

COUNTY LIBRARY HAS 15,000 BOOKS

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT TRACES RAPID GROWTH OF CULTURAL CENTER.

The county librarian's report for the year 1920, the tenth annual report, reviews briefly the growth of the library from its organization as a small public library for the city of The Dalles to its present status of a library of over 15,000 volumes, operating throughout Wasco county. According to the state librarian's recent biennial report, of the 39 libraries in the state having more than 1000 volumes, the Wasco county library ranked in January, 1920, third in income, fourth in size, and fifth in circulation.

The year 1920 has seen a marked increase in the use of the library throughout all departments. More books have been issued from the main library; a larger use of the library reading rooms has been made, as well as a much larger use of the library as a reference library. In contrast to 700 applications for cards at the central library in 1919, 1070 applications were made in 1920. The most active branch library has been the Mosier branch, but all branches showed increases in circulation except Antelope. County school teachers have borrowed more collections for use in their schools and a larger number of books have been sent by parcel post to individuals in the county. In general there has been growing from year to year appreciation of the fact that distance from the main library is no barrier to the use of the library and that requests can be satisfactorily filled by mail. Today if the books were followed in their trails throughout the county, they would lead not only to homes dealing directly with the library, but to isolated ranch houses, to stores, to postoffices, to at least three fourths of all the county school houses, to lumber camps, in all of which would be found collections of 25 to 50 books circulating among the people of the communities. These groups are returned to the library every three months, and new collections sent out. From all the agencies of distribution, central library, branch libraries, deposit stations, tended as the case may be by interested home-keepers, school teachers, postmasters and store keepers, the library has circulated 64,560, a gain of 15,026 over the circulation for 1919. Of the total circulation 35,935 were adult books and 28,625 were children's.

Circulation
 The Dalles 42,477
 The Dalles public and parochial school collection 4,116
 County branches:
 Antelope 2,390
 Dufur 3,612
 Mosier 4,969
 Tygh Valley 1,912
 County schools 2,912
 Traveling libraries 2,472

Total 64,560
 The library has added 1881 volumes this year, giving a total of 15,584 volumes in its collection.

County Extension.
 In addition to stations in county schools, the library has maintained stations at 16 other points all of which have been visited by the librarian once, more important ones twice, and nearer points more frequently. More visits have been made this year than the preceding year, but it is pointed out in the report that more frequent visits should be made as the work can be directed more intelligently by knowledge of conditions, and higher

standards maintained.

Use of State Library.
 The county library has received invaluable service from the state library having borrowed 330 volumes during the year to supplement its own resources. No other library in the state has made as much use of the state library, except the public library at Salem, which would naturally call upon the state library very frequently on account of its location.

Publicity Work.
 The privileges and advantages of the library have been made known in various ways; by an exhibit of books and posters at the county fair; by story hours; by observance of Children's Book week; by down town window exhibits; by newspaper notes and lists; by talks to school children and teachers. The librarian points out that all such efforts have had good returns, and that the library has received generous cooperation from local business houses, newspaper and schools and emphasized the need for regular and continuous advertising. More printed material in the way of book lists, posters and general advertising could be used to great advantage.

Through November and December illustrated travel talks have been given in the library lecture room by The Rev. John L. Bogue with a good attendance and interest shown. On Sunday afternoons from October through December an hour's concert has been given on a Brunswick machine, furnished by Corson, the Music Man. This hour of music and the open fire which has been another feature of the Sunday afternoons, have helped to lend a home atmosphere and have added to the pleasure of the Sunday afternoon visitors.

State Library Meetings
 The library has been represented at the two state library meetings this year. In April Miss Flora Carr, librarian, attended the Pendleton Eastern Oregon library meeting, and in September, Mrs. W. A. Johnston, trustee, Miss Kelly, assistant librarian, and Miss Carr attended the Pacific Northwest Library association meeting in Portland.

Board and Staff Changes.
 In accordance with the new library law of 1919, the board of trustees was changed in January, 1920, from nine to five members, with the following appointments: Mrs. A. E. Crosby, one year; Robert Bradshaw, two years; Floyd Sims, three years; Mrs. W. A. Johnston and The Rev. W. I. Eck, four years. Upon the resignation of The Rev. Eck, W. F. Doak was appointed.

