

Library Reported Short Many Items

Preliminary Investigation Made By Sub-Committee Here

In a preliminary report issued Friday Jo Sobrino, of the library committee, said, "There is more in the library than people know about, but it still has very little in it."

The committee, appointed by the city commission to make a study of the Brownsville public library, is composed of three sub-committees.

Miss Sobrino and Mrs. Harbert Davenport are on the sub-committee named to classify and organize material now in the library.

The other two sub-committees are the support and maintenance group headed by Mrs. Rufus Ransome and Mrs. James Pace, and expansion and progress panel headed by Mrs. Anne Wells, and Benito Longoria.

A Brownsville seaplane base was in the CAA Texas-plan committee, names of air training locations, names of airports, and proposed airports and seaplane bases according to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington.

The seaplane base at Brownsville still in the proposed stage is part of a CAA urban plan. The Brownsville seaplane base when established, to serve the whole Valley area.

Miss Sobrino reported that the library contains a few saleable items, which she described as of too frequent use to be of value.

Items have been listed and book values have been written asking for their valuation.

These items, according to the committee, could be sold and the money used to buy more useful books.

Miss Sobrino listed these as follows: full compilation of Scribner's monthly, from November 1870 to October 1876, with a complete index; four volumes of McCaulay's History of England published from 1849 to 1855; and a 1910 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The Britannica is two volumes short, according to members of the committee, but is regarded as one of the best editions.

Also listed was a 1900 publication of Balzac's Human Comedy in 26 volumes, and a complete set of the National Geographic magazine from 1921 to 1938, including the famous 1928 Lindbergh and Flag Editions.

The Lindbergh and Flag editions are collector's items in themselves, according to Miss Sobrino, and should bring a good price if they are sold.

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Not Up To Date

All reference material found by the committee seemed to stop in 1942. Current magazines were listed at 14, with three newspapers also being received by the library.

The committee pointed out that among things of local interest are missing is information of agriculture and the specialized field of citriculture.

Books are in good general alphabetical order but they are not catalogued, said the report.

Miss Sobrino said the sub-committee is doing work mostly of an investigatory nature with no attempt made at present to organize the material.

Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Constance Cloetta, a graduate librarian, have been working with Miss Sobrino in the library for over a week and have almost finished with their preliminary investigation work.

The committee will present a detailed report of their findings and recommendations to the committee's head, Harold Sebern, who in turn will bring it to the city commission's attention.

Further work by the committee will rest on action decided by the city council. Recommendations presented the city are expected to be those necessary for immediate betterment of the library facilities.

Sebern, said today, that the other two sub-committees as well as the Davenport-Sobrino committee were making very definite progress on their work and that he expected to present a report of their work to the city commission at the start of next week.

After 28 Years In Jail, World Looks Different

NEW YORK (AP) — How different does the world look from what it did in 1920?

John McAllister, freed of a life term sentence in Dunnemora prison, is venturing out to see.

The 52-year-old McAllister stepped hesitantly out of Bronx County court after winning a fight for freedom under a legal technicality.

"I'm afraid to move," he said. "I can't identify anything. The first thing I'm going to do is look around at the neon signs."

Sentenced in 1920 as a fourth offender, McAllister obtained a hearing on grounds he had no legal aid when he pleaded guilty to a burglary charge in 1918.

Texas Weather Puts On Show

By The Associated Press

The old story that "if you don't like Texas weather just wait a few minutes and it will change" was exemplified today.

Yesterday temperatures ranged from 58 degrees in the Panhandle to 100 in South Texas. Today it's cold over most of the entire state. Dallat started off with 31. Amarillo had 36 and Lubbock 37.

There were snow flurries at Dallat and a trace of rain at Amarillo.

Hottest weather yesterday included 99 at Laredo, 94 at Presidio and 92 at Del Rio and Corpus Christi. Amarillo had the minimum 58.

CANADA SEEKS VETS

WASHINGTON, April 15—(AP) — Canada is looking for "a few thousand" Americans who served in Canadian armed forces. It wants to give them the benefits to which they are entitled, including cash.

WALLACE WISHES

PARIS, April 15—(AP) — Henry Wallace has sent his best wishes to the "World Peace Congress" organized by French communist leaders, congress headquarters said today.

In the early spring more than 20,000 young tomato plants

raised in southern Georgia are shipped by air and rail express to widely scattered regions throughout the United States for re-planting, according to Railway Express.

FRENCH VISITOR

PARIS, April 15—(AP) — Ex-Premier Paul Reynaud left by air last night for a month's visit in the United States and Mexico.

Pope Urges True Peace In Palestine

VATICAN CITY, April 15—(AP) — Pope Pius XII made a Good Friday appeal for "true peace" in Palestine and called for an international regime for Jerusalem.

In an encyclical on this anniversary of the death of Jesus Christ, the pontiff welcomed the Palestine armistice but said real peace had not yet been achieved in the Holy Land. He asked for free access to the city's holy places in his "redemptoris nostri" (from our redeemed) letter addressed to all Roman Catholic bishops throughout the world.

U. S. Position

The United Nations has endorsed a policy of internationalization for Jerusalem. At present the old city is under Arab control and the new city under Israeli control. Neither side likes the internationalization idea.

The pope's letter was issued as Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, Archpriest of the Basilica of St. Peter, led a three-hour long Good Friday service in the huge Vatican church.

Cites Pleas

The encyclical on Palestine said many pleas from "innumerable refugees" come to the pope, as well as "protests against the grave damages undergone by religious institutions."

The pope requested:

1. An international regime for Jerusalem and its surroundings.

2. Safe-guarding and guaranteeing of all the holy places, "with a guarantee of free access and tranquil sojourn for pilgrims."

3. Liberty for all Catholic institutions of worship, instruction and charity.

4. Conservation of "all the rights that Catholics have acquired in many centuries in Palestine."

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