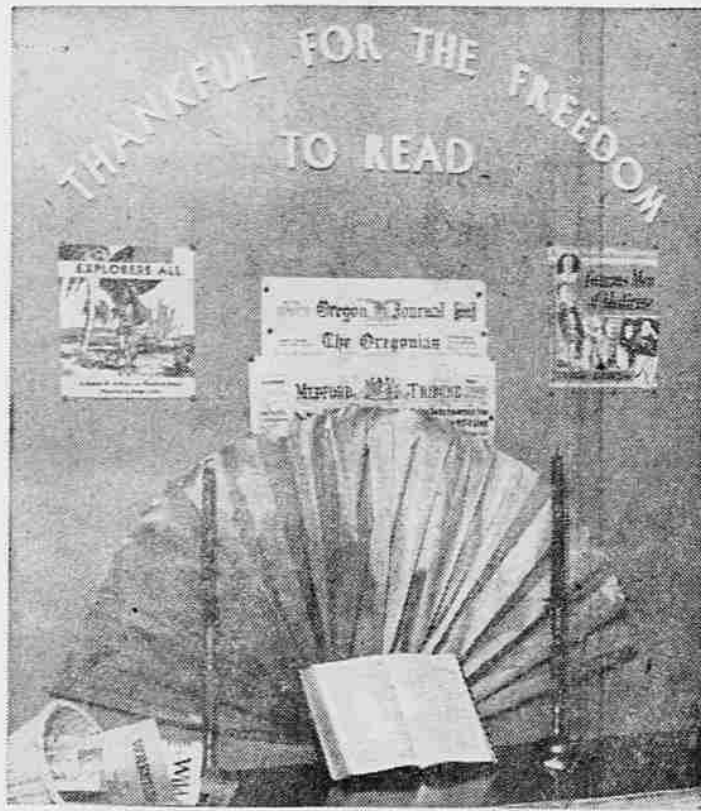




In each school children are taught standard library procedures and how to use the card files. Three Jackson school pupils shown here are (left to right) Kevin Davis, Galen Bogenoff and Janette Jones, all in the sixth grade. In addition to books, many magazines are available for the children's use.



Mrs. Mildred Rogers, librarian at the new Hedrick Junior High school, arranged this display which points up "freedom to read" in the United States. Attractive displays encourage pupils to widen reading interests.



Lynn Creel, sixth grade pupil at Lincoln school, has worked in the school library for the past three years assisting Mrs. Mary Coffin, teacher librarian. Pupils learn library work and also earn points for school activity letters. Newest books in the library were arranged in this display for book week.



Gary Fields and Susan Reule, both newcomers in Medford, are among the student workers in McLoughlin Junior High school library. Gary, in the eighth grade, came to Medford from Murphy, Ore., and Susan, also in the eighth grade, formerly lived in Milwaukee, Wis. Junior high pupils also earn activity points for their library work.

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National Book Week

By Olive Starcher

Books and libraries, which play such an important part in the life of every American, are in the spotlight this week for it is National Book week. In preparation for this special event, libraries of the city's public schools took on a festive air with special displays of new books and bright posters.

Every year Medford's school children read thousands upon thousands of books written on scores of different subjects. Mrs. Lois Martin, librarian at McLoughlin Junior High school and supervisor of elementary school libraries, quotes impressive figures to prove this.

In Jackson elementary school 17,760 copies circulated among the children enrolled during 1954-55. At Lincoln, smallest school in the Medford district, more than 7,000 books circulated, and in Roosevelt, a total of 16,974 went out and in during the school term. Washington circulated a total of 17,577 and McLoughlin school 41,375.