Upon the resignation of Miss Corlino Metz, librarian, after a year's leave of absence, Miss Flora F. Carr was made librarian in October. Miss Metz came into the library soon after the library became a county library and the growth of the library has been due in many ways to her good plans of organization. In October Miss Margaret Winning left, after giving three and a half years of efficient service as first assistant, going to the Lincoln Memorial library at Springfield, Illinois. The library experienced great difficulty in obtaining someone to take her place on account of the scarcity of library workers. In December, Miss Mabel Hoge, of Long Beach public library, was secured to begin work January 15, 1921.

Library Needs.
 The library building demands immediate attention in repairs to roof and redecoration of walls and ceiling. A new system of lights has long been needed. (Since report was made this need has been satisfactorily met.) More shelf room will soon be needed as the present facilities are fast becoming inadequate. A larger seating capacity in reading rooms is needed. The library desk is too small and inconvenient. More up-to-date books on many practical subjects are needed. Trustees as well as librarians need a growing and more intimate knowledge of all county library work, as such knowledge would bring stimulus and interest. With the constantly increasing use of the library, one more assistant is needed. Because of increased cost of all supplies, books and service, more money is needed to cover general cost of administration. The attitude of the public towards the library is such that given more funds and more time for the librarians to encourage and respond to the present spirit, the library can greatly increase its usefulness as an informational and cultural factor in the lives of the people of Wasco county.

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PLENTY OF FARM HANDS THIS YEAR

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By James L. Kiigallen
 (United News Staff Correspondent)
 CHICAGO, April 25—The American farmer needn't worry over the hired man problem this harvest season.

The "hired men" are here, waiting, hat in hand—submissive. The shoe is on the other foot this year. They don't want \$6 a day and "extras," such as shelter, laundry and two pieces of pie for dessert. All they ask is anywhere from \$30 to \$45 a month and a place to sleep. And they're not saying a word about the eight hour day.

It's an encouraging sign, say experts, that business has turned its eyes toward the farming regions.

The managers in the employment offices over in West Madison street say "it's about time the men came to their senses."

"You couldn't stand them a year ago," they say.

Sunday afternoon "the street" was lined for blocks with potential hired men, all waiting for the call from the country. In four or five weeks when work begins in the harvest fields, the throng will be greatly diminished, it is expected. But right now, these "hired men" are sunning themselves on the curbstones and hoping for a job.

One manager in the street illustrated the situation this way:

"See that mob eyeing me through that window? About 150 men, aren't there? I'll tell you what. This morning I let it be known I had one farm job open—that I was going to ship the man out tonight. I'm really going to ship out 50."

"But look at the mob. You come back here tonight and if there isn't 1,000 after that one job I'll buy you a hat."

Boy Scouts Tuesday night, Baptist church. 25

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MEETING NOTICES

Knights of Pythias
 Regular meeting Monday night, April 25. Work in knight rank. Visiting members invited. By order of C. H. BAGGOTT, C. C. 25

Masons Attention
 Special communication Wasco lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., this, Monday, evening, April 25. 7:30 p. m. Work in E. A. degree. Visiting brethren welcome. By order of W. M. RAY HARPER, Secretary. 25

Regular meeting of Inland Encampment No. 56, I. O. O. F. this evening

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at 7:30. Work in royal purple degree. A full attendance is requested. Visiting patriachs welcome.
 C. T. WOODARD, Chief Patriarch. 25

Attention L. O. O. M.
 All, Moose and their families are earnestly requested to be present Tuesday, April 26, at 8 p. m. Important reports of building committee. All visiting brothers welcome.
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Artisans Attention
 Funeral of Clifford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Watson, will be conducted from the Burget-Mogan parlors at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning. 25

United Artisans
 Regular meeting at 8 p. m., followed by a social dance at 9 p. m., Wednesday, April 27, at K. of P. hall for Artisans and invited friends. 27

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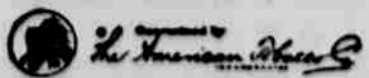


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