

MEETING HELD AT CARTHAGE

Regional Library Board Discusses Possible Role In Area EOA Program

D. W. Hurley of Rockingham, chairman of the board of trustees of the Sandhill Regional Library, presided over the quarterly meeting Wednesday of last week in Carthage. Other members present were Mrs. C. V. Richardson of Star, Mrs. John M. Currie of Carthage, Mrs. Sue Phillips of Cameron, Stuart Evans of Rob-

bins and also Miss Hollis C. Haney of Southern Pines, director of the Regional Library.

The treasurer's and statistical reports were read and Miss Haney gave an oral report on the libraries' activities during the quarter. She reported on the Economic Opportunity Act Meeting which she attended in Wilmington October 5 and 6 and the board discussed the library's possible role in the EOA program in the area.

It was planned to send a telegram to James Evans, chairman, and the community of Mount Gilead, on the occasion of Open House, congratulating them on a new home for the Public Library. A project to provide larger and more adequate library facilities began about a year ago.

The Civitan Club, which has long sponsored the library as a project in Mt. Gilead, took the project to other civic clubs and a canvass of the community for funds was launched.

The next regular meeting will be held in Rockingham at the Rockingham - Richmond County Library, January 27, at 4:30 pm.

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ROTARY SPEAKER SAYS:

Public Can Help In Battle With Mental Illness

Horace Flanigan of Fayetteville, representative of Smith Kline & French Laboratories, Philadelphia, one of the nation's largest prescription drug firms, spoke to the Southern Pines Rotary Club at its luncheon meeting in the Country Club, Friday, describing a "silent revolution" the struggle by medical and pharmaceutical science for "the liberation of men's minds from the crippling burden of mental illness."

The speaker said individual persons can help fight mental illness by supporting their mental health associations, by telling their elected representatives that they endorse their representatives' support of mental health

New Law Benefits

Disabled Workers, SS Office Reports

Social Security Amendments, signed into law by President Johnson on October 13, will bring new or higher benefits to more than 100,000 totally disabled workers and dependents. Woodrow W. Thomas, district manager, Social Security District Office, Fayetteville, reports.

The newly signed legislation removes a restriction on the retroactivity of applications for disability insurance benefits. This restriction had caused some disabled workers and their dependents to receive reduced social security benefits or to lose their disability insurance rights entirely.

Another provision of the bill signed by the President extends through April 15, 1965, the time within which persons who have been in the ministry (or in practice as Christian Science practitioners) for at least two years since 1954, may elect to be covered by social security as self-employed persons.

Information on these and other Social Security matters can be obtained each Tuesday at the Information Center building here, when a representative of the Fayetteville office visits Southern Pines.

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legislation and by learning something about their state's mental health program.

Thanks to tranquilizing drugs and other new developments in the "Silent Revolution" against mental illness, the outlook for mental patients is brighter today than at any time in the past,

Flanigan declared.

In most cases, he said, with today's drugs and therapy, the mental patient has a better than 80 per cent chance of returning to society within six months. As recently as 1954, he noted, the patient who entered a mental hospital had only a 50-50 chance

of getting out again.

"What a former patient wants above all is a chance to pick up the thread of his life, to be accepted once more by his family, his friends and his community," Flanigan said. "Despite advances against mental illness achieved through

new drugs and new therapy, it remains the nation's number one health problem."

According to the National Association for Mental Health, mental illness of some kind afflicts 16 million Americans, striking one person in ten, one family in four, Flanigan declared.

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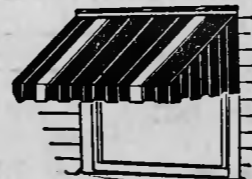


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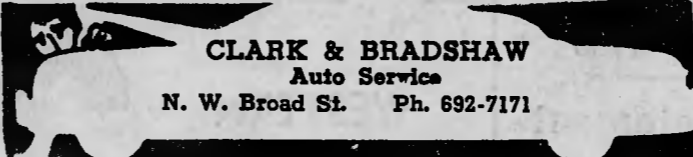


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