Some parents and educators had feared that the advent of television would result in less reading by chil-

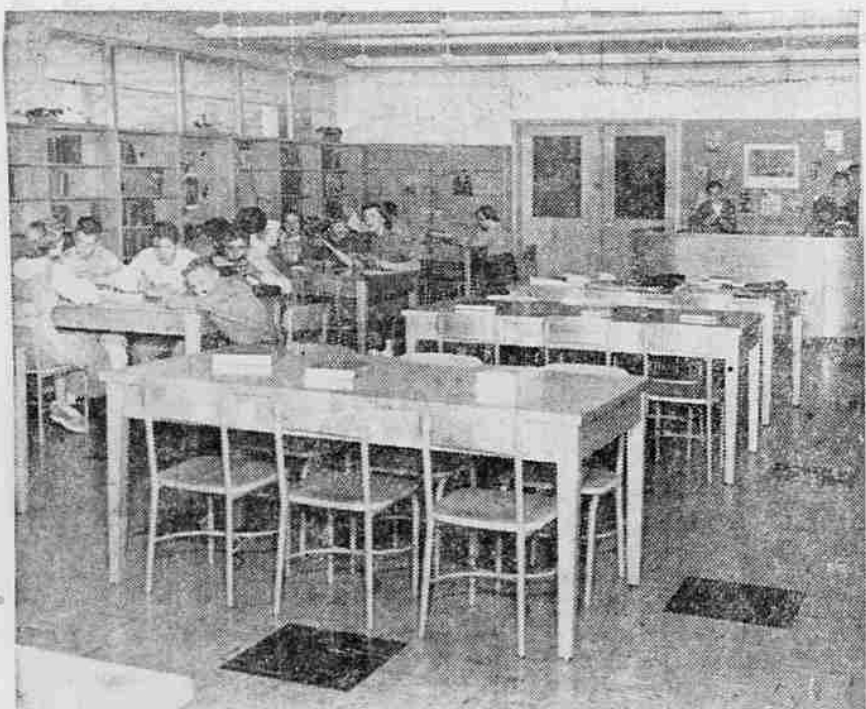
dren, but figures for 1954-55, the first year of television in the Rogue river valley, show this was not true in all schools. Circulation of books in one elementary school increased 2,000 over the previous year, one remained approximately the same and two were down slightly. McLoughlin school decreased somewhat, but was up nearly 1,000 over the number circulated in 1953.

Books for school libraries are chosen with care, and volumes on science, animal stories, history, biography, hobbies, crafts, mysteries, sea stories, every phase of nature, are included. Some are the so-called classics and others are fresh from the press.

Since books are expensive—even though a bargain for the value received, many parent-teacher associations contribute special funds each year to build up school libraries. By means of attractive displays, catchy slogans and a planned library routine, children are encouraged to read the books which will both supply useful knowledge and provide a means of enjoyable recreation. (Brainerd photos)



Another new library in the Medford school system is in Jefferson school, completed this fall. Pictured here with Jefferson's Book week display are (left to right) Bob White, Gary Olsen and Lois Stedman, president of the student body. Walt Disney's "Living Desert" is said to be very popular with young readers.



