

COVINGTON COUNTY--NARRATIVES

Roberts
8-10-42

Covington, Pike, Geneva County Library Projects

Area 3

Anita W. McLeod, Assistant Area Supervisor

August 7, 1942

Number of libraries - Covington - 11

Number of I's - 10

Number of S's - 2

Number of libraries - Pike - 12

Number of I's - 11

Number of S's - 1

Number of libraries - Geneva - 1

Number of I's - 1

There just aren't enough hours in a day!

Miss Peek was leaving home, so I had to go get her books. She said she hadn't lost any, but I have cards for five checked to her, with no books for them. I'll have to check the files on them.

I stopped by Straughn and picked up Mrs. Tillman's statistical report, which she had failed to send in.

Her circulation is not as good as it is when school is in progress.

I approached her on the subject of working on Sunday, but she doesn't like the idea of working on "the Lord's Day".

At Andalusia I visited with Mrs. Sandin. Their circulation is lower - probably because so many people are on vacations and because of the heat.

I stopped at Sanford, too. I noted no changes here.

Our average daily circulation for July was 23½ - in spite of the fact that many libraries showed a decrease in circulation. That, I guess, was because those stations that circulated so few books are now out.

Tuesday and Wednesday I was in Troy. I am going back next week for four days, for there is so much that needs to be done now.

Tuesday Mrs. Roberts, and I visited the library stations at Monticello, Shiloh, Brundidge, and Banks.

Mrs. Owens didn't impress me very favorably. I imagine that she'll check out a book if someone asks for it, but I don't believe she'll ~~make~~ make any great effort to create an interest in the library.

Shiloh Library is very attractive - so is Mrs. Parks. I imagine she's good.

I was favorably impressed with Miss Whitehurst - more from what she said to other custodians in the Troy Office about books than anything.

Her library was vey clean and neat.

I can't say that I like Mrs. Maloy at Brundidge - not yet. That's a very unsightly little place for a library, it seems to me.

The training schbol was not such a success. I was unprepared for it. I was glad, though, of an opportunity to meet all the custodians.

I wish you could see some charts I finally received from the Visual Aid Project in Birmingham. One is a "Guide for Food Buying". It has in relief carrots, cabbages, a bottle of milk, a chicken, a piece of pork, butter, sugar, flour, etc. And at the bottom "Do You buy Wisely?".

Another is "Foods Your Body Needs Daily".

Both are excellent.

I wish I had all that material on nutrition that I sent to Samson. If I can find enough in the office and Opp Library I shall put up a display down town first; then I'll move it ~~to~~ Opp Library.

Samson has a Nutrition Display in a downtown window. I can certainly count on Dr. Steeley doing anything I suggest.

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LIBRARIES VISITED LAST WEEK:

Opp
Sanford
Andalusia
S_traughn
Troy
Monticello
Banks
Brundidge
Shiloh

WEEKLY REPORT

Covington County Public Library
Area 3
Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
July 3, 1942

12 libraries - plus Samson
Number of I's - 13
Number of S's - 2

Doesn't it seem a shame to have to tear down what we've been trying to build up? Makes me sick!

Saturday I went to Red Level to the picnic the losers of a reading contest gave to the winners. In the contest were 34 children. In a month they read 343 books.

As requested, I went by to see Mrs. Foshee. I wish you could have heard the things she wants me to do for their club - and I shall. I actually believe they are waking up!

On the same day I went to Blue Springs.

I must have spent Monday in the office; I can't recall having gone out.

Tuesday I went to Midway and collected the books, most of which I left at Red Level. There, three eager little boys helped me take them out of the car.

At Loango I found Mrs. Webb washing her books. Many of hers I left at River Falls.

I've already had a letter from Gantt wanting to know what they can do to get their library back.

Mrs. Bryan came back up to the library Wednesday. She is going to give her services for a while. She and Mrs. Stanley both thought *told me* they'd be glad to do that, but I discouraged it, because - as I told them - I could not give them any assurance of being put back on.

The history is getting into shape now! Mrs. Bunkley is cutting the stencils and we have most of the pictures! I'll be so glad when it is finished.

Dr. Calcott told some salesman I'd be at the library in Troy Wednesday. I haven't been there yet. ~~That~~ travel authorization hasn't come. I hate it, too, because if Christine is in my boat, she needs her check.

This has been a hectic week; I've been under a mental, physical and emotional strain. The physical condition is improving - now that I'm

taking sulphur thyzol. (That may not be spelled correctly; it isn't in the dictionary in Opp Library).

I wish I could get to Pike.

The travel allowed for that has me bothered. At first I know I'll have to spend more time there than in Covington. Yet if I go one week and stay three days, that will be \$18.00 - plus the cost of transportation - and what will be left to go out in the county on with only \$25.00 allowed?

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LIBRARIES VISITED THIS WEEK

- Red Level
- Blue Springs
- Midway
- Loango
- River Falls
- Opp

Apr. 15, 1942
to
May 31, 1942

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE DIVISION
COVINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATION	VISITORS		TOT	BOOKS		TOT	RENT	O.D.	TOT	NO HRS	NO DAS	AVE D.C.
	A	J		A	J							
ANDALUSIA	398	1045	1443	416	691	1107				176	22	50.7
BLUE SPRINGS	63	60	123	54	42	96				103	18	5.6
CAROLINA	283	195	478	113	117	230				135	23	9.4
CHAPEL HILL	100	249	349	135	487	622				135	22	28.6
FLORALA	502	494	996	424	397	821				151	27	30.5
FRIENDSHIP	131	54	185	70	85	154				60	12	12.8
GANTT	289	133	422	138	78	216				135	27	8.
LOANGO	35	160	195	138	99	237				141	36	9.3
LOCKHART	443	487	930	291	297	588				137	23	25.5
MIDWAY	76	78	154	58	70	128				80	16	8.
OPINE	23	27	50	34	26	60				109	22	2.7
OPP	986	507	1493	842	219	1061				243	27	36.7
PLEASANT H.	68	91	159	213	148	361				140	26	14.
RED LEVEL	305	344	649	442	360	802				135	27	29.
RIVER FALLS	351	302	653	488	223	711				140	27	26.9
ROSE HILL	124	74	198	101	55	156				135	26	6.
SAMSON	433	811	1244	279	606	885				168	26	34.1
SANFORD	132	166	298	214	154	368				120	28	13.4
STRAUGHN	336	203	539	338	190	528				115	27	19.5
WESTVIEW	316	675	991	245	225	470				138	23	20.4
TOTAL	5366	6255	11621	4832	4729	9560				2654	482	19.6

Magazines circulated: 513

MONTHLY REPORT

Covington County Public Library
Area 3
Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
June 30, 1942

Number of libraries - 19 plus Samson
1 repair unit
Number of UB's - 1
Number of UA's - 4
Number of I's - 23
Number of S's - 3

*It is now 6:45 and I'm too
tired to read this one and
make corrections.
Anita*

I find writing a narration more difficult than usual this time.

Twelve libraries left - none with more than one custodian - and Opp without Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Stanley! Whew! What a mess!

I can't recall what I've done this month - other than work on the history of the libraries. I did go to Florida for four days - two working days. Since getting back, I've ~~had~~ had to work twelve to fifteen hours a day, catching up.

What will it be when I take over Pike County July 1?

A part of Thursday and Friday I was in Montevallo for a Youth Career Conference - pinch-hitting for Mrs. Green, who was attending A.L.A.

At the training school this month we taught book mending and binding. (We'll no longer have our repair unit.)

We have a good display in the Alabama Water Service window in Opp this week. Hanging in the back was a picture in colors of MacArthur. In front of that were a soldier, a sailor, and a marine (from the Camel cigarette advertisement) and still closer to the front was a smaller poster in colors, saying "United States Defense Bonds, Fighting Dollars". Over the men was "These men are doing their part". Over the poster, "Are you doing what you can?"

The high-light of the month was the County Library Board meeting - with every member present!

Circulation statistics, which are for May (those for June came in the 30th) remains about the same as for previous months - 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ - average daily circulation.

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ANDALUSIA - 2 workers
Location - One block off the Opp-Andalusia Highway, back of the Andalusia Grammar School and about four blocks from the center of town.

Custodians - Mrs. Jessie L. Sandlin

Miss Annie C. Chapman

Sponsor - Andalusia Library Board

Total readers registered - 1603

Average daily circulation - 50.7

Circulation here is picking up. They are averaging fifty books per day now. How I hate to lose a custodian and have it open only 6 hours a day.

With their War Information packets, they have received only one poster, the first.

They finally got the editor of one paper down to look over the War Center. He wrote a very good article on it. Some fifty war pamphlets have been checked out this month. Much outside interest has been shown in the installation of a new memorial book shelf. Thirty-three new books have already been placed on the shelf and others ordered.

