replace a structure more than 50 years old which first was occupied by a library in 1923. The building served Rochester and the Town of Brighton as a school house before it became part of the library system.

At the same time, the board approved a budget request that would require a net appropriation from the city of \$684,832. The amount is \$27,732 more than was appropriated last year. The budget request will go to the city manager and may be included in his recommended city budget when it is presented to the City Council.

The gross budget forecast for the entire city library system was \$784,832 compared with the \$786,662 budgeted for the current year. Expected library revenues include \$71,500 in state aid, reimbursement paid by the state for books and periodicals purchased by the library. Total library revenue anticipated is \$95,000, the difference made up from book fines and other library income.

Explaining the budget, Library Director Harold S. Hacker said it allows \$27,732 less for salary "shrinkage" to allow for staff vacancies than the 1954 budget. The new budget increases the amount for materials and supplies from \$17,225 to \$24,725 because of more expensive means of processing books, which in turn preserve them better.

Major drop in the new budget is the amount set aside for salaries and wages, \$629,865 compared to \$641,737 in 1954. Hacker said the library had abandoned positions that remained unfilled for a year.

Other capital expenditures recommended by the trustees, who are headed by Dr. Wilbour Eddy Saunders, were:

A \$43,000 washing and water-proofing job on the Rundel Memorial Library Building; purchase of a bookmobile for \$20,000 to serve areas of the city not near branches; air-conditioning the main library's auditorium at a cost of \$8,000.

The trustees also reiterated their desire for \$68,000 in repairs to the Rundel building and the South Avenue Branch requested in the 1954 budget.

Hacker notes a "remarkable" increase of 9 per cent in library circulation during July and August and a 21 per cent increase in circulation in August. The three summer months generally are poor as far as library circulation is concerned.

In addition the trustees voted to request Mayor Samuel B. Dicker to proclaim the period of Oct. 18-Nov. 20 as Book Month in the city in connection with a Community Book Fair at the Library.

## New Brighton Branch Asked By Library

City officials yesterday received a \$150,000 reminder that the more than 50-year-old red brick building which houses the Brighton Branch of the Rochester Public Library is in need of replacement.

The Library Board of Trustees provided the reminder when it met to consider 1955 budget requests and recommended construction of a new Brighton Branch. The proposed \$150,000 building would replace the present structure, originally a schoolhouse, in Winton road north between University avenue extension and East avenue.

Actually, it was indicated, the board does not fully expect the city to include the sum in its capital expenditure budget next year.

MORE IMMEDIATE financial needs were included in the board's approval of a budget request for \$684,832 from the city for 1955. That is \$27,732 more than was requested last year. The request goes to City Manager Aex to be included in his recommended city budget for presentation to the City Council.

## He Had Bird Of a Problem

That guy with the butterfly net seen lurking around the Brighton branch of the Rochester Public Library wasn't trying to snatch the last copy of "Inside Africa," the current best-seller. He was after pigeons.

It all began when two city workmen replaced a broken window in the library's blind attic. As they left, one remarked that the 50 pigeons inside the attic would starve. A library browser overheard the remark and called the Humane Society.

Attendant Earl Woodard, with the butterfly net and a flashlight, could rescue only two of the pigeons. He said he will return today.

## Library Asks Opinion On Brighton Location

The Rochester Public Library has asked the City Planning Commission to determine whether its Brighton Branch is in the best location.

Funds to replace the old school in which the Brighton Branch is housed have been sought for several years, on an assumption that the new building would be in the same location, 25 Winton Rd. N. near East Avenue.

But no determination has been made that another location said some books had to be removed from one corner. The library was open today.

Fire broke out last night in a second floor window casing at the Brighton Branch of the Rochester Public Library, 25 Winton Rd. N. Firemen said it was apparently started by a cigarette. Library officials removed from one corner.

The library's popular noontime program of book reviews, averaged 390 persons at its first four sessions this year, it was reported.

The trustees appointed Dorothy Knight as young adult librarian at the Edgerton Branch, Edith Sullivan as children's librarian at the Brighton Branch, and Cynthia Murray as librarian at the Genesee Branch.

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## To Be Freed of Pigeons in Attic

If city pigeon-chasers are successful tomorrow, patrons of Brighton branch of Rochester Public Library no longer will be disturbed by fluttering feathers among the bookshelves.

Library officials asked City Purchasing Agent Fred W. Erath some time ago to do something about pigeons which flew into an unused attic in the 70-year-old library building at 25 Winton Rd. N. The pigeon feathers drifted down through cracks in the floor, the library officials said. What's more, the parent pigeons soon were joined by baby pigeons.

Erath referred the complaint to Harry W. Bareham, superintendent of city building maintenance. Bareham found that the pigeons were flying into the attic through a hole in the window.

## Brighton, City Library May Jointly Finance Branch

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## Winton-Atlantic Site Sought for Library

City Council will get "one of the biggest petitions you ever saw" at its meeting next Tuesday, spokesmen for the Library Improvement Committee for the 18th and 21st Wards claim.

The petition will urge the Council to build a library on city-owned land at the northwest corner of Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue.

Wegman Food Markets Inc. wants to build a supermarket on the land. This proposal is tied up in court and the Council.

A hundred workers are out collecting signatures, said the chairman, Arthur Emmighausen of 54 Kansas Road.

Mrs. Kathryn A. Howe of 60 Mayfield St. reported today that 2,367, representing 5,211 people, have signed.

**THE PROPOSED** library would be a replacement for the Brighton Branch in old Brighton School 1 at Winton and University Avenue Extension.

Harold Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library, said "everyone agrees a new library is needed" but the City Council has knocked out a fund request for it for at least seven years. This year's request was for \$175,000.

Hacker said the library trustees "certainly would consider the Winton-Atlantic site" if it gets money to build a library.

Emmighausen said the Winton-Atlantic site is central, with seven schools in walking distance, and removed from the traffic of the

Winton Road-East Avenue area.

**THE CITY** has owned the Atlantic-Winton site a long time. In March 1960 it agreed to take \$50,200 for it from Wegman Properties Inc. A variance for a supermarket was granted but 16 neighbors went to court and won last December. The Wegman firm has filed a notice it will appeal.

But during the winter the Wegman firm asked for a rezoning, from residential to commercial, which the Planning Commission recommended. City Council held a hearing in March, at which a Wegman lawyer said the lot hasn't been paid for yet. Council hasn't made a decision.

**LEADERS** of the library proposal, beside Emmighausen and Mrs. Howe, are Mrs. Catherine Kelly, 81 Dorchester Road; Mrs. Madeline McKenna, 1107 Atlantic Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. D. Bernard Hennessy, 63 Mayfield St.; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Phelosof, 66 Middlesex Road; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hadeed, 44 Mayfield St.; E. Bruce Youngs, 871 Winton Road N.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Senecal, 56 Mayfield St.; James H. Adams, 1084 Atlantic Ave.; Robert Yarborough, 35 Mayfield St.; Fred Herman, 326 Greeley St.; Robert R. Woods, 150 Elmdorf Road; William S. Coyne, 604 Hazelwood Ter.

## For Sale: A Library--- To Build a Library

The city has decided to sell the Brighton branch of the Rochester Public Library and use the funds to build a new branch.

When this is done will depend on the selection of a new site and the success of a private campaign in the 18th and 21st Ward areas to raise funds for the new branch.

The decision was made as a result of a meeting of City Manager Henry Dutcher, incoming City Manager Porter Homer and Arthur Emmighausen, who has headed a campaign for a new branch at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue.

Dutcher and Homer jointly said that "the city will earmark for a future library building the amount of money realized when the present Brighton branch is disposed of." It is at Winton and University.

They said Emmighausen, whose campaign last year netted more than 3,000 signatures favoring the Winton-Atlantic branch, said he would investigate raising part of the \$176,000 needed for a new branch to supplement what the city would get from the sale.

