



### Owl Hoots and Screeches . . .

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#### HOOTS

#### LIBRARIES OLD AND NEW

—Do you know where the earliest libraries were located? or when public libraries began? or which library has the largest collection of books? The answers to these and other questions about libraries were included on a bookmark I just received from a publishing company—a frequent source of odd but interesting facts.

According to the Gale Research Company, the most famous early Egyptian library was that of King Osymandias at Thebes around 1300 B. C. The "books" were clay tablets, a form of recorded knowledge which lasted for 1500 years (the printed book has a history of only 500 years so far). Papyrus rolls (a kind of paper) and clay tablets go back to 3500 B. C., but the earliest surviving ones (on display in various museums and rare book libraries) are from 2500 B. C. In Assyria, the ancient library of clay tablets in Nineveh around 600 B. C. contained 10,000 works, with methodical catalogs.

Aulus Cellius, a sixth century Greek, claimed that he was first to found a public library and by the fourth century B. C., there were said to be 23 public libraries in Rome. These were primarily composed of papyrus rolls. The book as we know it today, with bound pages, came into general use in the fourth century A. D., using animal skins (vellum) for the pages. The name Codex is the one given to a book composed of manuscript (handwritten rather than printed) pages.

The largest library collection in the world is the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., with over 15 million books and pamphlets. The British Museum (its counterpart) in London, England, has over six million printed books. By way of comparison, the Pettigrew Regional Library owns around 57,500 books.

#### SCREECHES

KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION  
—According to another bit of

advertising literature, this one from the Eastman Kodak Company which makes microfilm viewers, the volume of Man's knowledge has been estimated to have doubled in the past decade—and will probably double again in the next five to seven years. Just one day's accumulation of new knowledge exceeds what it took generations to gather only a few centuries ago. Public libraries face a real challenge to cope with this flood of new knowledge.

One solution to the spare problem has been the use of photography to reduce the size of the material to be stored—the process of microfilming. In this area, we have taken advantage of this technology for the storage of magazines: rather than having back issues bound into books (the old method of making them available for reference), we purchase our back issues in the form of rolls of film. Formerly the rolls came to us in 35 mm. size, the size used in most cameras for color slides. But, in the interest of even more space-saving, we are receiving the microfilmed magazines in 16 mm. size, that used by many movie cameras.

#### Bank Promotion To Mrs. Spivey

Austin T. Hurlbert, senior executive vice president of Farmer's Bank of Sunbury, announced today that Mrs. Roger Spivey was promoted to the position of assistant vice president at the bank at the January directors' meeting.

Mrs. Spivey is a resident of Chowan County. She has been associated with the bank since 1960 when she was employed as a secretary. She later was promoted as executive assistant and now assistant vice president.

Mrs. Spivey is a graduate of Chowan High School.

#### ATTEND MARKET

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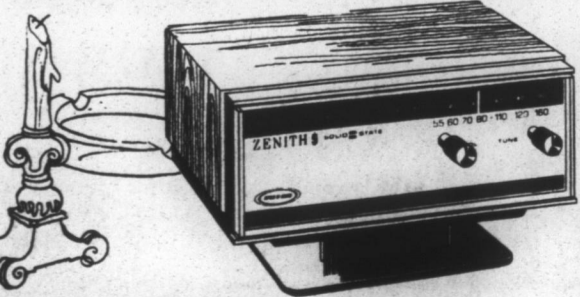


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