BLUE SPRINGS - 1 worker

Location - In library room of the Blue Springs School

Custodian - Margaret T. Martin

Total readers registered - 245

Average daily circulation - 5.6

Mrs. Martin became ill and called me. Honestly, my custodians think I am capable of anything - from librarywork to getting them well! Maybe it's not so bad that they do think that. I'd hate to disillusion them.

I was out that Saturday. She has her story hour on Saturday now. She had up new posters.

CAROLINA - 1 worker

Location - Store on the Andalusia-Brewton Highway, about 10 miles on the other side of Andalusia

Sponsor - Home Demonstration Club

Custodian - Mrs. Georgia A. Powell

Total readers registered - 243

Average daily circulation - 9.4

It is not with reluctance that I give up this library. It has never done much.

CHAPEL HILL - 1 worker

Location - In an old house in the center of Chapel Hill Community one mile off the Florida-Samson Highway

Sponsor - Mrs. C. B. Jimmerman

Custodian - Mrs. Mae Cameron

Total readers registered - 182

Average daily circulation - 28.6

One Saturday I went to a story hour here. 'Twas thoroughly enjoyable.

Over her book shelves, Mrs. Cameron had book jackets arranged to make a V. Over a map of the world, she had a large red, white and blue V, with the end of it pointing to the United States.

Hanging on the porch she had a flag day poster. Inside a table was decorated with red, white, and blue paper and a flag.

She had up a picture of MacArthur and clippings on him out.

She had a new map, which is used a great deal by the people.

FLORALA - 1 worker

Location - Upstairs in Harper's Drug store

Custodian - Mrs. Lena P. Everett

Total readers registered - 947

Average aily circulation - 30.5

Florala looks about the same. I do wish they had a larger place. Getting pictures there was so difficult.

GANTT - 1 worker

Location - Front of old building in the center of town.

Custodain - Mrs. Willie C. Livingston

Total readers registered - 237

Average daily circulation - 8

I visited astory hour here this month. The library shows improvement - in physical appearance and results.

I honestly believe that acustodian with more initiative than Mrs. Livingston could create greater interest in that library.

LOCKHART - 1 worker

Location - Near Club House - one block from business section of town

Custodian - Miss Ruby L. Lindsay

Total readers registered - 730

Aveage daily circulation - 25.5

I was here for a story hour, too -and I got some excellent pictures.

Today I had a letter from Miss Lindsay, saying she had accepted a position in Fort Bragg, North Carolina and would be leaving Wednesday. Now to find some capable person to take her place.

LOANGO - 1 worker

Sponsor - Mrsq W. L. Walters

Custodian - Mrs. Velma L. Webb

Total readers registered - 148

Average daily circulation - 9.3

I haven't been up here this month and she failed to send in her narrative.

MIDWAY - 1 worker

Location - store - 6 miles from Red Level

Sponsor - Mr. Marvin Kervin

Custodian - Mrs. Effie M. Kelley

Total readers registered - 164

Average daily circulation - 8

I haven't been her this month. This one closes, too.

OPINE - 1 worker

Location - In Opine school

Custodian - Mrs. Myrlene J. Brunson

Total readers registered - 364

Average daily circulation - 2.7

I haven't been to Opine this month.

Mrs. Brunson reads to children, who come in and say they don't like to read.

She put up two flag pictures, and made some changes in her bulletin board.

Mrs. Cole gave her about fifty magazines - Saturday Evening Post, Time, Newsweek, and The American Home.

She has added pictures and clippings to her files.

OPP - 2 workers

Location - Municipal Building - one block north of the main business section of town.

Custodian - Mrs. Jessie Stanely

Mrs. Ima M. Bryan

Total readers registered - 1127

Average daily circulation - 36.7

We have changed the location of our War Information Center in Opp Library. I like it better.

We have new shelves - lower ones - for the children's corner.

PLEASANT HOME - 1 worker

Location - In reconditioned box car 14 miles south of Andalusia

Sponsor - Home Demonstration Club

Custodian - Mrs. Fannie M. Davis

Total readers registered - 109

Average daily circulation - 14.

Mrs. Davis just finished some new curtains for their library - and now they will lose it.

She has created an interest in the civilian defense literature in the library.

RED LEVEL - 1 worker
 Location - City Hall
 Sponsor - Women's club
 Custodian - Mrs. Maude B. Owen
 Total readers registered -
 Average daily circulation - 29.

Mrs. Owen is putting Red Level Library on the map! Not only are she and I pleased over it, but many of the people in ~~the~~ Red Level.

They have a new sponsor, Mrs. R. H. Foshee.

In a reading contest - 34 contestants - which lasted a month, 343 books were read. The winners were entertained by the losers. I saw the crowd at their picnic last Saturday but was unable to stay and eat with them.

RIVER FALLS - 1 worker
 Location - Rear of Wright's Store
 Sponsor - Home Demonstration Club
 Custodian - Mrs. Willie M. Morris
 Total readers registered - 163
 Average daily circulation - 26.9

I haven't been her this month and Mrs. Morris failed to send in her narration. That is new to them. When they get accustomed to doing it, they won't miss it.

ROSE HILL - 1 worker
 Location - Room in office building of Dr. Campbell
 Custodian - Miss Fannie Peek
 Total readers registered - 122
 Average daily circulation - 6.

I attended a story hour here, too.

This station continues about the same. However, it will be closed July 1.

SAMSON - 2 workers
 Location - In the Legion Hall
 Custodians - Mrs. Beatrice P. McKinnon
 Mrs. Janie E. Oliver
 Total readers registered - 751
 Average daily circulation - 34.1

Dr. Steely brought me an excellent history of this library for our booklet.

Here they had the best Flag Day bulletin board. In addition to good pictures of salutes to the flag, they had "How to Display the Flag".

SANFORD - 1 worker
 Location - In the rear of Post Office Building
 Sponsor - Mrs. Powell

Custodian - Miss Della Crowder
 Total readers registered - 293
 Average daily circulation - 13.4

Here I attended a story hour, too.

I got a picture of a little boy with his sack of books. He walks three miles onve a week to get enough for the whole family.

STRAUGHN - 1 worker
 Custodian - Mrs. Effie L. Tillman
 Total readers registered - 237
 Average daily circulation - 19.5

Here two girls and a boy ~~run~~ ride bicycles two miles for books.

WESTVIEW - 1 worker
 Location - Club House
 Sponsor - Mrs. C. H. Cole
 Custodian - Mrs. Sallie Tucker
 Total readers registered - 316

Mrs. Tucker makes an excellent custodian.

She had up some new posters.

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This is a messy report, I know, but to be able to write a half-way decent narration, I have tobe in the mood!

Poster

To all who are
interested in war
information or defense
work call at Gault
Public Library and
secure pamphlets etc,
to this effect.

Custodian
Willie C. Livingston

To all who are
interested in war
information or hygiene
works please call at
Hartt Public Library
and secure pamphlets
literature etc to this
effect. Custodian
Willie C. Livingston

WEEKLY REPORT

Covington County Public Library Project
 Area 3
 Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
 June 26, 1952

Number of libraries $\frac{1}{2}$ 19 plus Samson
 1 repair unit
 Number of UB's - 1
 Number of UA's - 4
 Number of I's - 22
 Number of S's - 2

I don't know whether taking off two days is worth while or not. I have worked 14 ~~day~~ or more hours every day this week. But this has been an usual week - trying to get pictures of all libraries and the histories of each for our County Library System's history - besides a million and one other little things concerning it, and trying to write a "speech" to pinch-hit for you, Mrs. Green. I wish you had written it. I didn't know what to say. By noon Wednesday I had finished it and you should have heard me as I drove over the county that afternoon saying it aloud! As an elderly cousin of mine says, "I pray God" I don't get scared when I get up to "tell" 'em at Montevallo.

Tuesday I went to Lockhart for a story hour. There were ten or more there, I guess. The library looks just as it did the last time I visited it. The sand table was filled with soldiers. She had a beautiful ~~ix~~ picture of the flag.

I stopped by Florala and Mrs. Everett gave me a bouquet of beautiful blue hydrangas. (The most important things come first.)

As usual, she had some new posters. She's good all right. I tried some inside pictures.

In her history of Florala Library for the county booklet, she paid tribute to my efforts. Would you strike that out? (I'm doing a lot of revising - for better expression).

On Wednesday I went to Gantt for a story hour - about eight or nine present - and got some pictures inside.

Mrs. Livingston had an excellent poster on Buying Bonds.

At Rose Hill they were having story hour outside in an arbor. I could have crawled up on one of those benches and gone to sleep there.

Charlotte will type this after I'm gone. I hate to think I may lose her in a few days. If so, can you lend me someone from the office to cut all those stencils? - Just making conversation! I'm so sleepy I don't know what I'm saying. It's after one - but I knew I wouldn't have time to do this tomorrow and I certainly didn't want two late ones going in in succession.

Tomorrow is full! I don't know when I'll get to "getting into order" ~~my~~ personal affairs - things like shaving, plucking stray eyebrows, and manicuring my nails. I hate to go to Monbevallo looking like "a rag and a bone and a hank of hair".