A City Hall spokesman said that because of the decision to earmark funds for a new branch, the matter will be presented to the City Council, possibly at today's pre-caucus meeting.

The Winton-Atlantic site has been sought by Wegman Food Markets for a supermarket but the zoning changes have been opposed by residents, and decisions are still pending.

The City Planning Commission has dropped an allocation for a new branch from its capital fund program. This prompted Emmighausen to seek the meeting with city officials.

The Brighton branch has been in need of remodeling or replacement but the city has been reluctant to act, because its location is not considered best for city residents.

## City to Sell Library Branch, Use Funds for New Building

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City Manager Henry R. Dutcher Jr. and Porter W. Homer, who will succeed Dutcher this month, discussed

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice Is Hereby Given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Division of Purchase and Supply, 56 City Hall, until 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, February 7, 1962, on the following:

Relighting of the South Avenue Branch Library for the Rochester Public Library.

A deposit of \$5.00 is required for each set of plans and specifications.

All bids must be endorsed with the title of the work to which they relate, the name of the bidder and his residence, and must be accompanied by a certified check of amount as specified in proposal to insure the execution of contract if awarded.

All bids must be upon and in conformity with the bidding sheets and specifications which will be furnished by the undersigned after Jan. 24.

REED H. HARDING,

Purchasing Agent.  
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# Brighton Branch Library Funds Asked Again

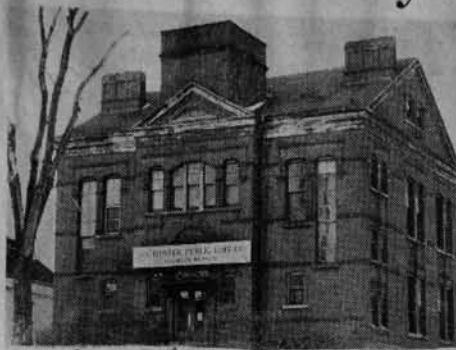
By BETSY BUES

The Rochester Public Library is asking for the 11th consecutive year that the city appropriate funds to replace the Brighton branch.

The 80-year-old building at Winton Road North and University Avenue has been occupied by the library for 41 years.

The present head of the branch, Lucile Messinger, has said that "on windy days the entire building is like a sieve. Cold air comes from the unused room on the second floor, from the entrance to the basement, from the front door, and from all the windows, so that it is impossible to keep warm when one is any distance from the register."

THE TRUSTEES, in the annual budget meeting yesterday,



THE BRIGHTON BRANCH LIBRARY

asked \$200,000 in a capital budget request for a new Brighton branch and a like sum to replace the Genesee branch, RPL's oldest branch, which has been occupied since 1918.

They suggested a site at the northwest corner of Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue for a new Brighton branch. It is land owned now by the city.

Suggested site for a new

Genesee branch is in the vicinity of the Montgomery Neighborhood Center. The present branch is at 707 W. Main St. Cost of the site is not included in the \$200,000 request.

IN DISCUSSING the proposed Genesee branch, Harold S. Hacker, library director, said the section of the city involved is the largest one without a centrally situated branch library.

He also noted that the area has a large portion of the population, many people who have recently moved from the South where there is inadequate library service.

Circulation at the present branch has dropped from 80,268 in 1933 to 50,

770 in 1963, an average of 10,000 every 10 years.

Hacker noted that circulation in Charlotte, Dewey and Sully branches, the city's three newest branches, jumped between 44.9 and 60.3 per cent the first year the branches were in new buildings.

The trustees also asked for a capital funds appropriation of \$1,000 for a space study of the Rundel Memorial Building to indicate the best plan for expansion.

The expansion study was originally sought last April by the trustees, but City Manager Porter W. Homer did not approve it until last week.

AN OPERATING budget request of \$1,511,230, up \$55,

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## Branch Library Fund Asked

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000 from the 1963-64 request, was made. The city's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

The larger budgetary increases allow almost \$10,000 for maintenance and repair. Of the 13 buildings, the main library and 12 branches, Hacker noted, only three post-date 1936 and repair and maintenance are becoming increasingly expensive.

A \$6,000 request is made to begin replacement of the IBM cards required for the book circulation control system instituted in 1958. Replacement of one-fifth of the cards each year for the next five years was suggested.

Allotment for books, \$147,000 is up \$7,000 from last year. Hacker noted that even with the increase RPL remains below the New York State per capita average expenditure for books, periodicals and bindings, which in 1962 was 51 cents.

With the granting of the 1964-65 allotment, per capita expenditure for Rochester would amount to 50.1 cents.

## Fight Planned On Library Delinquents

The trustees of the Rochester Public Library yesterday approved a study into the legal methods of punishing "hard core delinquents."

They are the few book-borrowers who have accumulated from 10 to 30 books and have no intention of returning them.

Director Harold S. Hacker said the delinquents had ignored telephone calls and letters from the city corporation counsel informing them they were violating the law.

Hacker said he doesn't want to repeat the East Orange, N.J. method of routing out delinquents after midnight with city police.

But he and the trustees are anxious to prevent serious abuse of the library privileges.

## That 'Dump' Deserves the Name

After 12 years of futile plugging for a new Brighton branch library, the patience of Rochester library officials is understandably wearing thin.

Last year, Msgr. Joseph Grady, a trustee, commented on the 11th annual request for the branch: "Perseverance is the hope for Christian virtue." This year, Library Director Harold S. Hacker said bluntly: "This is a recommendation to replace that dump on Winton Road."

Such table-thumping frankness is refreshing and warranted. That "dump" is an 80-year-old, dilapidated school building. The roof

leaks. Cold air pours through the windows in winter. Off-street parking is limited. The layout is inefficient.

The city already owns a branch site at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue which would better serve city residents in that area and provide room for parking without further land purchase.

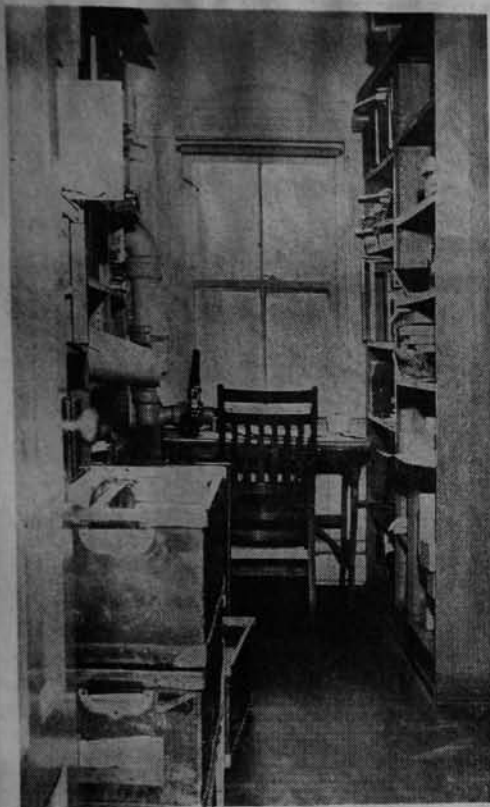
Now City Council needs to appropriate \$200,000 for construction.

The library board also asked a new Genesee branch and an expansion study for the Rundel Building. But the new Brighton branch has top priority.

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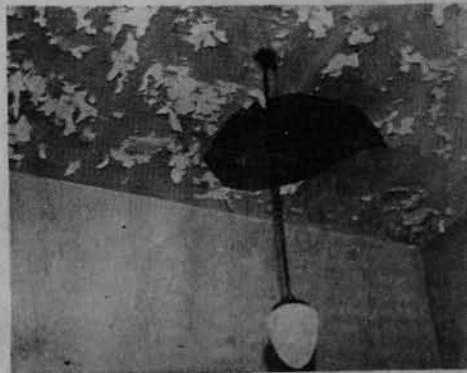
# Rickety Building Doomed?