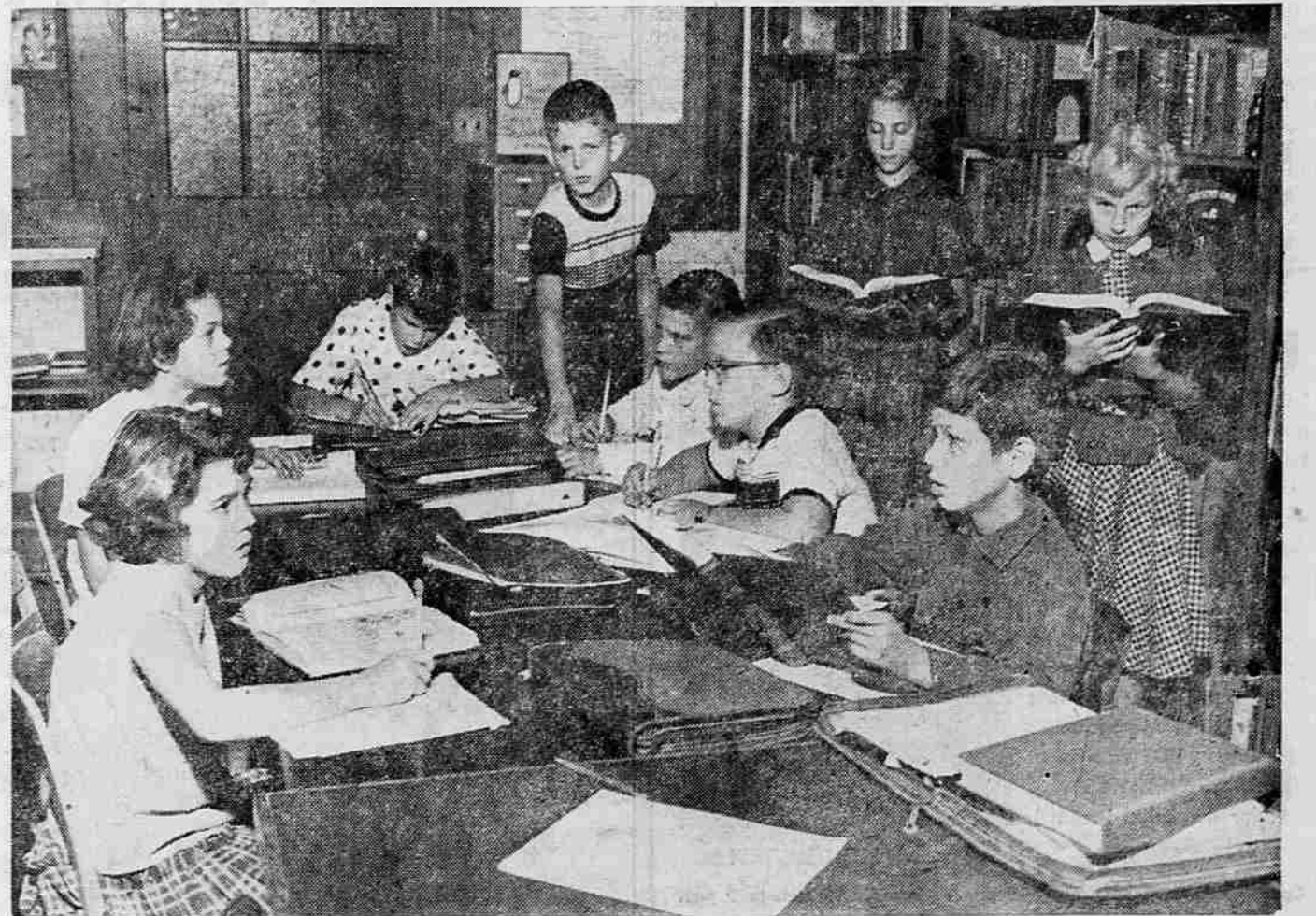
The attractive library of the new Hedrick Junior High school is well stocked, arranged and well lighted. Desks and tables were made in the school shops under the supervision of Verne Voss. Student librarians in the rear are Henry Olson (at left) and Booth Deakins.



Lincoln school pupils lined up to check out books are (left to right) Mike Geary, Dennis Golden, Joyce James, Jeannie Davis, Rick Pierce, Julie Van Horn, Dewain Fein and Butchie Peyton. Judith Card is student assistant librarian.



In elementary schools entire classes are taken to the library at stated intervals—children spend period reading and select books to check out. Pictured above is part of a Roosevelt fourth grade class with the teacher, Mrs. Gertrude Lorton. Part of the Roosevelt library was moved to the Roosevelt annex, a section of Hedrick High school, this fall when the Roosevelt enrollment was divided. One teacher in each elementary school serves as teacher-librarian, and for Roosevelt it is Mrs. Hazel Mekvald.



Washington school pupils are shown here reading in encyclopedias and reference works for special reading reports. Pictured (around table from left to right) are Dixie Taylor, Susan Gifford, Bobby Moore, Kenneth Baumer, Jimmy Stiger, Tommy Waller and Mike Ruhl; standing near book shelves are Rita Byrne (at left) and Willetta Eubanks. In elementary school pupils are required to make reports on special reading once every six weeks. Because of crowding, part of Washington library was made into classroom.