(I forgot to tell about Andalusia and Westview. I visited them, too. I'll include them next week.)

LIBRARIES VISITED THIS WEEK:

Andalusia
Westview
Lockhart
Floral
Gantt
Rose Hill
Opp

WEEKLY REPORT

Covington County Library Project
Area 3
Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
June 19, 1942

Number of libraries - 19 plus Samson
1 repair unit
Number of UB's - 1
Number of UA's - 4
Number of I's - 24
Number of S's - 2

*I'm sorry I haven't
time to look over this.
awn.*

The only excuse I have for not getting ~~my~~ my narration in last week is that I forgot it! I'm sorry.

On the Saturday before, I went to Sanford to a children's story hour. The little boy who walks three miles once a week and gets a sack full of books - enough for the whole family - was there. I got his picture as well as some of the group.

Most of Monday and Tuesday I spent working on the History of Covington County Libraries.

I tried first to get the covers here, but was unable to do so. The editor of one of the Andalusia papers was extremely nice to me. He left me take a sheet of what I thought would be a good cover over to Miss Thompson's office to see if it would take print from their mimeograph machine. You see Miss Thompson said she would let ~~me~~ her secretary run the maps off for me. I told the secretary just the ~~the~~ outline would be enough (I thought I could fill it in) but she told me to fill one in as I wanted it and she'd complete the stencil before running them off. Wasn't that nice?

In fact, all that day I ran into people doing nice things for me. ^(see) I walked down the street of Opp, Jack Cosby (of the Alabama Water Service) called me in and gave me a poster of all the maps of the Allied nations, and Mr. Wilson (Pharmacist at Dean's) called me by to see if I'd like another soldier boy for a display.

Mr. Burgess, the editor of the Opp Weekly News, is fixing the front cover so it will turn back ~~for me~~.

I changed the location of our War Information Center in Opp Library.

We have some new ^{low} ~~book~~ shelves, ~~low~~, for the children's books where the center was. The clock will be put over them.

Where the clock was, we have the magazine shelves. (You should have seen me getting that thing cut in half. I had waited on a "nigger" for three days - so I just decided to do it myself. I finally had to call in a mechanic

from the Ford Place to finish it up for me.)

I painted the bulletin board and table top the same blue of the paper we'd been using on it and put it between the first and second doors into the hall. Over it we have that red white and blue "Every Minute Counts". With it in that position, I think I'll be able to get some pictures of it.

Wednesday we had our training school. Practically the whole day was spent in learning to mend books. They enjoyed it.

Mrs. Roberts visited us and was a world of help to me.

That afternoon I left for Florida. I forgot everything conftcted with my work, Mrs. Roberts, and had a grand time. (I didn't blister).

LIBRARIES VISITED DURING WEEK:

Sanford
Opp

*I didn't mean to repeat this,
but it looked so merray, I
decided I should.*

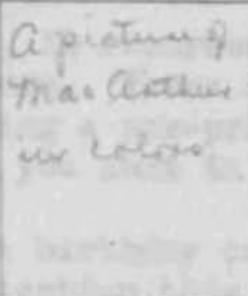
WEEKLY REPORT

Covington County Library Project
Area 3
Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
June 12, 1942

- Number of libraries - 19 plus Samson
- 1 repair unit
- Number of UB's - 1
- Number of WA's - 4
- Number of I's @ 22
- Number of S's - 2

I wish you could see our display in the Alabama Water Service window. After remembering that this was the week for the drive to get War Bonds bought, I changed my original plans (which I shall use later) and made this on Buying Bonds.

Here it is:



I'm sorry I can't show perspective.

Back against the wall.

Up a little

THESE MEN ARE DOING THEIR PART

Up a little more

These men are much taller than they look here. Charlotte I didn't leave me enough room.

A man from the army, the navy, the marines. (That led Camel cigarette advertisement.)

Up still more

ARE YOU DOING WHAT YOU CAN?

UNITED STATES
DEFENSE
BONDS STAMPS
FIGHTING DOLLARS

blue background. Red & white lettering

Still further to the front.

Saturday I went to the story hour at Chapel Hill. Because of a Zane Grey picture showing in Florala that day, the usual number was not there. Only twelve were present. I enjoyed it. (I took some pictures, which I hope will be good.)

Over her book shelves, Mrs. Cameron had book jackets arranged to make a V.

Over a map of the world, she had a large red, white and blue V, with the end of it pointing to the United States.

Hanging on the porch she had a flag day poster. I can't recall what it looked like.

I stopped back by Florala to visit Mrs. Everett. She had up nothing new. When I go to Lockhart next week, I shall go back and stay longer with her. Unknowingly, I kept her overtime Saturday.

Sunday morning I was called to Blue Springs. Mrs. Martin was "real sick". I'm not surprised that custodians there get sick. The house in which they have to live is filthy.

I took Mrs. Martin to Andalusia, her home - and told her to call a doctor - on her own.

In the middle of the night, it occurred to me that I missed getting a real human interest picture. There at Mrs. Cook's was her mother, an 84 year old woman, reading a pre-primer book! I guess I was upset over the lady's being ill. (Do you sent in a report of an illness?)

I haven't had an idea for a birthday celebration yet. So many other things have demanded my attention this week that I've been unable to give it much thought. Please help me.

We have fixed books and books!

In less than two weeks' time I had to send in two accident reports on Mrs. Sasser. Had it been acceptable, I would given as the reason - "d - - carelessness"!

Monday I had a report of an accident from Loango that had occurred on June 4. However, Mrs. Webb had not mailed it to me until the 6th. I got it off that day.

Mrs. Roberts, since you are coming to training school, what about bringing more than three vices and drills? We'll need them for the number we'll have at work. Are you coming on Monday? Remember, I may not be here on Thursday and Friday.

I do hope you will be able to bring us some books.

At Samson they had the best Flag Day bulletin board. In addition to good pictures of salutes to the flag, they had "How to Display the Flag" that was in Saturday's Birmingham News.

Just before I reached Straughn, two girls had ridden about two miles on bicycles for books. I wish I had reached there in time to get their pictures.

Mrs. Tillman was worried about what Congress was going to do about WPA.

I wasn't, because just that day I had had a letter from Miss Parks, saying if I were interested in coming back to Tennessee (school library) to let her know please.

I've tried to plan a little for our booklet, "The History of Covington County Libraries!"

Well, I made a grand mess of custodians' claim for travel this month. I wish it had been left as it first was. 'Twas more simple. At least I understood it.

We are just about ready for training school next week.

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LIBRARIES VISITED THIS WEEK:

Chapel Hill
Floral
~~LEEKHAYE~~
Blue Springs
Straughn
Opp

Encumbrance and Obligation Notice

Date	June 6, 1942
Document No.	61-6623
Encumbrance No.	61-35913 A-10
Purchase Order No.	
Expenditure Symbol	768008(29)
Official Project No.	165-1-61-338
Work Project No.	6560
Objective Class	T.W. P-861
State	61-000-00
District No.	S.W.

The transaction indicated hereon has been recorded in the accounts of the Work Projects Administration to cover the following items Original encumbrance insufficient to cover.

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TYPE OF TRANSACTION	ENCUMBRANCE	OBLIGATION
Initial		
Increase	0.75	0.75
Decrease or cancelation		

Signed

Asst. State Supply Manager

Title

(Issuing Officer, if not in Finance Division)

Signed

Chief, Accounts Section

Title

(Finance Division)

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Cancelation approved

Title

(Procurement Division)

Encumbrance and Obligation Notice

Date	June 8, 1942
Document No.	61-
Encumbrance No.	61-35913 A-11
Purchase Order No.	
Expenditure Symbol	765008 (29)
Official Project No.	165-1-61-338
Work Project No.	6560
Objective Class	T.W. P-861
State	61-000-00
District No.	S.M.

The transaction indicated hereon has been recorded in the accounts of the Work Projects Administration to cover the following items Telephone Service for June, 1942.

War Memorial Building Montgomery, Alabama

Favor of Southern Bell Telephone Co.

No. 2-1598

TYPE OF TRANSACTION	ENCUMBRANCE	OBLIGATION
Initial	\$18.00	\$18.00
Increase.....		
Decrease or cancelation.....		

Signed

Signed

Title Ass't. State Supply Manager
(Issuing Officer, if not in Finance Division)

Title Chief, Account Section
(Finance Division)

Cancelation approved

Title
(Procurement Division)

WEEKLY REPORT

Covington County Library Project
Area 3
Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
June 5, 1942

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1 repair unit
Number of UB's - 1
Number of UA's - 4
Number of I's - 24
Number of S's - 2

Hurry back, Mrs. Roberts. Maybe by so doing, you can see the top of my desk! I have one now - with drawers.