ROOM FOR ONE is all there is in the work room at Brighton Branch Library, called a "dump" by city library director Harold Hacker, who asked for \$200,000 to replace the 80-year-old structure.



EX-SCHOOLHOUSE, library building has flooded basement, patched floors, and capricious heating system.



PAST PATCHING, this second-floor ceiling is so bad room had to be sealed off and is no longer heated.



OVERFLOW OF MATERIALS in library's dark basement is viewed with dismay by assistant librarian Israel

Schrieber. Crumbling walls rain dust and plaster on shelves. Last year seven rats were caught in building.

## Library

## To Build UNION MAR 12 1964 This Year

Construction of new Genesee and Brighton branch libraries will begin this year, the city said today.

The new libraries are included in a \$12 million "community improvements" bond program proposed to City Council by City Manager Porter W. Homer.

The \$525,000 "cultural improvements" phase also includes a space study of the Rundel Memorial Building and a preliminary study plan for expansion of the Rochester Museum to include a "Space Hall of Science."

The Brighton branch, now housed in an 80-year-old former schoolhouse at 25 Winton Road N., will be replaced on a city-owned site at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue. Until this year the site was under option to Wegman Food Markets, Inc.

Homer recommends eventual sale of the present Brighton branch site to help offset the cost of the new construction.

The proposal calls for construction in the area of Tremont Street and Keelox Place to replace the Genesee branch which now occupies rented space at 707 Main St. W.

In the Rochester Public Library's capital budget request last month, \$200,000 was asked for the replacement of each branch.

The library also asked for \$1,000 for a space study of the Rundel building which is inadequate for the amount of business handled. Homer includes this request, although no specific amounts for each project have been given.

The design for an addition to the Rochester Museum is "not a radical change," according to George R. Williams, president of the Rochester Museum Association. He said the 1959 design expansion plan has been "basically updated" to include more emphasis on space study.

The addition, according to museum director W. Stephen Thomas, "will serve the purposes that the science center was originally planned for."

The museum addition will be placed on land owned by the museum next to the present structure on East Avenue.

## Library Branch Plans Await City Directive

Rochester Public Library Director Harold S. Hacker is waiting for a directive from City Manager Porter W. Homer on whether the city or the library will engage architects to design the new Genesee and Brighton branch buildings, he told trustees yesterday.

A total of \$475,000 from the issuance of bonds was approved by City Council April 14 for the construction of two branches and the purchase of a site for the Genesee branch on Tremont Street.

Hacker announced plans for a new program to reduce the number of long overdue books. It included earlier notices and a revised corporation counsel's letter advising of possible legal action.

# Winton Branch Library To Be Biggest

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The Winton Road Branch of the Rochester Public Library will have more space for books and readers than any other branch library in the city.

Plans for the new library, to be built at Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue to replace the Brighton Branch at Winton and University avenues, were described last night by Harold S. Hacker, director of the library system.

Hacker addressed a dinner sponsored by the 21st Ward

Democratic organization at study areas. The library will have phonographs with headsets and expanded facilities for back files and current periodicals.

The new library, he said, will have room for 30,000 volumes and a seating capacity of 97. A multi-purpose room, seating 50, will be equipped with a television set, coffee-maker and built-in screen.

Plans also call for an informal seating area for browsers, a reference and study area and a "quiet"

HACKER said the one-story building, fronting on Winton Road North, will have 9,000 to 10,000 square feet of space, with a walk-in, street-level entrance. He hopes to have the building air-conditioned.

Mayor Frank T. Lamb said he was sure the cor-

nerstone would be laid by the end of the year, but Hacker doubted this was possible.

Final plans and specifications won't be ready for six months, he said, with construction expected to start in February or March. The architects are Epping & Whitney.

City Council appropriated \$220,000 for the project last year. In addition, the library Board of Trustees has applied for \$73,000 in federal funds.

## Opposes Changing Library Name

By Mrs. Edwin C. Smith

A proposal has been made to establish the proposed new Rochester Brighton branch library as the city's memorial to the late President John F. Kennedy.

I cannot conceive of anyone who knows the real history of the present branch wanting to change its name.

The original building on Winton road was a schoolhouse. It was a landmark of the early days. It has been used mostly by Brighton people throughout these many years.

47 Beverly St.

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## Winton Road Library Approved by Trustees

Preliminary plans for the Winton Road branch library were approved yesterday by the Rochester Public Library Board. Total cost will be \$266,667, with one-fourth coming from a federal construction grant.

The building will cover about 9,000 square feet and will have a corner entrance at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue. Parking space for 23 cars will be provided off Atlantic Avenue.

IT WILL BE the first library in the Rochester system to have individual study tables, noted RPL Director Harold Hacker. Other features include a special area for recordings, space for browsing and reading, a multi-purpose room and a children's room.

Tentative plans for locating a second new building—the Genesee branch library—at Bronson and

Orleans streets will be discussed further this fall, he said.

Trustees learned that the Edgerton branch library site may be acquired by the City School District for construction of an addition to Jefferson High School. Hacker reported the building, which has been used since 1912, was "old and dilapidated." A new building would be a welcome replacement, he said.

In other business, trustees:

Asked that the RPL's legal status be determined to see if it can take part in statewide library assistance if approved by the legislature.

Approved the second of two library user surveys. Part of the research study of the State Education Department, it will be distributed to each user at the library door by volunteers of the friends of the RPL.

Learned that a volunteer has been recruited to admin-

ister the Danforth House, which has been converted from sub-branch to station status. The former sub-branch in School 27 will be reopened.

Learned that circulation for 1965 is up 46,000 despite a slight dip in July and August.

## Plans Completed For New Library

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The new Winton Road Branch Library moved a step closer to construction yesterday when preliminary plans were completed and presented to city officials.

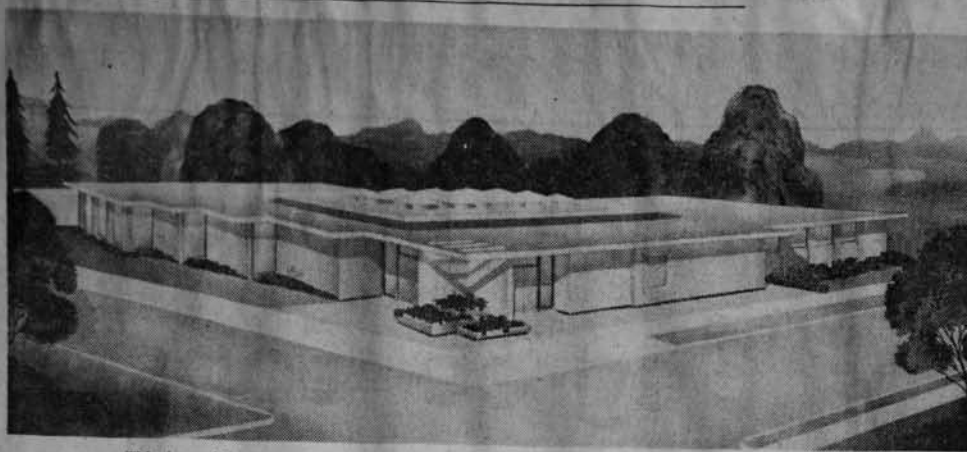
Next, architects will complete final drawings and specifications. These will be used to advertise for bids by the first of next year, said Harold Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library. Construction should begin in the spring, he said.

Estimated cost is \$266,667. The City Council approved a \$200,000 bond last year, and the rest will be financed by a federal grant under the Library Services and Construction Act.

The new library will be at Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue. It replaces the old Brighton Branch which has been in a former school at Winton Road North and University Avenue since 1923. The building was built as a Brighton school in 1884.

