

## Library's stake in Nov. 7 bond referendum is cited by Confederate Memorial Librarian

"Voters of Orange County stand to reap direct and definite benefit from passage of the coming state bond issue," Louise C. Hamlin, Librarian of the Hillsboro Confederate Memorial Library said today.

One of the 10 issues in the Nov. 7 referendum is an urgently needed building for the North Carolina State Library in Raleigh, which the State Library will share with the Department of Archives and History. According to Mrs. Hamlin the State Library has so increased its services to local libraries in recent years that it can no longer operate efficiently from the improvised and crowded quarters it now occupies.

"Local readers often use the State Library without knowing it," Mrs. Hamlin said, "and its services have enabled us to extend better library service to Orange County at a considerable saving in local tax dollars." Explaining some of the services rendered by the State Library to the local library, Mrs. Hamlin mentioned its book processing center, "talking books" for the blind, professional consultant service to local libraries, and administration of state and federal financial aid funds. The Hillsboro library will receive nearly \$5,500 in state and federal aid

this year to supplement the local appropriation for library service.

"The State Library's book processing center alone saves us several hundred dollars a year," Mrs. Hamlin said. New books bought by the state's local libraries are ordered, catalogued, and processed for circulation at the book processing center in Raleigh. This results in much larger price discounts than could be obtained if each local library ordered its books in small quantities directly from the publishers. The processing center has also made possible a sharply reduced salary expenditure from local funds for book processing personnel.

Books not in the local library's collection are made available through the State Library's interlibrary loan service, and many such titles are borrowed each month from the Raleigh library for local readers, Mrs. Hamlin said. Films used by Four-H clubs and other community groups are borrowed from the State Library. Also, professional personnel of the Raleigh library organize state-wide workshops each year at which personnel of the local libraries are trained in the various processes of library operation. Marlene C. Perry, Orange County Bookmobile Librarian, attended a recent workshop at Wil-

son.

"The State Library is now operating from intolerably crowded and poorly lit offices scattered among seven buildings, some of which have been condemned by state authorities as unsafe," Mrs. Hamlin said. "There can be no doubt that this agency has given us a big dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent on it. If it is to continue these services to us it must have quarters adequate to the job."

The Nov. 7 bond referendum ballot is arranged in a way which will enable voters to either elect or reject all or any one of the 10 works the state plans to finance through the bond issue. State Treasurer Edwin Gill recently said that the debt service requirement of the proposed bond issue was provided for by the General Assembly of 1961, and that no increase in taxes would result from passage of the bond referendum.

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