So thrilled was I over every member of the County Library Board being here Friday that I forgot I was tired. In addition to the members we had two representatives, Mrs. Brunson and Mrs. Segrest, from Samson. Dr. McCartney appointed them, to represent Samson, because her being able to come is always so uncertain.

Mrs. Costen, the old lady, was here - wreathed in smiles. She's delighted with Mrs. Owen's being custodian. (With Mrs. Poshee last week, she picked out books to turn over to the county.)

We'll meet next on July 17, at the Country Club in Florala. (Miss Hughes said for us to bring our bathing suits.) Better join us!

Dr. Nix was reelected chairman for another year. I think that was wise. He'll do far more than anyone else would.

We discussed the birthday party, which all were in favor of having. No one gave me any ideas, however - other than inviting Sparks down to speak to us. Politically, that may be good; but frankly, I'd prefer having someone talk on "Libraries as "War Information Centers" or "Services the Library Can Offer in War Time." What about your doing that, Mrs. Green?

I had compiled a statistical report - like Miss Pittman's - which I gave to each ~~ms~~ Member. They thought it a good report. As soon as the fiscal year is up, I shall complete it and send a copy to each of you, to the papers of the county, and to all civic clubs.

What would you suggest doing about Fleeta now? Anything? Their circulation was so good, I'd like to continue it in preference to some others. (I'll attach a report showing circulation of each station beginning July 1, 1941 through May 12, 1942.)

So tired was I of looking endlessly and futilely for things I knew were in the closet that I dived in and cleaned it out. Now I dare anyone to put anything back in there out of place!

From the looks of this office, all the books of the county are in it. Day by day we're getting four pounds to each station.

Not until Wednesday did I think of the meeting of the Andalusia Club women on Thursday - too late to remind them of it. I went, but no one else was there.

Mrs. Sandlin and Miss Chapman had the editor of one of the papers to come out and see what they had on War Information. She took notes and is going to write it up for the paper. They hope to get the other paper out soon to see the material.

Their circulation is picking up.

Mrs. Bunkley has been out two days this week, looking for another job. She had the idea that her days with WPA are limited. My opinion was just the opposite.

At Samson Tuesday, I practically rearranged the whole library trying to get the "good shots" in spots where they'd have the most light and could be photographed.

Their eagle in colors above the maps of the world and a ^{larger} longer one of the United States is good.

The War Information table is twice the size of the one in Opp Library - fixed the same way. On the table they have an additional poster "Calling America - Take your place in Civilian Defense."

On one bulletin board was a number of attractive book covers from children's books. At the top in red letters was FORWARD WITH BOOKS.

On another bulletin board were pictures from the movie version of Knight's THIS ABOVE ALL.

An effective poster was a church with "We've got it and we'll hold it" - by it a Boulder Dam, with the same caption.

^{a picture of}
This trip, I'm afraid, will cost me ten dollars. I saw some "Fortune" magazines. They were so chuck full of excellent articles and pictures, that would make most attractive posters, that I think I'll have to subscribe to it.

We are getting all the books cleaned and mended.

I'm still wondering about book repair material.

If nothing happens, I shall go to Chapel Hill Saturday for her story hour.

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Please send me some idea for the birthday party!

Oh yes, for the scout master I have put in the Opp Library pamphlets on the systematic purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds out of current earnings to be given to each visitor to the library.

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LIBRARIES VISITED THIS WEEK:

Samson
Andalusia
Opp

Covington County Libraries
June 1, 1942

Circulation and Visitors since
July 1, 1941 and Monthly Average

	VISITORS-	MO. AVE	BOOKS	MONTHLY AVERAGE
<u>ANDALUSIA</u>	11,954	1986.8	11,324	1,029.5
<u>BLUE SPRINGS</u>	5,847	531.6	5400	490.9
<u>CAROLINA</u>	3,226	293.3	1694	154
<u>CHAPEL HILL</u>	4,931	448.3	5254	477.7
<u>FLEETA</u>	3,966	566.4	3510	501.3
<u>FLORALA</u>	10,973	997.6	7957	723.4
<u>FRIENDSHIP</u>	4,076	370.6	3452	313.9
<u>GANTT</u>	2,825	256.9	2070	188.2
<u>LANGO</u>	1,143	381.	975	325.
<u>LOCKHART</u>	8,496	772.4	5039	458.1
<u>MIDWAY</u>	2,616	237.9	2491	226.5
<u>OPINE</u>	6,150	559.1	2128	193.5
<u>OPP</u>	13,588	1,235.3	9575	870.5
<u>PLEASANT HOME</u>	1,271	115.6	2662	242.
<u>RED LEVEL</u>	2,628	239.	5745	522.3
<u>RIVER FALLS</u>	5,891	535.6	4217	383.4
<u>ROSE HILL</u>	2,398	218.	1722	156.6
<u>SAMSON</u>	11,531	1049.2	8433	766.7
<u>SANFORD</u>	3,034	303.1	3424	342.2
<u>STRAUGHN</u>	6,564	596.8	5970	542.8
<u>WESTVIEW</u>	6,224	565.9	5269	479.

WEEKLY REPORT

Public Library Covington County

Area 9

Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor

May 22, 1942

Number of libraries - 18 plus Samson

1 repair unit

Number of UB's - 2

Number of UA's - 3

Number of I's - 22

Number of S's - 2

I had planned to go to Red Level for Mrs. Owen's story hour last Saturday, but instead I spent the day in bed.

Monday on my way to Pleasant Home, Falco and Carolina, I stopped to leave with Dr. Holley, the sanitation officer, a book he had requested.

I picked up the last of Falco's books; there are two unaccounted for. I shall see if they have been taken to other stations without the cards being changed.

Mrs. Davis, as usual, had her library scrupulously clean. She was afraid the girl, who had brought her to training school last month, would be unable to do so this week, because of some school program. (She didn't get here.)

She had a new poster, "Vegetables for Defense", that her daughter had "built" for her; and another - "All for one and One for All", that was good. In this one, behind "Uncle Sam" were all kinds of laborers.

Mrs. Powell is a poor excuse for a custodian. She can't even keep her date due cards correctly. The place was clean. At her story hour, she had had four children.

On Tuesday I went to Loango. Mrs. Webb had reproduced in colored chalk on her bulletin board the cover of BETSY'S AND TOAY'S PLAYHOUSE. She had a good eagle, and flowers done the same way.

So scattered are the people in Loango, and so busy are they in the fields that as many books as were circulated during school aren't being circulated now. (Does that sentence make sense?)

I stopped back by Rivr Falls. Such a nice place do they now have that people drop by and sit and read in the library. Mr. Wright, the owner of the store, is so proud of it. He brag on it every time I'm there.

I think we are going to be able to take Midway Library out of that store, and put it in the vacant filling station across the road.

Thursday I took Mrs. Martin to Blue Springs. We went by Mr. Sasser's for the key and later he and Mrs. Sasser came to the library and spent a long while with us. They are both nice.

Mrs. Martin is a little slow to learn, but she's willing.

In as far as it could be a success without Mrs. Roberts, our training school was, I think.

Because of common carrier schedules, some arrived late and some had to leave early. Two were not here - Miss Lindsay and Mrs. Davis. The person we have requisitioned for Midway was here.

In fact there were four new ones. Next time there'll be five, which means I'll have to have two separate classes. In the new one, I think I'll put back some of the "less-quick-to-catch-on-" old custodians.

None of those bringing custodians are willing to come for only 4¢ a mile. Those from Loango, Red Level, etc. can, I guess, come by common carrier, but they'll have to leave before the meeting is over. I don't know what Samson will do. This time they had to pay \$1.25 per person to get here. Then they had to go back on the bus.. (In making out their travel claim, will I count to and from Samson for that man, although they didn't ride back with him. He charged them for that - and says that any more trips will be more, because he'd just paid \$40.00 each for two tires. (Ain't it a mess?)

Miss Crowder enthusiastically told us about two of the "beautifuliest" posters she had. She didn't make those, but they are hers - and she did make a "good" one.

When I try to stress to custodians the need for pushing war information, I feel that they must feel just as I did at Training School and A.L.A., when it was being talked - How? Give some concrete way of doing it! I think about it often, but I must need to get by myself in a quiet spot to get an idea, because so far I feel that I'm butting my head against a brick wall. Now to find that quiet spot!

I am "feeling" my way into getting the literary clubs in Opp interested in the library. My plan is to let representatives from each club be on a committee to aid in book selection. At a bridge table the other night, I mentioned it to a club president and she liked the idea. I have talked to Mrs. King, another club representative, and she was delighted with the plans.

I shall try to get the presidents of the three clubs together next week. Maybe if they have a part in running the library, they'll give the \$15.00 each promised per year, but have failed to pay this year.

I had a letter from Mrs. Pauline Foster, asking if I'd be willing to serve on the Publicity Committee of A.L.A. I knew nothing to do except say, "yes". I know nothing about publicity, but I guess this will be a good way to learn.