The new branch will have space for 30,000 volumes and

includes a multi-purpose room, a children's room and a special area for recordings. Space for 23 cars will be provided.



This is architect's rendering of the new Winton Road branch of the Rochester Public Library.

## Library Sets Winton Road Branch

Library officials yesterday unveiled plans for the \$266,667 Winton Road branch library, scheduled for construction next spring.

Harold S. Hacker, director of the Rochester Public Library, briefed city officials on the preliminary drawings for the project.

The library's board of trustees approved the plan last December. City Council voted a \$200,000 bond issue to finance it, the remaining funds to come from the federal government's Library Services and Construction Act.

The new branch replaces the Brighton branch, which is to be abandoned. Designed to house 30,000 volumes, the branch will have a small meeting room and a "quiet" leisure reading room.

It will be constructed at Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue. There are 12 branches, plus a mobile branch, in the city's library system.

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## Ease Setback Rule, Is Library's Plea

The Zoning Board of Appeals was asked today to modify setback and parking requirements for a Winton Road branch of the city Public Library.

Architect Theodore Epping and Library Director Harold Hacker said the proposed setback would be 12 feet from Winton Road North instead of the required 20 feet. There would be parking for 21 cars, about half the requirement.

The branch will go on the northwest corner of Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue and replace the existing Brighton branch at Winton Road North and University Avenue.

building so as not to use the ground over an "old, poorly constructed" overflow sewer.

He said that 21 parking spaces would be adequate and would give the branch more parking than, for example the Dewey Avenue and Charlotte branches which have 12 and 10 spaces respectively.

He pointed out the building could be expanded by 3,000 square feet at the rear. This is important, since the Winton Road branch is a good location for a possible regional library, he said.

YESTERDAY the City Planning Commission approved the site plan after suggesting a setback change from 3 feet, 8 inches to 12 feet.

Some \$266,667 has been earmarked in local and federal funds for construction and equipment. Bids are due to be opened Jan. 27, and occupancy is scheduled Oct. 1.

THE ONE-STORY library will have 11,500 square feet of space and serve 15,000 city and 5,000 suburban residents.

Hacker said the parking lot had been set to the north of the

THE 12-FOOT setback would put the library in line with the setbacks of other businesses nearby. The policy is to place branches close to the sidewalk to attract public notice, Hacker said.

There would be a cutback in the curb to allow cars to pull up in front of the branch and not interfere with Winton Road traffic.

There was no opposition to the application.

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## Branch Library Asks More Funds

The Rochester Public Library will ask City Council to appropriate funds to cover increased construction costs of the Winton Road Branch Library. A \$200,000 bond issue was approved by the Council in 1964.

Library officials had estimated the 30,000 volume facility would cost about \$230,000 to build. But when bids were opened Jan. 28, they discovered the lowest apparent bid was \$257,682.

Funds allotted to the project from the bond issue and a federal grant total \$266,667 — but that is supposed to cover an estimated \$33,000 for equipment, a 6 per cent architect's fee and a miscellaneous fund, besides construction costs.

"We now have enough money to build the building, but we have nothing to pay the architects and equip it," RPL Director Harold Hacker said today.

ARCHITECT James Whitney of Epping & Whitney said the only way to reduce construction costs would be to choose alter-

nate construction specifications — like eliminating a skylight, changing the stone in front or installing tile instead of carpeting.

Apparent low bid for general construction was \$178,839 from Bufano Inc. Bliss Plumbing & Supply Co. submitted apparent low bids on plumbing—\$7,968 — and heating—\$41,500. Alhart Electrical Co. made an apparent low bid of \$29,475.

It will be the largest branch in the city system, and will be the first to provide individual study tables.

## Inflation Raises Winton Library Tab \$120,000

City Council last night ran headon into the rising cost of living—and buying—when they found themselves forced to add \$120,000 to a four-year-old \$200,000 bond ordinance for construction of the Winton Road branch library.

City Manager Seymour Scher, in a message explaining the added appropriation, cited "increased labor and materials cost and the inclusion of a curb cutback on Winton Road."

Scher said up to \$77,786 of the new money will be reimbursed by the state from federal library funds, with cost to the city of \$42,214.

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# Winton Library NION OCT 28 1966 Ceremony Set

A cornerstone laying ceremony of the Rochester Public Library's new Winton Road Branch will take place Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the northwest corner of Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue.

Mayor Frank Lamb, City Manager Seymour Scher, RPL Director Harold Hacker and Library Board President Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady will officiate. A time capsule will be placed in the building's foundation behind the cornerstone.

The building, which should be completed early next year, will replace the old Brighton Branch Library on North Winton between East and University Avenues. Funds for the new branch were provided in March, 1964.

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## Winton Library Hexed

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only to fall about a month behind because of the sewer.

Additional funds were obtained from the federal government, the skylight, stone and carpeting were kept in the plans, and a cornerstone laying ceremony was to take place Nov. 1.

It did — in the rain — the roof hadn't arrived in time to cover city officials.

Then, early this week, just as the contractor was finishing the exterior, the library was hit by a car. A brick planter and stone front were damaged.

Assistant RPL Director Edwin Holmgren says he passed by the scene to survey the damage, but will leave it to the contractor. Meanwhile, library officials are only saying the branch will open next year — sometime.

It should replace the old Brighton branch.

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Tues., May 9, 1967

## Library Branch Sale Sought

Ordinances calling for the sale at public auction of the Brighton Branch Library on Winton Road will be introduced at tonight's City Council meeting by Councilman William J. Malley.

The building will be abandoned when the new Winton Branch opens at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue within a month.

A minimum price of \$20,000 has been proposed for the Brighton Branch building. The successful bidder will be required to remove or raze the building.

Malley will introduce another measure calling for the sale at public auction of 7.68 acres off Newcastle Road, with a minimum price of \$25,000. The would-be developer will be required to obtain approval of plans from the City Planning Commission and Engineering Bureau.

At an auction in June, 1963, the city received a bid of \$35,000 (the minimum price then) from West Meadows Development Corp., for the Newcastle Road parcel, but the developer couldn't win council approval. A second auction last January brought no bids. The minimum price was still \$35,000.

# Winton Library Tops in Hex Signs

By MARY ANNE PIKRONE

If a library can have a hex on it, the Winton Road Branch should qualify.

A year ago September Rochester Public Library Director Harold Hacker reported that the plans for the building at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue were a month ahead of schedule. And that's about the last good news that's come to Winton Road.

Plans were approved and the library was supposed to cost about \$266,000 — until they started digging for a 21-space parking lot. They uncovered an old Thomas Street overflow storm sewer running through the rear of the property. Not only was the sewer ancient, but it was poorly constructed, said then City Engineer Arvid Karkkainen, who would not allow paving over it.

So the old sewer was filled in and the parking lot was switched from the west to the

north side of the building.

THEN in January, construction bids turned out to be about \$30,000 more than had been expected, and the RPL had to ask City Council for more money. Otherwise, officials were planning on eliminating the skylight, changing the stone in front and installing tile instead of carpeting.

The extra money was approved and construction started,

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Planter (above) at corner of new Winton Road branch of Rochester Public Library, damaged when library was hit by car.

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# Plagued Library Branch

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## Sets May 1 for Opening

The Winton Road branch of the Rochester Public Library may open May 1. Director Harold Hacker reported to the board of trustees yesterday — but he knocked on wood as he said it.

"We expect the furniture to

be delivered during the first month in April," Hacker said, "but we will believe it when we see it."

If the furniture doesn't arrive until May it will be par for the course for the library, which has had a black cloud

hanging over it since construction began.

Designed to be the largest branch library in the system, the Winton Road branch will replace the Brighton branch. It will house 30,000 volumes in its building at Winton Road North and Atlantic Avenue.

