

# Library Anniversary Marks 60 Years' Steady Growth

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Waywood County Library has grown up, so to speak. Back in 1891 it was open only about three days a week, and one person checked out all the books. Now it is open from 9 until 5 and real-izes several people stepping up with all the questions. Saturday people from all over the county come in and check out 300 to 400 books.

Over the years, the library has seen Jack's beanstalk. Back in 1914 every book that the library could easily have been put in an office. There were only 70 books for readers to choose from. The whole circuit for that first year was 100 books. In 1944, when the service was started, circulation had zoomed to a total of 11,000. Last year people checked out almost 80,000 books.

Waywood County Library should be proud—becoming—the educational center of the county. Many of the people are discovering that the library can help them in building a home, decorating or in planning a party. They are bringing their own and seeking material to solve their problems.

of informational material has increased during the year. We are finding good books for reading.

People are reading more books than ever before. In 1944, our women's reading certificates were more than 100. I am very proud of the type of books they read—not trivial good books about up-to-date subjects, biographies, etc. They also use our books in planning club projects, even in designs for alumnae.

People are seeking to improve their homes. They are interested in poultry, four books and Government on the subject. Not long ago I happened to meet a man who told me he had 3000 fryers.

These new homes in Haywood County have been planned and built from our books. We are invited to do the results. The newest Motor in Waynesville has a "Cupola" in an architecture book. I wanted a picture on a minister material on a play and a contest fan and Dictionary. Just the other day we borrowed a book for an one of our mills on a room. Practically every borrow books from Raleigh street some need.

Children in 1944 read a liter-ature 2000 books—last year they read 42,000! We start helping select books even before they go to school and we suffer with just as parents sometimes do. They learn to read, they love to read, for others we find them, declamations or ma-terial for themes. When ready for college they use our college cata-logs. This year we have helped them away at school by lending material for their term papers. Down at Clyde, the Clyde Club has sponsored our reading club. Just the other day I planned to say they would like to gain this year because so many of the parents have seen the progress in their children's reading. Teachers tell us that the State Achievement tests have improved since we started our Vacation Reading Pro-gram.

People have access to books both through the Bookmobile and at the Library. Last year the Bookmobile alone checked out 10,000 books. The Library will show you how it goes in our county—community may have this service asking. It stops at cen-ters, sometimes a home, a store. You should see it after a day's trip. The people are proud of the Bookmobile, they helped to buy it and they own an interest in it.

way it has brought people in to use the Library, too.

From our Pigeon Street Unit the colored people used 3965 books. There too the children have an opportunity of developing good reading habits.

Other added service included the regular Wednesday afternoon visits to the Hospital, Story Hours for children, and Adult programs presenting Book Talks. Our musical record collection of over 100 choice albums is one of the finest in the State and these albums may be checked out for a week for home enjoyment.

You might be interested in some of the recognition the Haywood County Library has received. Pictures have been used by the North Carolina Library Commission in all kinds of display—a local student at Woman's College told us last week that she had just seen some there. Articles on our Vacation Reading Programs have appeared in *Wilson Library Bulletin* the last five years and one just last month in *North Carolina Libraries*. The *Rural Library Service Bulletin* has a picture of Hospital Service. At the American Library Association meeting in Cleveland an outstanding librarian came up and said, "I've just placed you! You sent me some pictures for the *Rural Library Service Bulletin*."

Recently we had a librarian from Sweden visit us. Only five county libraries in North Carolina were visited—ours was selected because of our work with the children. Around 125 librarians and trustees have visited our Library. Recently, I appeared on a television show in Greensboro with four other librarians. My particular part was to tell about County Libraries in North Carolina. (Someone asked me if I worked for the Library or for the Chamber of Commerce because I told all about Haywood County.) I heard, too, that one librarian from the extreme Eastern part said, "What's Margaret Johnston got up there that she should be selected to be on television?"

So what do we have up here in Haywood County? We have a library that belongs to the people of the county. They make use of it, and they enjoy it. They are proud of the progress we have made in the years of the library's existence. They admire the vision of that group of men and women back in 1891 who launched a library project, its total collection of books so small that two or three good Saturdays at the rate we are going now would have completely emptied the shelves. They are patient when a book that they want is not on the shelves—they know that a building that was ample in 1912 just doesn't have enough shelves for 1951.

We have a library that is of more and more use to the people of the county. Our patrons are making it not only the educational center of the area—they are making the library a vital part of their everyday lives.

**The Rev. M. B. Lee Attending Pastors' Session At Duke**

Mrs. M. B. Lee of Hazelwood is attending the third annual session of the School for Accepted Supply Pastors at Duke University.