I was kinder glad my training school came on Wednesday; because of it, I was unable to report to Camp Rucker for an interview as requested.

LIBRARIES VISITED DURING WEEK:

Loango
River Falls
Pleasant Home
Carolina
Blue Springs

WEEKLY REPORT

Covington County Library Project
Area 3
Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
May 29, 1942

Number of libraries @ 19 plus Samson
1 repair unit
Number of UB's - 1
Number of UA's - 4
Number of I's - 20
Number of S's - 2

Last week I forgot to tell you that we had up a display for Cotton Week. With the poster, we had chiefly articles on consumer buying of cotton.

Too, we had one for Opp Seniors. On a piece of cardboard we posted a girl and boy with diplomas and printed on it - "Commencement of New careers will begin on June 1, for 32 Opp Seniors".. With it, we put career books.

Now they are getting up a table display on Alabama poets.

Last Friday I learned that Mrs. Nelson will no longer let the library be kept in her store. So far as she is concerned, it has served its purpose - a job for her sister. On Tuesday I took up the books.

Had his cousin been able to do the work, Mr. Clark would have been willing to have the library in his store. She couldn't do it.

Now that there are to be so many cuts on July 1, I think I'll just let Fleeta slide for the time being.

To and from Midway yesterday, I did a lot o' t̄hinking! Why couldn't I get shelves like Lucy's put in my car and then every two weeks make regular stops - like a bookmobile - at places like Fleeta, Gantt, Pleasant Home, etc. During school, at the school houses of these rural sections would be just the spot. As people learned the hour for my being there, they'd come. I believe in some places - Gantt, for example - circulation would increase. I guess it would call for increased travel, but even so, it would be cheaper in the long run.

I don't want to give up the repair room. (One or two workers would suffice) I'd rather do away with inefficient custodians and take the people books myself.

To be prepared, however, I shall include a demonstration and laboratory work shop on books repairing at our June training school. In the meantime I'll have to spend some time learning it.

I was at Sanford on Monday. That dear little lady is doing all right, but she's dumb. I must go back soon and spend a day with her to see that she's keeping up with books checked out. I'm afraid she isn't.

We are busy ~~as~~ can be getting the books brought in - cleaned up, new cards and date due slips in those needing them, etc.

Midway's new location is so much better. You can breathe in it! It is in what was an empty service station just across the road. Mrs. Kelley had her daughter there to take instructions, too.

Wonders never cease! Red Level turned over about ten books to the county, and Mrs. George Costen is tearing her hair to get to get away to the County Library Board meeting Friday!

She has, I think, a way to Andalusia - and Miss Thompson said she'd bring her from there. I left her that word.

Mrs. Owens is doing a darn good job - and I'm so glad. Never do I go there now that I don't see number of visitors!

My plans to go to Samson and Florala had to be postponed.

Mrs. Jones is busy working on cards now. She goes ~~away~~ about her work quietly; I like that. If anyone would talk to her, Mrs. Campbell would keep up a steady flow of conversation.

Chapel Hill writes that if Mrs. Cameron is kept on, the same location for the library is available. Otherwise, it isn't.

I knew with these time sheets we'd get reports not due. Each has to be sent back with a letter of explanation.

After having had a demonstration on preparing clippings to be filed and then making one herself at training school, Mrs. Webb sends me some clippings and asks that I fix them for her!

I guess the Lord does look after his Shillun' - or maybe in this case it's ^{the} government. Just when I hit rock bottom, a check comes in. This time it was for travel. And yesterday - when I dropped by Dixie Studio to pay Mr. Moon for some pictures, I talked to him about a larger camera with which to take pictures for publicity. (I don't have any sense!) I told him I'd be back to see him about it after July 1st. It would be perfect, though - good for details (so he said) and takes a 5x7 picture - second hand, but expensive at that.

Now \ominus the monthly report to do!

LIBRARIES VISITED THIS WEEK;

Friendship
Sanford
Midway
Red Level

Opp

WEEKLY REPORT

Public Library Covington County

Area 3

Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor

May 15, 1942

Number of libraries - 18 plus Samson

1 repair unit

Number of UB's - 2

Number of UA's - 3

Number of I's - 22

Number of S's - 2

When I wait until Friday to jot down things I've done, I can recall very little. That's what I've done this time.

We got everything straightened out and cleaned up for the man, who, I thought, was coming to check office supplies this week. He hasn't appeared yet.

Mrs. Campbell has resigned! Conditions at Blue Springs were more than she could stand any longer. In addition to that, she is ill - malaria. I sent her home to rest and get well; then I'll put her somewhere else.

I think I'll wait a week or so to send anyone else to Blue Springs - let them think they are going to lose the library. Then maybe the two factions will get together. (I have written Mr. Sasser to come in to see me.)

I have written Mr. Wide at Fleeta, too. I've heard they want the library back - have given up the idea that "holding out" will put Mrs. Spurlin back on.

Mr. Colvin at Midway has been 403'd - "farming available". (Mrs. Roberts, I requisitioned the one he recommended - you remember the situation?) When I was up there, I tried to see her, but failed. She came to see me - after I had requisitioned her. She's a dad number. Maybe she can hold it together through the summer, and then we can transfer her to the cafeteria - where she was last year.

For the first time ever I ran into people at the Red Level Library! The best precious looking little boy - not over 2½ years old - was engrossed in the pictures in a book. He was on his knees and had the book on the chair seat. (I got his picture.)

As I left, I saw him trudging off with the book tucked under his arm.

A Foshee girl was there getting news to put in the paper. (She's the library reporter.)

Mrs. Owens had put up a good bulletin board. She's thrilled over the work and is doing a good job, I think. (By the way, she's holding story

hour every Saturday afternoon.)

Such a transformation in the River Falls Library! It's so big, so light, so white, and so attractive. They are quite proud of it; so am I. (I made some pictures there, too.)

The 402 for Mrs. Martin had her report-ing to Municipal Airport We sent it back for correction; she had raced all over the airport in Andalusia, looking for a library. Finally she called me. The correction came in today. I put her in Opp Library to observe, thinking that might be of more value to her than anything else, since she's never worked in a library. I believe she'll be all right.

Miss Crowder has had not only a story hour for children, but has one planned for adults!

We are ready for our Training School on Wednesday. You'll be down to lead the discussion on books, will you not, Mrs. Roberts? We'll be so happy if you can join us, Mrs. Green.

The third War Information packet is now on display in the Alabama Water Service window. I thought by having it there for a week or so, more people might see it. In the window I put a sign saying the material would be in Opp Public Library. (I pasted the soldier on another Gaty poster, with a stand.)

I was invited to a program at Samson yesterday, but I'm afraid to venture too far from Opp for a day or two. My car caught on fire when I was in the Post Office Wednesday night, and until I've tested the checking made at the garage, I'm going to stay close home. (I could go now - really, but roads here are too muddy, now.)

May 15! Incredible!

LIBRARIES VISITED:

Blue Springs
Red Level
Midway
River Falls
Opp

WEEKLY REPORT

Covington County Public Library
Area 3
Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
May 8, 1942

Number of libraries - 19 plus Samson
1 repair unit
Number of UB's - 2
Number of UA's - 3
Number of I's - 24
Number of S's - 2

I should go off for a week more often. All the workers - and even outsiders - have commented on how much better - more rested - I look than when I left.

The whole week was enjoyable. It was the most interesting and practical District Meeting I've attended. As equally enjoyable - and inspirational - were the State Meetings and A. L. A. My enthuseam is renewed and I'm bubbling over with ideas to try in Covington County.

Mrs. Bunkley is certainly dependable. She looked after everything beautifully - and had even made P-slips (cataloging) for 24 new fiction books that had come in. I had showed her one time about taking the information from the title page - and she had typed enough cards to know the proper form. She waited for me to check them before she typed them. Except for that, they were ready for circulation.

That going ahead and doing things without being told is one of her most ^{com} dependable qualities.

The 402 came in for Myrlene J. Brunson, assigned to the Opine Library. On Wednesday I took her out and made a check of the books. Too many are still out.

In order to get her before the quota closed, I sent in a requisition for Margaret T. Martin of Andalusia to take the place of Mrs. Heath at Friendship. Until Mrs. Heath's time is up, we can use her to an advantage in the office.

Isn't this newspaper article from Samson good? There, a newspaper man has become greatly interested in our War Information Center. The women of the town are even contemplating holding classes to become informed on the subjects.

From Sunday's "Advertiser" I cut that excellent editorial on libraries and took it to Mr. Burgess, editor of the Opp Weekly. He said he'd put it in this week's paper.

On Monday I sent out notes reminding the library representatives of the Andalusia clubs of the meeting to be held on Thursday morning. On Thursday I was there but no one else was. All the women are taking either first aid, or home nursing, which met from 9- 11.

From that U. S. Public Documents list given us at Auburn, I checked our holdings. Most of them we had; what we lack, I plan to order. You see we are on the mailing list of O C D in Washington, the Defense Office in Montgomery, and of Cary Grant, our representative.