Just after construction began workmen discovered an ancient sewer crumbling underneath the surface of land intended for the parking lot. After consultation with the City Engineers, the parking lot was moved to another side of the building and the sewer was filled in.

Then bids turned out to be \$30,000 higher than expected. The City Council approved a raise and additional federal funds were obtained.

The next disaster was caused by a car which drove into a brick planter and stone front of the building. Library officials just groaned.

Yesterday, Hacker announced that once again the timetable for the branch would be revised. The new problem: sweating walls.

"We have been told by our architect that sweating walls made early painting impossible," Hacker said. "This is not unusual, according to the architect," he added hopefully.

Shelving which was all ready for delivery in mid-February, had to be stopped when the walls could not be painted, Hacker said. That meant the whole order had to be made over. Now the library hopes it will come next month.

At present the library is thankful for only one thing—that the opening wasn't scheduled for April Fool's Day. That would have been all too appropriate. — ANNE STEARNS.

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# City Changes Land Sale Rule To Speed Use

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By PETER B. TAUB

The city is using a new procedure in seeking to sell the Brighton Branch Library site at Winton Road North and University Avenue.

The building, which will be abandoned when the new Winton Branch opens, will be sold at public auction, with the minimum price \$20,000. The auction date has not been set.

The procedure for selling the building was devised by Corporation Counsel Robert A. Feldman and unanimously approved by City Council last night. Feldman said the new method will be used in sales of land where the city wants new construction.

The new procedure does away with the reverter clause, under which the successful bidder

didn't receive his deed until he had started construction. This meant the buyer often had trouble obtaining financing for his project.

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UNDER THE new system, the top bidder will get the deed as soon as City Council approves the price. Then, within 60 days, he must submit his plans to the Bureau of Planning for approval (which must act within 60 days) and to the Bureau of Engineering for a cost estimate.

Within 30 days of getting a cost estimate, the buyer must obtain a performance bond in that amount guaranteeing construction.

If the buyer doesn't win Planning Commission approval and obtain the bond within six months of receiving the deed, the city can rebuy the land from him at the price he paid.

The successful bidder must remove or demolish the Brighton Branch building within 90 days of approval of the sale. The Winton Branch, at Winton Road and Atlantic Avenue, is expected to open within a month.



Brighton Branch Library  
... to be abandoned

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## Winton Library Opens Monday

The new Winton Road Branch Library at Atlantic Avenue will be dedicated with an open house at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 7.

The new branch, however, is expected to the open for business next Monday. The Brighton branch on Winton Road North, which the new one replaces, is closed this week to permit moving of books.

Those that fall due may be returned to any other branch of the Rochester Public Library system or any library in the five-county Pioneer Library system.

Harold S. Hacker, library director, also said the library will seek approval of a \$10,000 federal grant for hiring of a library trainee for \$5,616 a year and a senior library clerk for \$4,303.

Hacker said the new employees would be used in the library's informational services division to make a thorough review of the periodical collection.

The library's new contract with the Rochester Credit Bureau has had a beneficial effect on delinquent borrowers, Hack-

er said. During March and April, the director said, he mailed out letters to 44 long overdue borrowers notifying them that if they had not returned all books and paid all fines due within two weeks, their cases would be turned over to the credit bureau.

He said 64 books have been returned by these borrowers and \$78.75 has been paid in fines or for replacement of lost books. It has been necessary to turn only 14 cases over to the credit bureau.

**B&C MAY 19 1967**  
**Keep Library Land**  
**For Education Use'**

SINCE THE Brighton Branch of the library on Winton Road has become a decadant building, I am amazed that it should be put up for sale. Has anyone bothered to check the deed for the land on which it stands? Or has it been conveniently mislaid or lost?

As a member of one of the oldest families in what used to be Brighton and a former pupil in the old school itself, I was always led to believe that that property was given to the use of educational purposes only by one of the pioneer families (Blossom) of Brighton. If and when it was ever to be used for any other purpose, the land was to revert to the family.

I wonder why our Landmark Society, or some other

interested group could not be prevailed upon to look into the possibilities for acquiring this property.

I am the grand-daughter of John T. Caley of Caley and Nash that was located on the corner of East Avenue and Winton Road for almost 100 years.

ROBERTA LACHIUSA, 52  
 Kimbark Road.

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## Library Branch Opening Set

The new Winton Road Branch of the Rochester Public Library will open tomorrow at 2 p.m. at 611 Winton Rd. N.

It replaces the Brighton Branch at 25 Winton Rd. N.

The library will be open from 2-9 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays.

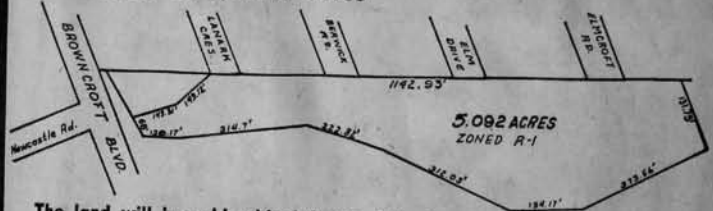
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# PUBLIC AUCTION

## City Owned Land

Tuesday, June 6, 1967, 10:45 A. M., E. D. S. T., Room 229,  
 City Public Safety Bldg., Rochester, N.Y.

### Browncroft Blvd., 5.092 Acres



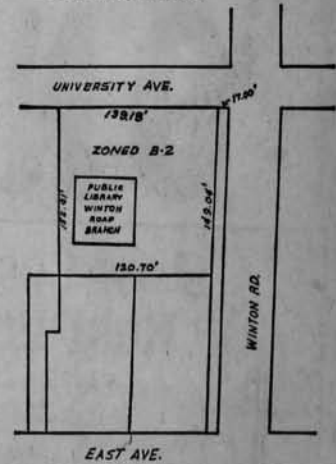
The land will be sold subject to the following conditions:

- Minimum bid shall be \$25,000.00.
- The accepted bidder shall install all necessary underground improvements and provide Performance Bond to cover the same.
- Construction to be limited to residential dwellings only, under R-1 zoning.
- The accepted bidder shall be required to make a deposit of 20% of the purchase price, plus a sum in lieu of taxes in cash or certified check at the time of the sale.

### Winton Rd. North, Brighton Branch Library

The land will be sold subject  
 to the following conditions:

- Minimum bid shall be \$20,000.00.
- The accepted bidder shall demolish existing improvements on the premises.
- New Construction will be required and purchaser must provide performance bond to cover same.
- The accepted bidder shall be required to make a deposit of 20% of the purchase price, plus a sum in lieu of taxes in cash or certified check at the time of the sale.



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**BIG BOOKING** — Harold S. Hackers, Rochester Public Library director, talked to youngsters at yesterday's dedica' on ceremonies opening the new Winton Road branch library. Kids heard Mayor Frank Lamb and City Manager Seymour Scher.

## Readers **HELP!** Ask

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**Driveway for Library**  
**Too Expensive**

Q. Is the new Winton Road Library to have a driveway on Atlantic Avenue? During peaks of traffic, it is difficult to exit onto Winton Road, particularly to make a left turn toward Main Street East.

—R. G., Rochester

A. The planners also considered this, R. G., and originally the parking lot was to have been behind the building off Atlantic Avenue. But the cost of filling in a crumbling old sewer, found beneath the site, would have been too great. So the lot was changed to the Winton Road side. But a recessed curb on Winton will allow motorists to pull out of the traffic stream to reach the bookdrop or go into the library for a few minutes. And the traffic lights at Main Street and Atlantic Avenues should slow that Winton Road traffic down.

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# Businesses, neighbors clash

By JOHN MCGINNIS

Evola Frye stood among the squashed tomatoes and flattened cornstalks in her city garden and pointed at the parking lot of the Winton Road Branch Library.