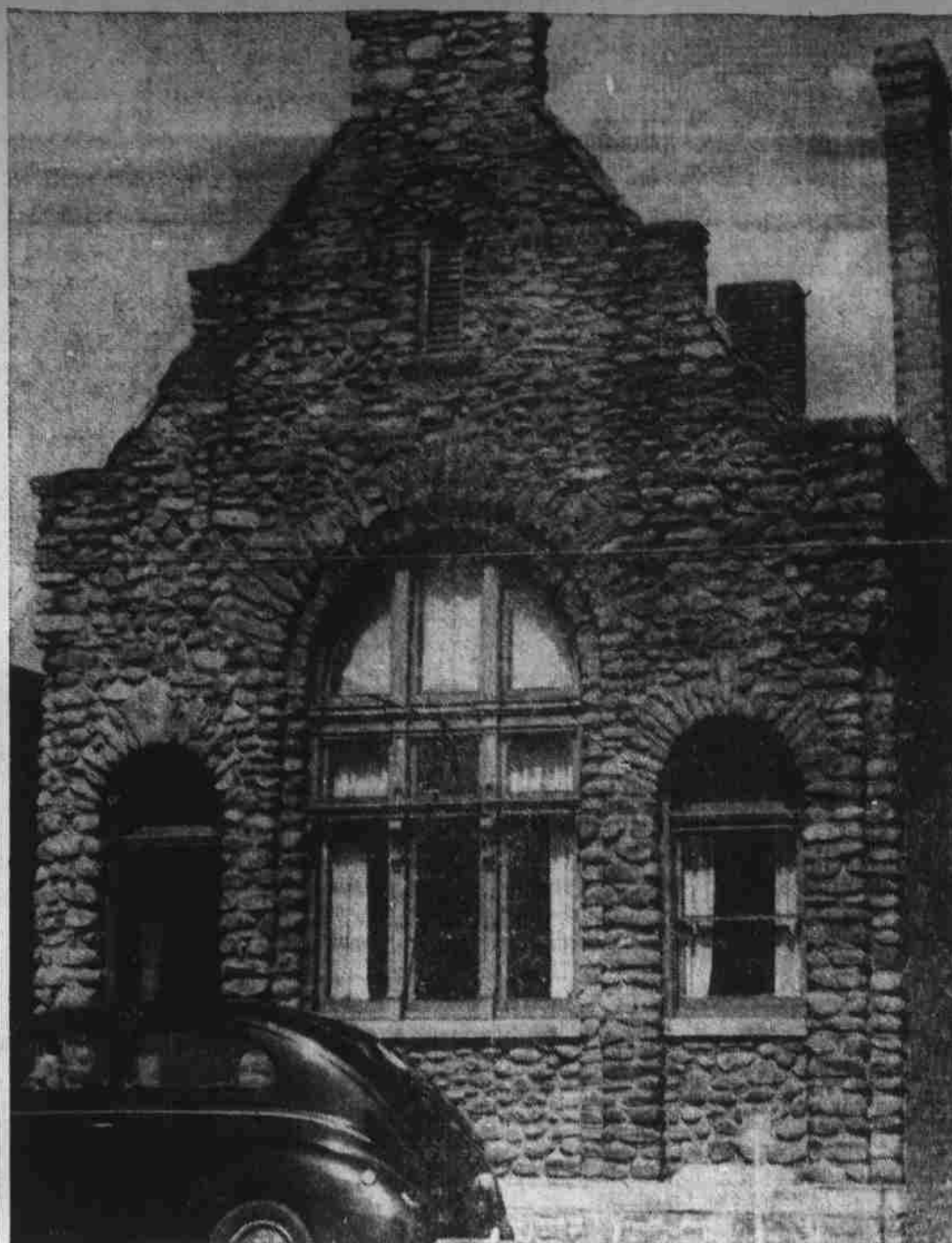
Sponsored by the Duke Divinity School, the School was established to enable the Accepted Supply Pastor to complete required work. The present session meets from July 3 through 19.

In addition to the regular courses there are discussion groups and workshops in recreation, visual education, and church literature.

Over forty students from nine Methodist Conferences in the South are enrolled. Dr. A. J. Walton, of Duke Divinity faculty, is Dean of the School, which has eleven visiting or resident professors.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lowder and son, Larry Lowder, and Miss Jane Rogers, all of Albemarle were week-end guests of the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Yountz.

# 60th Anniversary Of Library Set For Wednesday



A tea will be given at the Library Wednesday afternoon from three to five, in observance of the sixtieth anniversary of the institution. The Library board of Trustees will be the official hosts.

# Out-Of-State Tour Plans Complete; Trip Will Cover Six States In Nine Days

Details are complete for the 9th Out-of-State Farm Tour which will leave here July 28 and return August 5. The tour has been extended to nine days, to allow more time for visiting points of interest.

Included in the trip will be a sight-seeing tour of Dallas, beef cattle ranches in Texas and Oklahoma, a visit to the Woolaroc Museum in Oklahoma which gives the history of the West, the Will Rogers Memorial, Grand Old Opera in Louisville, Ky.

Overnight stops will be in Nashville, Tenn.; Hot Springs, Ark.; Dallas, Tex.; Stillwater, Okla.; Jefferson City and St. Louis, Mo.; and

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Novotny of Clearfield, South Dakota announce the birth of a daughter on June 22. Mrs. Novotny is the former Miss Mary Alice Davis.

Buses will leave Waynesville at 7 a.m. on Saturday, July 28. One bus will stop over at Canton at the Chamber of Commerce at 6 a.m. to pick up persons coming to Waynesville.

Persons planning to go have been asked to give their application blanks to the County Agent's office before July 26.

# Felix Stovell's Record As Alderman Justifies Re-Election

Since 1926, Felix Stovall has been in business on Main Street in Waynesville—just one door of present place all the 25 years. He has had an opportunity to observe—and to be observed.

In the summer of 1948, when death created a vacancy on the board of aldermen, the officials looked to Mr. Stovall to fill the place. For more than 20 years he had been active in the fire department, and largely instrumental in its growth and modernization. He was named Assistant Fire Chief in 1942.

He has consistently voted, and worked for the steady promotion of the town, the progress, and expenditures of funds for permanent improvements. On this the records stand for his position, and attitude towards town improvements.

It is on his accomplishments of the past, that he is seeking re-election. He has the experience, and his ability has been found superior.

As a businessman, a civic leader, and an experienced alderman, he seeks re-election. He is active in the Elks, Masons and Rotary. He deserves your vote on July 17th—the town board needs men of the ability of Felix Stovall.

He accepted the appointment as alderman, and was assigned chairman of the committee on firemen and policemen.

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