From Miss Harriot Root we received Abstract No. 2 issued by the Training Within Industry Section, Labor Division, War Production Board, which we requested April 24th. Numbers 1 and 3 are now on the press. In the future this compilation will be forwarded regularly to us. To know whether or not it will fit in with our needs in Covington, I'll have to watch its use.

When Miss Merrill suggested that we express to Miss Root our appreciation for the war information, I was glad I had. On the heels of that letter, she sent me the poster for the "Nutrition" display.

Circulation increased two books per day per station this past two-week period. The custodians, I guess, followed the suggestion I made in a memorandum following our last report.

Mrs. Carter is in the repair room now.

On Monday I "flew" into ^{the} whole repair room group and Mrs. Sasser. (That woman transferred from the recreation project doesn't realize she had to work 30 hours a week on library.) Tuesday I saw results!

It took me practically all of Wednesday to make out the travel for my custodians - and next time there'll be more to it.

On my way back from Andalusia Thursday, I stopped at Sanford. Miss Crowder continues to amaze me! She had up an excellent new poster, Women's Work in War. Last Saturday she had a story hour at Sanford at which were 23 children.

Now she has planned one for adults.

I also stopped at Westview. Mrs. Tucker had a new poster, one of the most attractive I've seen on buying defense stamps.

Andalusia Library looks the same. I wish I knew some way to get those custodians to send news into the papers. I've tried numerous things - none successful.

I've thought of a way, I think, to get people in Opp more interested in the library. I'll wait to disclose it.

LIBRARIES VISITED DURING WEEK:

Andalusia
Opp
Sanford
Westview

MONTHLY REPORT

Covington County Public Library
Area 3

Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
April 27, 1942

Number of libraries - 19 plus Samson
1 repair unit
Number of UB's - 1
Number of UA's - 3
Number of I's - 24
Number of S'S - 2

Our material on "nutrition" came weeks ago, but not until week before last did we receive the poster for it. It is now up in Opp Library and the first group is on display in Samson.

There's always something to worry about. Opine is without a custodian now; Miss Tice has private employment. There is a woman there available for the place, but I hesitate to recommend her.

In two more weeks Friendship will be without a custodian. How I hate to lose Mrs. Heath! Her son, who finishes Opp High School in June, has a job in Mobile and he's taking his mother with him.

Mrs. Roberts was down for our training school the 3rd. Wednesday.

Today I leave for the District Training School in Montgomery. On Thursday I shall go to Auburn for the State Training School and A.L.A. I am looking forward to an enjoyable and beneficial week. I need it; I feel at a stand-still right now.

On one Thursday I was the guest of Mrs. Barnes at a benefit bridge given by the Federated Clubs of Andalusia for the library. I thoroughly enjoyed the party, and I met so many charming people.

We have a new worker in the repair room - a transfer from the recreation project. Wednesday Mrs. Carter, our former maid, goes to work in there. That gives us four again.

The libraries in rural sections are feeling the effects of the closing of schools. So many children live too far away to come in for books. Too, many are working in the fields. At Blue Springs the parents give the children Friday afternoon off to go to the library! Mrs. Campbell has the story hour then.

Total average daily circulation dropped 1.4 books.

Last week I mounted some pictures I've taken from time to time at libraries and put them in Opp Library. So much did people enjoy them that I think I'll put them in a window down town, so more people will see them. The only trouble - I have so few.

In last week's narration I said that Mrs. Sasser, our maid, failed to keep flowers in the office like Mrs. Carter did - and that I missed them. She must have read it! Today she has put 5 bouquets in here. Mrs. Bryan brought me a lovely bouquet of sweet peas - and we have five pot plants. Looks like a florist's shop!

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ANDALUSIA - 2 workers

Location - one block off the Opp-Andalusia Highway, back of the Andalusia Grammar School and about four blocks from the center of town

Custodians - Mrs. Jessie L. Sandlin
Miss Annie C. Chapman

Sponsor - Andalusia Library Board

Total readers registered - 1567

Average daily circulation - 54.0

Andalusia Library fairly glistened last week. Mrs. Sandlin and Miss Chapman had completed spring cleaning.

On one table was a beautiful oriental arrangement of iris, brought by a member of a garden club. (The garden clubs take one or two bouquets to the library each week.)

Now that the custodians here have offered the library for club meetings, one club has met there.

Their war material is moving slowly. I think, thought, with time, we'll see increased use of it.

They have purchased about 35 juvenile books.

Circulation dropped 4.6 books a day.

BLUE SPRINGS - 1 worker

Location - In library room of the Blue Springs School

Custodian - Mrs. Clara A. Campbell

Total readers registered - 245

Average daily circulation - 25.0

Mrs. Campbell is having story hour on Friday for the children. After their program, children check books out for themselves

and their parents. They have little time for reading now, however; all are busy farming.

The war material is used here.

Circulation dropped 10.3 books a day. (School is out.)

CAROLINA - 1 worker

Location - Store on the Andalusia-Brewton Highway, about 10 miles on the other side of Andalusia

Sponsor - Home Demonstration Club

Custodian - Mrs. Georgia A. Powell

Total readers registered - 241

Average daily circulation - 8.7

Mrs. Powell sits and checks out a book, if someone asks for one. That's all I can say for her.

Her circulation remains about the same. - 8.7 books a day.

CHAPEL HILL - 1 worker

Location - In an old house in the center of Chapel Hill community one mile off the Florala-Samson Highway

Sponsor - Mrs. C. B. Jimmerson

Custodian - Mrs. Mae Cameron

Total readers registered - 180

Average daily circulation - 25.7

Mrs. Cameron is a good custodian.

She keeps books that are seldom ^{checked out} under the poster I gave them at an earlier training school and they check out - again and again.

People, coming into the library, stop and thumb through her war material, which she has out on a table.

Mrs. Cameron reads the newspaper to those who come in and can't read themselves.

She has a reading contest that will last through the summer. Her purpose in having it is to hold her juvenile readers through the summer months.

Average daily circulation increased 4.6 books.

FLORALA - 1 worker

Location - Upstairs in Harper's Drug Store Bldg.

Custodian - Mrs. Lena P. Everett

Total readers registered - 895

Average daily circulation - 33.5

Mrs. Everett had her tonsils removed and has, of course,

been out of the library. Miss Hughes got someone to keep the library open. Of course, we don't expect the circulation to be up to what it is when Mrs. Everett is there, but I'm glad that they didn't just close it. That's the advantage of having a good sponsor.

Circulation dropped 1.8 books a day.

FRIENDSHIP - 1 worker
Location - Nelson's store 9 miles from the ElbaOpp Highway and 12 miles from Opp
Sponsor - Mr. Nelson
Custodian - Mrs. Hazel Heath
Total readers registered - 251
Average daily circulation - 13.5

At a training school early in the year, I suggested that all custodians put up in their libraries a map and place stars locating boys of the community in the service of the United States. Only Mrs. Heath, the custodian at Friendship, has done that. (The idea is not original; I got it from Tallapoosa County.)

Circulation remains about the same.

GANTT - 1 worker
Location - front of old building in the center of town
Custodian - Mrs. Willie C. Livingston
Total readers registered - 238
Average daily circulation - 8.1

Mrs. Livingston is another weak custodian. She looks intelligent, but I think her looks are deceiving.

She has put up curtains, and planted a flower bed.

Circulation increased 1.5 books a day.

LOCKHART - 1 worker
Location - Near Club House - one block from business section of town,
Custodian - Miss Ruby L. Lindsay
Total readers registered - 727

Miss Lindsay has started story hour.

She had made a poster of the book cover of "Abe Lincoln Grows Up".

She, too, is starting flowers in pots.

Circulation remains the same.

LOANGO - 1 worker
Sponsor - Mrs. W.L. Walters
Custodian - Mrs. Velma L. Webb
Total readers registered - 130
Average daily circulation - 13.4

School is out here.

Mrs. Webb takes books to invalids.

She holds a story hour each week.

MIDWAY - 1 worker
Location - Store - 6 miles from Red Level
Sponsor - Mr. Marvin Kervin
Custodian - Mr. Ralph C. Colvin
Total readers registered - 136
Average daily circulation - 10.9

The store, in which this library is located, has changed ownership and is much neater now.

Circulation increased one book a day.

OPINE - 1 worker
Location - In opine School
Custodian - Miss Mavis Tice
Total readers registered - 360
Average daily circulation - 11.4

Just as Miss Tice was beginning to show a little initiative she leaves. I'm glad, though, to see her get private employment. She's intelligent - although somewhat careless in her personal appearance.

Circulation decreased 1 book .(School is out)

OPP - 12 workers
Location - Municipal Building - one block north of the main business section of town.
Custodians - Mrs. Jessie L. Sandlin
Mrs. Ima M. Bryan
Total readers registered - 1097
Average daily circulation - 30.4

This month - or was it last? - Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Stanley had an excellent display of fresh fruits, cereals, etc. Some pamphlets from the War Information table have circulated. People have found it now!