"They came from over there. Kids are out there all hours of the night, breaking windows, climbing on the roof, passing around that stuff (Marijuana) they smoke," said Frye, who lives at 89 Mayfield St.

Early Monday morning a small foreign car drove out of the library parking lot and plowed through her garden patch and around her above-ground pool. The car pulled up tomato plants, knocked down her corn, and hit a neighbor's pumpkin patch, Frye said.

The library is at Atlantic Avenue and North Winton Road, southeast of Frye's backyard. The library parking lot abuts the back of some Mayfield Street properties. The area around the parking lot is littered with hundreds of beer cans and bottles. Frye said she sometimes finds beer bottles floating in her pool.

The group of older teen-agers that gathers around the library isn't the only thing neighbors complain about.

The popular Winfield Grill is on the corner of Mayfield and North Winton Road, and the Wintonaire, across the

street, and a half-dozen other bars and restaurants draw customers to the area. Frye and other neighbors complain about the noise from the bars, and customers' cars lining the street despite "No Parking" signs.

Library officials said there is little they can do to control the group of neighborhood youngsters that congregate in the library parking lot at night. They said there have been only a few complaints about the teen-agers.

The owners of the Winfield Grill, Fred Wilson and his son, Craig, bristle when they are told of the complaints.

In fact, Fred Wilson said his employees and customers have been screamed at and insulted by angry neighbors, without provocation.

"We take the blame for everything, although there are eight bars in this area," Fred Wilson said. "I've had it up to here with those people."

The complaints from both neighbors and businesspeople show the tensions in one of the city's changing commercial areas.

The Winfield Grill owners and library staff members say they sympathize with the neighbors, but they can't close up shop and go out of business because the neighbors don't like the noise or traffic. The area has been a growing commercial area for

decades.

"The people have to understand more businesses are coming here, this has become a prime area," Craig Wilson said. "There are people who are waiting to come in here and cash in."

"We've tried to understand the neighbors, but they have to realize they live next to a commercial area, and they chose to live here," Craig Wilson said. The Wilsons have owned the bar for 8½ years.

Before the Wilsons bought the building, another bar operated in the building for almost 40 years.

The city required the Winfield Grill to reduce the size of its parking lot, so a fence could be put up between the parking lot and the Mayfield Street houses, the neighbors said the fence eliminated some problems with unruly young people.

Now Frye would like the library to erect a similar fence across the back of the library parking lot, or close off the parking lot at night.

Last year, a motorcyclist damaged a tree and their grass by roaring across the property.

But library officials at the branch library and on the central library staff said they weren't aware of the neighbors' problems this summer. They said a decision to build a fence would take further study.

"Once in a while patrons have complained about the kids in the parking lot, and I've gone out there and told them to cool it. But I haven't heard any complaints yet this summer," said Kenneth DeWeaver, librarian at the Winton Road Branch Library. "The kids hang out here mostly because there's no place else for teen-agers, no youth center around here."

DeWeaver said most of the group in the library parking lot are teen-agers from the neighborhood and East High School. The Winfield Grill restricts entry to those 21 and older.

"The library would like to cooperate with neighbors and do what it can, but there is a limit to what we can do," said Alan Kusler, library spokesman.

"I don't know what we could do after the library closes. I doubt if we could patrol the parking lot. It's a sad day when we have to have guards outside," Kusler said. He also questioned whether a fence would stop youngsters from congregating in the library parking lot, and said he didn't know of any plans for a fence.

"If they put a fence up, they couldn't come into our yard," Frye said. "We want some protection."

## Library Gets Books Back A Bit Late

A couple of library books, which had been checked out for some time, were returned the other day.

They were "Sandy" a woman's novel by Alice Hegan Rice, and "When a Man's a Man," an adventure novel by Harold Bell Wright.

As nearly as library officials can figure the copies had been missing for about 40 years.

They were discovered by a woman while cleaning her attic. A neighbor returned them to the Winton Branch, 611 Winton Road N., for her because the woman was too embarrassed to bring them in herself.

The books had been rebound in the early 1920s and library officials weren't certain what would be done with them.

There was no fine.

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Evola Frye of 89 Mayfield Street tries to salvage corn and melons in her backyard garden. ... early Monday a car drove through the garden from the nearby library parking lot, a teen-agers' hangout

THE WINTON ROAD Branch of the Rochester Public Library will have registration for pre-school story hour at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 13. Three- to five-year-olds are eligible for classes that will be held Tuesday mornings beginning Oct. 19.

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NEW LIBRARIAN: Stephen Lesnack of 279 W. Squire Drive, Brighton, has been appointed acting head librarian of the Winton Road Branch of the Rochester Public Library, effective Sept. 10. Lesnack succeeds Lucille Messinger, who retired in July.

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A woman arrived at the Winton Branch Library with some books she was late in returning. "I'm a bit overdue," she told librarian Steve Lesnack. "I mean, my books are overdue." The woman may have been, too. Lesnack reports she was in a very advanced stage of pregnancy.

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## Library Opens School Branch

Residents of Ridgeway Avenue neighborhood are happy over the new sub-branch library in School No. 40. This sub-branch of the Rochester Public Library which was opened only recently will continue to be open Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 to 5 p. m. It is organized for the use of school children from the fourth through the seventh grades and for adults and young people of the neighborhood.

A room on the second floor of the school has been provided for the library by the principal, Miss Arnett. This room is conveniently reached by entering the door nearest Ridgeway Avenue, and adults using the library are requested to enter by that door.

A nucleus of a carefully selected collection of books for children has been assembled and more books will be added from time to time. The books for adult readers are of a recreational nature and will be changed frequently. Some of the titles to be found in the adult collection at present are:

Bridge, "Enchanter's Nightshade;" Curie, "Madame Curie;" Earheart, "Last Flight;" Etnier, "On Gilbert Head" and Peattie, "Tomorrow Is Ours."

There are also mystery, western and love stories by well known authors.

## ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Eight-year-old William Andrews, at the left, of 74 Love St., and Robert DiGiovanni, 11, of 64 Love St., were on hand early for re-

opening of branch libraries on Saturdays. They are pictured at the Main St. W. branch with Marion Simmons at the charging desk.

## D. & C. JAN 9 1949 Branch Libraries Reopen-- Saturday Small Fry File In

Although it was a school holiday, Rochester school children yesterday flocked to browse in the city's 12 branch libraries, open on a Saturday afternoon for the first time since September.

There they found books for winter reading and the cause of the branch libraries' return to normal schedules in the persons of seven subjects of the British crown.

Undermanned for the last three years with a skeleton staff of 60 professionally trained librarians, officials of the Rochester Public Library system, led by head librarian John A. Lowe, have been in correspondence with English librarians since last July in an attempt to recruit additions to the staff.

As the result of advertising in British professional journals, seven trained English and Scotch librarians, from such places as Leyton, Kettering, Edinburgh and Paisley, Scotland, are here to help out Rochester libraries on one-year "internship" fellowship grants.

The new librarians, most of them backed by 10 years of experience in their native lands, are described by Lowe as "most enthusiastic and welcome workers."

Because of them the Rochester

Public Library system has returned to normalcy and youngsters once again can thumb through their favorite books on wintry Saturdays from 2 to 9 p. m.

## Library to Add To Services

The city's 12 branch libraries will be open Saturdays beginning Jan. 9, John A. Lowe, director of the Rochester Public Library, announced today.

Hours will be from 2 to 9 p. m. for adults and 2 to 6 p. m. for children.

Branches have not been open Saturdays since the end of June when they were closed for the summer. Reopening was prevented in September because of a shortage of personnel. Lowe said several trained librarians have been added to the staff, including some from England.

The Young Peoples Room at the main library is open daily from 3 to 9 p. m. except Saturday, when it is open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

## Director Lists Library Hours

Nine branch libraries are open on a regular Monday through Saturday schedule from 2 to 9 p. m., despite staff shortages, it was emphasized yesterday by Harold S. Hacker, library director.

