



LAMPLIGHTERS CLUB OFFICERS - Cleveland Community College's Lamplighters Club (Practical Nurse Education Program) has elected officer for the school year. Left to right are Michele Byars of Cherryville, treasurer; Felicia Forney of Belmont, president; back row, Don Herndon of Kings Mountain, secretary; and Chris Vaughan of Shelby, vice president.

### Library installs computer reference

Mauney Memorial Library now puts a world of information within reach through a new powerful and easy-to-use computer reference system, according to Librarian Rose Turner.

SIRS Researcher allows patrons to access up-to-date articles on a variety of subjects. The system is flexible, allowing everyone from the novice to the most experienced researcher to gain access to the information they choose, according to Turner.

Turner said the cutting edge system consists of a database stored on a read-only compact disc and a computer work station making information readily available by allowing a patron to use a keyword search function. You simply type one or several words into the computer. The system then compiles a list of articles containing those key words. You may choose to view the full text or in a few instances, a detailed abstract of any articles on the list. You may then decide to print the entire article or excerpts of the article or you may download the text to a floppy diskette. You can also find articles through use of a title search or a subject heading search.

SIRS CD-ROM Researcher is updated twice a year with thousands of new articles. As the database grows, so will its value to students and researchers. The SIRS database includes articles on a wide range of social issues, plus developments and issues in science, economics, government and international affairs - from over 800 publications in the US and abroad. Many of these sources are not readily available in other formats, such as periodicals obtained from China, Switzerland, Taiwan, Japan and Botswana.

SIRS Inc. is a 20-year publisher of educational reference materials for schools and public libraries. SIRS materials, available in print and CD-ROM formats, are used in over 30,000 institutions worldwide.

For more information, contact the reference desk at the Mauney Library by calling 739-2371.

## Historical fiction at Mauney Memorial Library

New historical fiction at Mauney Memorial Library:

Benstock, R.C. "Trees of Heaven" (Soko Press, 1995).

The year is 1938, and the Japanese Army has occupied Nanking. Kurodo, a junior officer, has been left in charge of a garrison town. When he comes upon a starving, filthy Chinese woman being assaulted by his soldiers, he rescues her and gives her his protection. Li becomes his servant and a strange intimacy because of circumstances ensues.

Buchan, James. "The Golden Plough" (Farrar Straus Giroux, 1995).

Set in a divided Germany in the last years of the Cold War, Buchan's gripping literary thriller dramatizes recent events with a rare depth of insight.

Carroll, Gerry. "No Place to Hide" (Pocket Books, 1995).

Carroll brings back the heroes of North SAR, and brings his Vietnam War trilogy to its dramatic and moving finale in an exhilarating tale of aviation adventure that sets a splendid new standard for new fiction.

Cooperstein, Claire. "Johanna; A Novel of the Van Gogh Family" (Schribners, 1995).

Contrary to popular belief, it was not his brother Theo who saved Vincent Van Gogh's paintings from the trash heap. When Theo died six months after Vincent, he left behind a young widow, Johanna, a one-year-old child, more than 200 paintings by Vincent, and very little money. Johanna dedicated the rest of her life to Vincent's legacy. This is her story.

Gear, Kathleen. "Thin Moon and Cold Mist" (Forge, 1995).

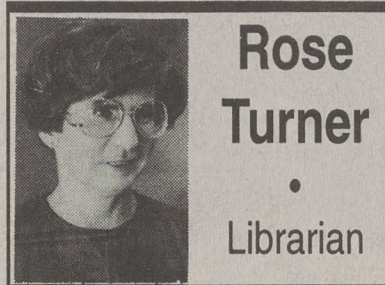
This is the moving portrayal of one woman's struggle to stay one step ahead of the law in a harsh world.

Gingrich, Newt. "1945" (Simon & Schuster, 1995).

Join Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and fellow historian William Forstchen, in a world that, save for Hitler's inexplicable folly in prematurely declaring war on the United States in 1941, would have been. Seduction and betrayal, global strategy, secret weapons of the Luftwaffe, the invasion of England, desperate sea and air battles...

Gregory, Phillips. "A Respectable Trade" (Harper Collins Publishers, 1995).

Bristol, England, is booming in 1787, from its stinking docks to its elegant new houses - a city where power and wealth beckons those who dare to take the risk. Once again Gregory combines a vivid sense of history and inim-



Rose Turner  
Librarian

itable story telling skills to illuminate a complex period of England's past. Powerful, haunting, intensely disturbing, this is a novel of desire and shame - of individuals, a society, and a whole continent devastated by greed.

Haldeman, Joe. "1968; a Novel" (William Morrow and Company, Inc., 1995).

With intoxicating storytelling that grips the reader, this is a searing and compassionate drama that goes from combat in Southeast Asia to the angry protests in the streets of hometown America, capturing a time of passion and pathos, a moment when the forces of history made their personal mark on the loss of those who lived it.

Harris, Julie. "The Longest Winter" (St. Martin's Press, 1995).

Harris has crafted a wonderful fictional biography of John Robert Shaw's life. His story is one of despair and courage, tragedy and triumph.

Keneally, Thomas. "A River Town" (Doubleday, 1995).

Based on real events in the life of Keneally's grandfather, this novel takes us back to the turn of the century. This is the story of how a man triumphs through compassion, of the heroism of looking beyond a country's easy prejudices. Engrossing, funny, and touching, it is vintage Keneally.

Kesavan, Mukul. "Looking Through Glass"

This is a powerful and immensely entertaining novel set in the troubled 1940s, the era of India's partition and independence.

Mosby, Katherine. "Private Affairs" (Random House, 1995).

In a dramatic story, a small southern town in the 1920s becomes the stage for a woman's poignant struggle to provide her life with far more meaning and choices than fate has appointed her.

Moss, Robert. "The Firekeeper" (St. Martin's Press, 1995).

This book ranks with the enduring novels about American history. Filled with great men and with battles that changed the course of history, the Firekeeper is rich in the details of daily life and human feeling. Deep in it runs

the river of a dream, a dream in which the colonists and Native Americans live in harmony and dignity, each enriched by the knowledge and power of the other.

Oliver, Julia. "Goodbye to the Buttermilk Sky" (Black Belt Press, 1994).

This is a beautifully narrated novel of time and place, in particular their effect on one vulnerable but spirited woman.

Peters, Daniel. "Rising from the Ruins" (Random House, 1995).

Written both with irreverent humor and a serious regard for Mayan history,

this highly original novel deftly blends an archeological mystery with a powerful story of personal redemption and survival. It is a story about how we receive the past and how we recover from it.

Price, Eugenia. "Beauty from Ashes" (Doubleday, 1995).

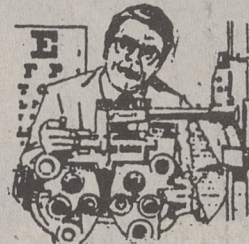
This is the long awaited concluding volume of Mrs. Price's Georgia Trilogy. Again she leads us through her South - by now an aching South that will soon be torn by pain and pride, driven by fierce principles and divided loyalties, but always guided by men and women of uncommon passion.

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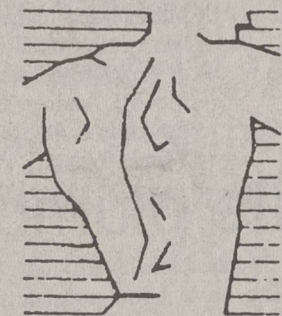


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