The library looks so pretty when the doors can be opened to let the sunshine in!

Circulation decreased 3 books a day.

PLEASANT HOME - 1 worker

Location - In reconditioned box car 14 miles south of Andalusia

Sponsor - Home Demonstration Club

Custodian - Mrs. Fannie M. Davis

Total readers registered - 116

Average daily circulation - 11.3

Mrs. Davis has had spring cleaning and "re-planting" of flowers.

Her circulation remains about the same.

RED LEVEL - 1 worker

Location - City Hall

Sponsor - Women's Club

Custodian - Mrs. Maude B. Owen

Total readers registered - 491

Average daily circulation - 19.0

Miss Nichols has been 403'd - and Mrs. Owen has taken over here. Already her efforts are showing up effectively. I do hope she'll be able to win over the whole community; I hate discord.

She has made posters calling attention to new books and put them down town.

At a defense meeting in Red Level, it was announced that the library had materials on blackouts, etc. Too, Mrs. Owen, wrote the mayor a letter listing all available pamphlets at the library.

She has started story hour.

Her circulation has increased almost 7 books a day.

RIVER FALLS* - 1 worker

Location - Rear of Wright's Store

Sponsor - Home Demonstration Club

Custodian - Mrs. Willie M. Morris

Total readers registered - 169

Average daily circulation - 17.7

This library is housed in new quarters. I haven't been it since it's been moved, but I know it is much better. Mr. Wright, the store owner; Miss Tollison, the sponsor; and Mrs. Davis, the custodian, are all so proud of it.

Everything is painted white and it's so light (Unless you had seen where they once were, you can hardly appreciate that)

Circulation decreased 3 books a day.

ROSE HILL - 1 worker

Location - Room of office building of Dr. Campbell

Custodian - Miss Fannie Peek

Total readers registered - 273

Average daily circulation - 6.3

Circulation here remains about the same.

People read here little.

SAMSON 2 workers

Location - In the Legion Hall

Custodians - Mrs. Beatrice P. McKinnon

Miss Janie E. Oliver

Total readers registered - 724

Average daily circulation - 39.1

People here are truly library conscious - and they use the library for meetings of all kinds.

Right now at night it is being used for classes in first aid.

I went down one afternoon for a combined meeting of the Study Club and the Music Club, which I enjoyed very much.

They have bought a good many new books, too.

I always see new posters when I visit them.

Circulation increased one book a day.

SANFORD - 1 worker

Location - In the rear of the Post Office Building

Sponsor - Mrs. Powell

Custodian - Miss Della Crowder

Total readers registered - 346

Average daily circulation - 18.4

Miss Crowder came in to see me this morning. I get a genuine "kick" out of her!

She is doing far better than I had anticipated.

Her circulation has dropped 5 books a day. (school is out)

STRAUGHN - 1 worker

Location -

Custodian - ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ Mrs. Effie Tillman
Total readers registered - 327
Average daily circulation - 35.0

Mrs. Tillman says she can't do much toward making Straughn "a fancy library". (Hers is that little 6' by 8' one!)

Her people do head, however!

There was a slight decrease in circulation this time - due to grammar school having closed.

WESTVIEW - 1 worker
Location - Club House
Sponsor @ Mrs. C. H. Cole
Custodian - Mrs. Sallie E. Tucker
Total readers registered - 314
Average daily circulation - 25.0

I have heard indirectly that a custodian who teaches music at Westview had been told by her supervisor that she can get the Westview Library and continue her music even though the Recreation Project is closing up.

The woman is all right, I know, but I like Mrs. Tucker's work and the people there like her. I'm not for taking on someone whose work I know nothing about for someone I know is good!

Circulation decreased almost 5 books.

Monthly report
 March 18, 1942
 to
 April 14, 1942

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE DIVISION
 COVINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATION	VISITORS		TOT	BOOKS		TOT	RENT	O.D.	TOT	NO HR	NO DA	AVE D.C.
	A	J		A	J							
ANDALUSIA	395	859	1254	407	618	1025	3.40	4.07	7.47	152	19	54.0
BLUE SPRING	134	379	513	146	329	475				115	19	25.0
CAROLINA	216	191	407	81	111	192		.18	.18	115	22	8.7
CHAPEL HILL	88	273	361	131	460	591				115	23	25.7
FEORALA	446	383	829	429	342	771	.25	1.36	1.61	115	23	33.5
FRIENDSHIP	197	137	334	160	144	304		.24	.24	115	23	13.5
GANTT	115	116	231	106	87	193				120	24	8.1
LOANGO	28	333	361	133	170	303				115	23	13.4
LOCKHART	351	425	776	229	277	506		.26	.26	120	19	26.6
MIDWAY	106	112	218	103	106	209				117	20	10.9
OPINE	120	599	719	65	192	257				115	23	11.4
OPP	672	366	1038	548	152	700		1.81	1.81	207	23	30.4
PLEASANT H.	53	78	131	161	106	267				120	24	11.3
RED LEVEL	226	176	402	298	137	435		.29	.29	136	23	19.0
RIVER FALLS	330	308	638	230	197	427				120	24	17.7
ROSE HILL	110	78	188	83	58	141		.22	.22	115	23	6.3
SAMSON	382	840	1222	327	571	898	1.50	1.71	3.22	159	23	39.1
SANFORD	159	321	480	182	242	424				122	23	18.4
STRAUGHN	530	292	822	524	277	801				115	23	35.0
WESTVIEW	254	582	836	188	361	549				118	22	25.0
TOTAL	4915	6859	11774	4341	4979	9320				2576	456	20.5

Magazines circulated: 605

WEEKLY REPORT

Covington County Public Library
Area 3
Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
April 24, 1942.

Number of libraries - 19 plus Samson
1 repair unit
Number of UB's - 1
Number of UA's - 3
Number of I's - 24
Number of S's - 2

I am looking forward to next week!

I shall bring along a lot o' junk - posters, pictures, the county map, etc. You can use what you want of it.

Tice from Opine just came in. She's leaving Sunday for Panama City - is assured by her brother of a job there. There's Willie Welch, a long-tongued, loud soul who's certified, but I don't know if I think she'd be good or not.

In Friendship there's no one who is certified to take Mrs. Heath's place. Mrs. Heath will quit the last pay period in May. June 1 she will go to Mobile with her son, who has work there.

I've heard no more from Shaver Town.

I must be slipping - for the first time since we've been here, Charlotte and I seem to be "caught up" with work.

Mrs. Sasser doesn't keep the office filled with flowers as Mrs. Carter did. I miss them. At first, I thought she was going to be good, but now I'm about to suspect her of "piddling" too much. I'll see about it.

Andalusia Library shines! They'd had spring cleaning. On one table was a beautiful oriental arrangement of iris. (The clubs take them bouquets once or twice each week.)

Since offering the library as a meeting place for clubs, one club has met there. They feel that now others will do likewise.

Their war pamphlets are moving slowly. The school children often look through them, but seldom check them out.

Their decided noticeable drop in circulation, is due, they

think, to the season of the year. Children, having been cooped up all year, want to play outside. (Can't blame them.) and adults are busy with flowers, vegetables gardens, sewing, spring cleaning, etc.

They have purchased about 35 juvenile books.

At Blue Springs the parents (all farmers) let the children have Friday afternoon off to go to the library. Nearly everybody within close range of the library has read the war material.

Mrs. Adams continues to write me about the library job in Carolina. I prefer her to Mrs. Powell. When her job at the Andalusia Cafeteria is finished, can I send in a requisition for her? (She is the wife of a war veteran and her home is in Carolina.)

How I hate to see Mrs. Heath leave us!

Out of all in the county, she is the only one who followed the suggestion I brought back from Tallapoosa County - that of a map locating boys in the U. S. forces.

She has had spring cleaning, too!

Mrs. Livingston says she has put up curtains and planted a flower bed. She has also been selecting clippings and pictures for her files.

At Lockhart they are starting story hour again.

Places like Loango, Straughn and other rural sections are checking out fewer books now that school is closed. The children have to help on the farms.

Miss Tice has tried having a story hour, but to date it's been a failure, she thinks. I do hope we can find someone to take her place and not close that library.

Miss Davis at Pleasant Home has had spring cleaning, too. She is "getting ready to plant some flowers".

Mrs. Owen started her narrative off with "You never would let me see your narrative (She read them all surreptitiously!), so if I make a mess of my first don't blame me."

She's doing all right with Red Level, I believe. Her circulation is definitely better. She's even checked out all the war pamphlets I sent her. (I'll send her more.)

At a defense meeting on Sunday, Mrs. Foshee announced that the

pamphlets were in the library - and she had Mrs. Owen write to the mayor listing all pamphlets available.

Samson, too, has had spring cleaning.

The War Information material (1st group) is here now. With the material, I sent an article on it for their newspaper.