The nine branches are Arnett, Brighton, Charlotte, Genesee, Hudson, Lake, Lincoln, Monroe and Sully. The South Avenue Branch, near Gregory Street, closes at 6 p. m. Saturdays. Only the Edgerton Branch at Edgerton Park and the Portland Branch at Portland and Clifford avenues, are closed all day Saturdays during the personnel emergency, Hacker explained. He added that the main library will stay closed Saturdays through Oct. 20. Thereafter it will be open Saturdays, as on other weekdays, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

## Public Library Branches Again Open Saturdays

All Rochester Public Library branches now are open Saturdays from 2-9 p. m., according to Virginia P. Miller, supervisor of branches. Saturday hours were curtailed for several months at the Edgerton, Portland and South Avenue branches because of a staff shortage.

Persons interested in library work as a career have been hired as trainees and now are working in some libraries to ease the shortage of help, it was announced.

Library extension courses will be offered at Rundel Memorial Building by Genesee State University Teachers College, starting Feb. 5. They will provide an opportunity for library trainees and others to take graduate work leading to a master of science degree and library certification.

## Library Asks New Branch In N. W. Area

A new branch library for the northwest section has been asked by the Rochester Public Library.

The City Planning Commission yesterday agreed to consider cost of buying land for the library in the next 10-year capital improvement budget, to be submitted to City Council this fall.

Library Director Harold C. Hacker told commission members that a survey determined need for a new library to replace a branch housed in rented quarters at Lake Avenue and Owen Street. Construction of the branch would be paid for with money from the library's \$200,000 Darrell Sully Fund.

A specific site is being sought for the library, which would be in the general area bounded by Ridge Road East, the Genesee River, Emerson Street and the New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks.

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**BRIGHT AND PEPPY** — With its luminous ceiling and informal furnishing, this

new Dewey Avenue branch illustrates the face-lifting of the city library system.

## Reading Boom Gratifying, But . . .

Libraries Have to Scramble to Keep Ahead of Space Problems

By PETER STUTZ

**CLIMBING** a long flight of stairs to a library has discouraged many prospective patrons, particularly the elderly and handicapped.

But that roadblock to reading pleasure will vanish with the relocation of the Ogden Farmer's (town) Library, the county's last "walk-up" library.

Now on a second floor above the Spencerport Fire Hall, the library can be

reached only by mounting stairs. But soon it will have quarters almost at ground level

in the Ogden Town Hall being built in West Avenue, Spencerport.

In the city, Dewey Avenue Branch illustrates another phase of library revitalizing in Monroe County. To avoid the "institutional look," the branch opened June 29 has informal furnishings, a luminous ceiling, upholstered chairs and a modern exterior. It's the first branch in the city with two entrances.

Circulation in July, the first full month of operation, was 16,058. This compares with 8,621 for July a year ago at the old Lake Avenue Branch which the Dewey Library replaced.

The archaic Charlotte Branch (which Harold Hacker, library director, termed "the worst building we have") is a target for replacement. Hacker said the city is investigating the possibility of buying the old Charlotte Exchange of Rochester Telephone Corp. to convert into a library. The exchange is at Lake Avenue and Britton Road.



**TARGET OF CHANGE** — Rated "worst building" in the public library system is archaic Charlotte branch, which will soon be replaced. Library officials say that these types of facilities are a drawback to the entire system.

In the towns, space and parking are major difficulties. Hacker pointed out that city children usually can walk to the nearest branches but suburban youngsters must be transported. That means parking space.

B. Forman Co. store in the Culver-Ridge Plaza. Webster Library two months ago was moved from the village to the Town Hall.

A circulation report issued by Webster to the Monroe County Library System listed gains of nearly 1,400 each in June and July over the corresponding months a year ago.

About 180 new borrowers registered in July.

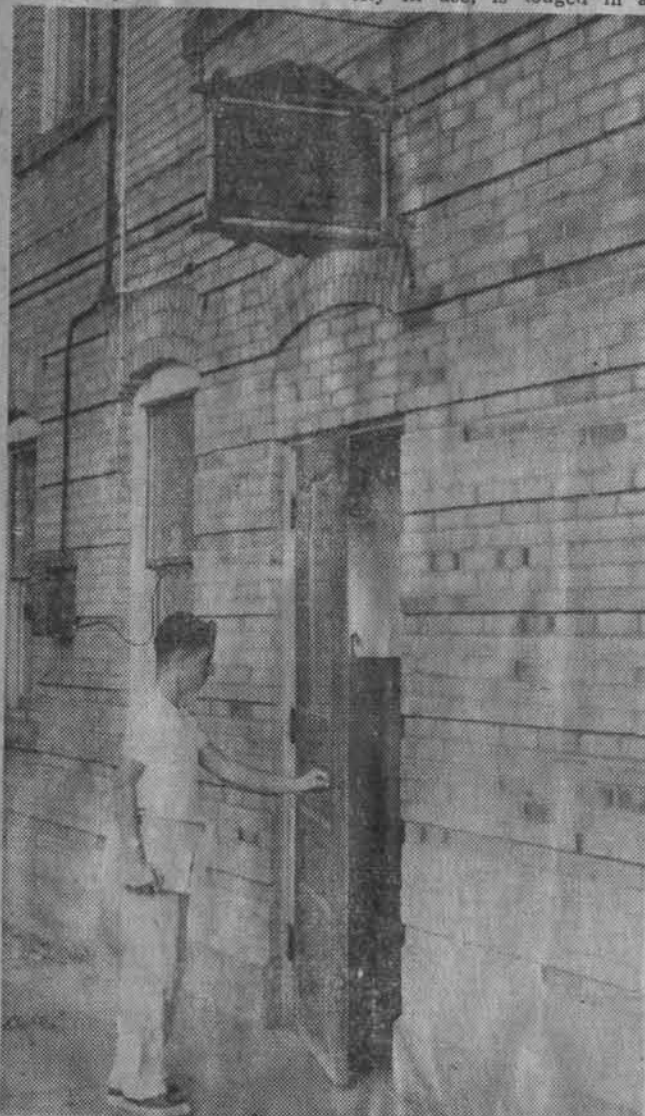
Creating new libraries is another goal. Citizens committees, aided by Hacker and his associates, are trying to set up town libraries for Gates and Chili. A Greece Public Library, the first in the town, will open Sept. 14 in Olympia High School in Maiden Lane.

Throughout the county, book circulation and demands for library services have jumped. Circulation at all branches in July rose about 15,000 over 1958. Membership in the Monroe County Library System has aided the growth. The boom naturally is gratifying to librarians and readers but it means headaches, too. Obsolescence of buildings and shifting centers of populations mean problems in the city.

"If a child hasn't a chance to begin the reading habit, he's lost as a library user," Hacker said.

Need for space means constant planning. Brighton Library, whose 89,052 volumes loaned led out-of-city branch circulation in 1958, has outgrown its quarters in the Town Hall.

East Irondequoit Branch, fourth largest outside the city in use, is lodged in a



**ROADBLOCK TO READING** — Ogden Farmer's Library, county's last "walk-up" branch, is heading for new quarters. Harold Gearing sets off on last visit.

From Jerry Yazback, young-adult librarian at Dewey Avenue Branch: A teen-aged girl deposited a letter in the book drop saying she had borrowed a paperback entitled "Phoebe" three months ago and had lost it. She enclosed 75 cents to replace the book, and, as a "peace offering," she gave the library a new paperback copy of John Steinbeck's "The Pony."

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# New Arnett Branch Eyed Edgerton, Genesee

By ANNE STEARNS

Rochester Public Library's Board of Trustees voted yesterday to move the Edgerton Park and Genesee branch libraries to "temporary" locations in December. Future new buildings are planned for both branches.

