

Two Ecusta Employees Discuss Library Facilities

THEY AGREE THAT LIBRARY AFFORDS FINE OPPORTUNITY

Contains All Kinds Of Good Books, Magazines And Newspapers

BY AN EMPLOYEE

Bill asked me today why I spend so much of my time in the library and why I am always taking books home with me. I told him without hesitation that it was because of the sheer enjoyment I get from reading good literature. But since my little chat with Bill at the cafeteria to-day over that super-roast beef sandwich, I've been doing a lot of thinking. After all, in times like these all of my mental and physical energy—whether it is for leisure or for gainful occupation—must have a definite purpose.

The more I have thought about it, the more reasons I have found apparent to answer Bill's questions. Everyone likes to keep abreast of the times. I know I do. I have found that our library is well equipped to keep its patrons up-to-date. Every day I go there and read *The Asheville Citizen* and of course on Thursdays I hurry to read the local paper, *The Transylvania Times*. (Some Ecusta news is nearly always on the front page.)

There is a good selection of periodicals there, too—fine and timely magazines, the kind we would buy at news-stands if Ecusta's library didn't put them before us. It offers *Newsweek*, *The American*, *Liberty*, *The State*, *Life*, *Time*, *Look*, *The Readers Digest*, *McCalls*, *Mademoiselle*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Vogue*, *Farm Journal*, *House and Garden*, *House Beautiful*, *Popular Mechanics*, *The New Yorker*, *The National Geographic*, and a lot of others. You see the wide selection we have there.

None of my friends are keeping up with the best-sellers, the books Americans are reading, better than I. Right there in our Recreational library on the fiction and non-fiction shelves I can find the books that are reviewed over the radio and in book clubs, that everyone talks about—the choices of people like you and me.

It makes no difference whether I am in the mood for something frivolous or something serious, a western, a mystery, or a love story, I can find a book to fit the mood. There are books on every subject: religion, sociology, language, pure and applied science, fine arts, literature, history and biography.

Tomorrow after lunch I think I shall ask Bill to go with me to the library. He is missing something which I value. Maybe after we read the newspapers and select one or two good books to read over the week-end, we could play a game of cards. (Maybe someday luck will be with me when I play Bill.)

O, yes, I nearly forgot to tell you that I don't read books very fast, but after I've had a book for a week and haven't finished it, the librarian will renew it for me. She helps me find the books I want, and adds the names of books of my selection to the library "want list," too. I can't always get all of them but it is worth a try.

Everyone to his own taste, I always say, but I'll take our recreational library, where it is well-lighted and comfortable as the spot where I'll spend a lot of my time. And besides, it doesn't cost a thing to use the library.

Our Librarian Helps You Select The Books You Want



In the library you will find most anything that you are looking for . . . good books, magazines and newspapers. Miss Lucille Roberts is at your service, too. Shown above is Miss Roberts helping Miss Ann Howell select a book.



Our Book Corner

If at first you don't succeed try, try again—the book you are looking for won't always be out!

If you have always been puzzling about the whys and wherefores of kings, the book I'm sure you will want to read is **CORONATION COMMENTARY**, by Geoffrey Dennis.

If you have that craving for a good mystery, Agatha Christie has supplied there. She has again written one of those astonishing detective novels for which she has long been noted.—"It all began with those mysterious, threatening letters. Almost everyone in the quiet village seemed to be receiving them." Check **The Moving Finger** out and see for yourself how Miss Marple, "the redoubtable but seemingly innocuous spinster who made such a hit in **THE BODY IN THE LIBRARY**, unraveled the many twisted lines of this case.

If you want to read an epic of Modern America, read the biography of George Washington Carver "who was a splendid human being whose life was spent in the service of his fellow men. His genius, patient and pure, ranks him with the great men of the century, men who admitted him to their distinguished circle and gave him their friendship: Edison, Ford,

HELP THE LIBRARY

After taking inventory and checking over-due book-lists, our Librarian reports that many books are way over-due. The library is up-to-date and we would like to keep it that way. Let's keep building our library up. Library notices have been prepared and are being sent to the holders of over-due books. Let's get those books back to the library as soon as—or even before—we get a notice.

Briggs—"Is it true that you have broken off your engagement to that girl who lives in the country?"

Briggs—"Yes; they raised the commuting rates on me and I have transferred to a town girl."

Wallace." This book, a gift from Mr. Harry H. Straus, is the newest.

If you don't want it to happen again, you should take this hint. You remember wondering what that insignia was that the Smith girl's soldier boy friend was wearing? You were puzzled too about that uniform that Tom Jones was wearing when you saw him in Asheville last week, weren't you? Your library has a new book to help you avoid getting into such tight places. Ask at the desk for Smith and Taylor's **UNITED STATES SERVICE SYMBOLS**.

If you really liked those espionage novels Manning Coles has been giving you before, **A DRINK TO YESTERDAY** and **A TOAST TO TOMORROW**, you'll like **THIS FORTRESS**, his newest in which he "gives fuller rein to his magnificent ability to deal with the hearts and minds of people, important people, all kinds of people. The quiet humor, too, which so enlivened his previous work, is here given much wider scope."

If you just don't know what you want to read, come to Ecusta Recreation Library and you'll find something you've really wanted for months and didn't know the name of it. The Library is at your service!

LUCILLE ROBERTS NEW LIBRARIAN

She Is Also Assistant Editor Of *Echo*. Marshall Is Her Home

BY STAFF WRITER

Permit us to introduce Miss Lucille Roberts, our new librarian and assistant editor of the *ECHO*.

Lucille hails from our own mountains—Marshall, N. C.—and already seems very much at home in our midst. She came to us from Glen Alpine, N. C., where she was teacher-librarian at the Glen Alpine school for two years.

Her training was received at Mars Hill junior college, followed by two years at Greensboro Woman's college, from which she was graduated.

Lucille seems to understand quite thoroughly those little technicalities of a library, and can help us at any time in making a happy selection for some evening or rainy Sunday reading. On the other hand if we are just in the mood for browsing, she is quiet as a mouse and makes us feel the library is ours for just that purpose.

Lucille will continue requisitioning, cataloging, etc., books and periodicals for all sections of our library — recreational, business, technical — and, in general, library procedure will be the same as it was prior to her taking over.

She likes to assist Mr. Eversman in collecting material for the *ECHO*. So be sure to keep her happy by sending in plenty of pictures, articles, poems or any items of interest. Also, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, please note that if you will inform us promptly of any change in address it will be of great assistance to our new Assistant Editor in properly mailing you future copies of the *Echo*.

ATTENTION!

Please do not take magazines from the library unless they are properly charged to you.

Librarian.