Meanwhile City Council last night authorized the city manager to hire architects to design a new building for the Arnett Branch library, to be built at a different location to be selected.

The library board is negotiating with the owners of the former Al's Party House, 183 Bloss St., for a lease on that building as a new location for the Edgerton Park library, now in a building soon to be demolished.

The board has included a new

facility for the branch in the city's Capital Improvement Program, with projected construction by 1970-1971 at an estimated cost of \$426,300.

The present building, formerly a correctional institution, was converted to library use in 1912 and is the city's oldest branch library.

Genesee Branch, now at 707 Main St. W., is vacating its present rented quarters Dec. 1. The board is seeking a location as close as possible to the planned construction of a new branch it hopes to have built in 1970 in the Bronson Avenue-Olean-Street neighborhood.

The branch has been in the Main Street West area since 1917 and is described as "badly deteriorated." In addition, the

population center has shifted since 1917 so that now the section is primarily industrial. As a result the facility has the lowest circulation of any branch.

To serve the Main Street West area the board voted to provide bookmobile service at St. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church, at 750 Main St. W., across the street from the present branch. The bookmobile will be intended both for children and adults.

The board also will ask the City Insurance Committee to review with the library the possibility of obtaining coverage under the Model Insurance Policy for Libraries developed by the American Library Association and American Insurance Association.

# Library Sub-Branch Dedicated to Oldsters

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The newest sub-branch of the Rochester Public Library, this one dedicated to older readers, was opened yesterday afternoon at Danforth Center, 200 West Ave.

Harold S. Hacker, director of the library, told members of the board of trustees at their meeting yesterday that the new outlet will be open from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Friday with a basic collection of 500 books.

Friday was picked because the center has its largest attendance that day which is highlighted by a dance.

Hacker told the board that the library would study reading habits at the center and would try to supply what its patrons wanted to read.

A sub-branch is a library service outlet that is open from one-half to a day a week in areas not served by regular branches. At one time there were sub-branches in nine schools and two stores. All but those in three schools have been replaced by bookmobiles.

The library director also informed the board that:

—The city manager has approved the \$1,327,308 library budget for 1961-62, except for a \$5,000 item for re-lighting the South Avenue Branch. City Council must make a re-

port on the city budget by May 15. He also approved \$25,000 in the city's capital budget to start work on re-lighting the Rundel Memorial Building, but took no action on a request for \$170,000 for building a new Brighton branch.

—Bids will soon be requested for re-lighting the Monroe Avenue branch and three departments at Rundel.

—Four new appointments have been made to the staff. They are Gertrude Stieg, a trainee librarian in the children's department; Israel Schreiber, a junior librarian in the teen lounge; Grace Drago, a typist and John Miller, a building maintenance helper.

—The friends of the Rochester Public Library have boosted their scholarship for graduate study in library science from \$500 to \$750. The winner of last year's scholarship will return to the library to work this summer.

—National Library Week, April 17-22, will be highlighted locally by a family reading night at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Dewey branch and a tour of the main library at 8 p.m. Thursday by new Rochester residents from Puerto Rico.

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# Libraries to Move

Board member Edwin S. Holmgren said last night the insurance is marketed by various companies in the United States, but he believes only Hartford Insurance Co. writes the policy

in New York State.

The insurance committee also will be requested to review the amount of insurance now carried on various library facilities, Holmgren said.

# Library Lists Story Hours For Branches

Several branches of the Rochester Public Library system have chosen this week, National Children's Book Week, to begin programs of preschool and school age story hours.

Here is the story hour schedule for the branches:

Monroe branch — regular, Thursdays at 4 p.m.; preschool, Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Genesee—preschool, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. beginning Nov. 18.

Lincoln—regular, Thursdays at 4 p.m.

Sully — regular, Wednesdays at 4 p.m.; preschool, Fridays at 10 a.m.

Edgerton—regular, Wednesdays at 4 p.m.; preschool, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Charlotte—regular, Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.; preschool, Fridays at 10 and 10:45 a.m.

Brighton—preschool, Fridays at 10:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Arnett—preschool, Thursdays at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m.

Portland—preschool, Mondays at 10 a.m. beginning Jan. 5.

Lake—preschool, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

South—regular, Thursdays at 3:45 p.m.; preschool, Fridays at 10 a.m.

Hudson—regular, Thursdays at 4 p.m. beginning this Thursday; preschool, Thursdays at 9:45 p.m. beginning this Thursday.

Main library — preschool, Tuesdays at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m.

# D. & C. MAY 9 1967 Record Player Stolen From City Library

Detectives last night were looking for thieves who prowled through two city schools and a branch library over the weekend.

At the branch library at 707 Main St. W., a window was broken and a record player valued at \$100 was stolen.

Madison High School on Epworth Street and School 58 on Moran Street also were entered but apparently nothing was taken.

# 2 Libraries Get New Hours

By MARY ANNE PIKRONE

Lincoln and Portland branches of the Rochester Public Library will begin new hours and double up on nighttime staffs to deal with increasing rowdiness in the branches at night.

They will be open two mornings a week and be closed the corresponding evenings beginning the week of Monday, Jan. 4.

The hours were approved by the RPL Board of Trustees yesterday after it received a report about disturbances in the two library branches at night.

The hours are:

Portland branch, 571 Portland Ave., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Lincoln branch, 585 Clifford Ave., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. will continue. Current hours of 2 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday will remain through Friday, Jan. 1.

Both branches will also have two professional librarians on duty at night instead of one, besides library aide employees.

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THE 12 BRANCHES of the Rochester Public Library will be open fewer hours beginning April 5. The new schedule will be determined at a board of trustees meeting Thursday. Earlier, it was announced shorter hours would go into effect in July in a cost-cutting move. But then, the city asked the library to make cuts for this fiscal year which ends June 30, thus the earlier cutback. Hours at the main library will not change.

## Libraries Resume Usual Hours

Branches of the Rochester Public Library will resume regular hours because because the system has hired two employees through the Federal Emergency Employment Act.

### Hours are:

Dewey, Edgerton, Charlotte, Hudson, Wheatley, South, Sully, Monroe and Winton: Monday through Friday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Portland: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, 2 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lincoln: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lincoln's second floor media center will also reopen these hours: Monday and Wednesday, 2 to 5 p.m.; 6 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 2 to 6 p.m.; Saturday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Arnett, where a bookmobile is providing most services until the new building is constructed: Monday, Tuesday and Friday, bookmobile, 2 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, storage building open for browsing; 2 to 6 p.m., bookmobile; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., bookmobile.

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Branches resumed

## New Library Hours

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Rochester Public Library has announced shortened hours at the South Avenue, Lincoln, Edgerton and Portland branches, and the dates of its Saturday closings this summer.

Hours are being reduced because several employees left and the current city job freeze prevents replacing them. New hours already in effect are:

South, 715 South Ave., and Edgerton, 183 Bloss St.: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 2 to 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Lincoln, 585 Clifford Ave.: Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, 2 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 2 to 6 p.m.

Portland, 571 Portland Ave.: Monday and Thursday, 2 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 2 to 6 p.m.

All four will be closed Saturday until further notice.

All other branches, including the Main Library, will be closed Saturdays for a 13-week period beginning June 10 through September 2. This follows the pattern of previous summers.

### 2 libraries to close during repairs

Two branches of the Rochester Public Library will close temporarily for carpet installation. The South Avenue branch, 715 South Ave., will be closed from next Tuesday through Tuesday Sept. 27. The Hudson branch, 1151 Hudson Ave., will be closed from Wednesday, Sept. 28 through Saturday, Sept. 31.

A bookmobile will provide both branches with basic library services. Bookmobile hours for the South Avenue branch will be 2 to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Hudson branch bookmobile will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday; from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Friday.

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