In Opp they are circulating a few war pamphlets.

I think when the people of Covington County are more war conscious that they'll make more use of the War Information centers.

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LIBRARIES VISITED DURING WEEK:

Andalusia

Opp

WEEKLY REPORT

Covington County Public Library

Area 3

Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor

April 10, 1942

Number of libraries @ 19 plus Samson

1 repair unit

Number of UB's - 1

Number of UA's - 2

Number of I's - 24

Number of S's - 2

Friday again! Time for a narration, and my mind's a total blank. I know I've worked as usual, but I can't recall what I've done.

I followed Mrs. Vines' suggestions to a T concerning the Red Level situation - and yesterday in the same mail I had a letter from Mr. Whatley saying it would go through, and one from Mr. Sewell with the 419 on Nichols, saying I'd have to have a better excuse than "unnecessary to the project". I sent his letter and the 419 to Mrs. Vines.

Mrs. Roberts, you got my letter, did you not, enclosing one from Mrs. W. L. Costen? Ain't Red Level a mess?

I have things about ready for the training school on Wednesday. I'll be glad to have any of you who can to come down for it.

Hasn't per diem been raised to \$6.00? I put that down on my last travel and it was marked out. 'Course it didn't matter on that one, because I had no per diem claim.

On the 18th of March I received the material on "Nutrition" and a letter saying the poster would follow within a week. To date I have not received it.

I believe the new location of Chapel Hill Library looks better than the old. To keep the children interested through the summer, Mrs. Cameron has started another reading contest (School is out). Two of her war maps were checked out.

Here is what she wrote me about her work:

"I have fixed a table with pamphlets; What to do in Air raids. Have several Junior Scholastic magazines about defense work done in coal mines, Battle of the Atlantic, headline news such as weekly review of National and World Events, civic in the news; In fact most any phase of defense news any one cares to read.

I have read articles from the news paper and Look Magazines for

several families in the community that could not read well enough to understand what they were reading. They enjoyed the pieces that I read very much; then they checked out the magazines so they could look at the pictures.

The teachers have checked out books for the children in school. I didn't get to the library with my new books before I had checked out half of them.

The whole community is using the library more than they did.

We are going to have an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday afternoon and story hour. Am expecting 25 or 30 children and some of the parents. Was going to wait to start having story hours until school was out, but some of the children wanted an egg hunt. School will be out April 7. Am in hopes that I can get the children to come every Saturday to story hours."

Mrs. Campbell looked lonesome at Blue Springs - no children around. She is quite sure that the closing of school will lower her circulation. Many adult readers, who lived miles away, sent by school children for books. Now they have now way of getting them.

Mrs. Everett is going to have her tonsils removed today week. Unless someone volunteers to keep the library open, I'll guess it will be closed the days she is out.

Everytime I go there she is cleaning up.

Miss Lindsay is always going "to do something as soon as -"
She amuses me. Things looked as usual there.

Two new women were assigned to the repair room. One has high blood pressure - so bad that she had to hire a taxi to appear for work. (She lives - maybe two blocks from here.) The other had moved to a farm. We rejected both, and Miss Graham is transferring two recreation women to us.

About ~~sixty~~ ten of my custodians were called to the Intake Office last week. (Nichols wasn't.)

Cold again! Makes me sick!

WEEKLY REPORT

Covington County Public Library
Area 3
Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
April 17, 1942

Number of libraries - 19 plus Samson
1 repair unit
Number of UB's - 1
Number of UA's - 3
Number of I's @ 24
Number of S's - 2

Thank heavens you came down, Mrs. Roberts. Never would I have gotten that travel for custodians straightened out. Fannie Davis from Pleasant Home sent in her times of arrival and departure from all points, but she didn't give her mode of transportation - bus, foot or what - or send in a receipt. It will probably take the month to collect all essential information.

Several of the custodians said they had enjoyed the last two meetings more than any. I was glad to hear that. I'm so afraid they're going to get tired of them. I enjoy them, but they do leave me exhausted.

Thursday afternoon I went with Mrs. McCosh to the bridge benefit in Andalusia. I thoroughly enjoyed it - even though I brought home no prizes.

It's after a training school, and books have been checked out that I miss Mrs. Owen!

Miss Nichols was 403'd - made effective on the 9th - issued the 10th!

Dr. McCartney wants to know how to go about opening up other libraries in Geneva County. I've told her all I know, which is very little.

One person requisitioned for the repair room has gotten work in the sewing factory. Today the timekeeper for recreation got a notice of the other's being transferred to this project - effective the 15th. We haven't gotten a 402 for her yet.

New Method gets books to you weeks ahead of Huntting! Their prices are a trifle higher, but so, I believe, is their binding.

We certainly ought to have enough Grey and Hill books now

to ease the custodian's pains.

Mrs. Tucker is well liked at Westview.

Circulation the past two weeks dropped from an average daily circulation of 23.5 to 18.3. The monthly decrease was only 1.4 books.

Mrs. Jimmerson wants to know if she makes that round to pick up custodians will she be able to get tires? Isn't she "nuts"?

Our display on "Nutrition" is up and looks good!

I shall send the other to Samson.

I'll be glad when I get to Montgomery; I need some new ideas.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Covington County Public Library
Anita W. McLeod, Area Project Supervisor
Area 3
April 3, 1942

Number of libraries - 19 plus Samson
1 repair unit
Number of UB's - 1
Number of UA's - 4
Number of I's - 24
Number of S's - 2

How we miss Mrs. Owen! Mrs. Bunkley and I are behind on the back table work!

My plans to get off by ten o'clock Monday were frustrated. Attending to correspondence and getting the monthly narrative finished took until noon.

By 12:45, though, I was off. I stopped by to see if Miss Thompson had learned anything in Red Level. She said it was just Red Level! There are two factions - Mrs. Clark being always the cantankerous one - even in the Sunday School and church. We had a nice long chat - (She gave me a dozen maps of the county) and then I went on to Loango.

I went up to Falco and picked up more books - and a lot of good posters, etc. There's not a soul in that community to take Mrs. Miller's place.

My plans were to go on up to Dixie, but it was 5 o'clock when I left Falco - and I had left Opp at 10:30 that morning.

Mrs. Tucker likes being custodian at Westview. I'm glad!

Mrs. Foshee came to see me Tuesday afternoon, but I was out in the county. I wonder what she wanted.

I went up to see Dr. Steely Wednesday and she asked if I'd talk on "Libraries in Defense" at the joint music and study club program. Thursday I told her I would. However, when she introduced me she didn't mention a talk and the program had been long, so I said a very few words and sat down.

They let Dr. Stokes, Geneva County Health Officer, hold a baby clinic in the library one afternoon. As a result of it, they got new readers and checked out several books.

They are using the library reading room for classes in first aid.

Some new representatives were at our meeting in Andalusia Thursday morning. We did little; I showed their programs we had on different phases of defense - and we chatted.

I carried a book on old glass that someone at an earlier meeting said she'd like to see. I promised to get someone material on "flower arrangements, etc".

The clubs are giving a benefit - bridge, dominoes, bingo - for the library on April 16 at the County Club. Mrs. G. H. Barnes asked me to come as her guest - and I accepted the invitation. I'm to help spread the news of the benefit around Opp.

ANDALUSIA

They just don't attempt to make posters here. It's true they have no place to put them.

Their adult readers are increasing. Mrs. Sandlin said having the meetings in the library had helped. The women usually get there early, and browse around the library. Not always do they get books then, but they usually come back for them.

People are beginning to read the defense pamphlets.

CAROLINA

I was up there only a short time. Mrs. Powell is a "sorry" custodian.

Mrs. Powell wanted to know if I had received a \$03 for her. Her 18 months will be up April 5th.

Which reminds me - I had a letter from Mrs. Adams, the Carolina woman who works in an Andalusia Cafeteria, asking if I'd come by the cafeteria, asking to see her. (She wants the library job.) I wrote her that I had learned that the officials in that cafeteria were angry with me for having been by to see her before and since I didn't want to offend them again, I wouldn't come by. I did tell her she could come to see me.

GANTT

Mrs. Livingston has been out for three weeks with flu - and pneumonia. (I had had a letter from her daughter saying she was ill and out, but from the letter I had thought she was a two or three days.) Her sister kept it open. Perhaps that accounts for the drop in circulation the period, ending March 17th. It increased this time 2⁺ books.

Mrs. Livingston never totals her books on statistical reports,

so I was explaining that is should be done - and how. Mrs. Bunkley had been typing total "tot" (small space). Mrs. Livingston had thought that was "tots" - and ~~xxxx~~ even had some marked up as visitors!

LOANGO

Poor Mrs. Webb was so upset over a letter she had received from Mrs. Hart. (I sent it to you, Mrs. Roberts.)

W Sometime ago she asked me about putting "The Improvement Era" in the library. The elders in the church had offered the library a subscription to it. We had received it in Union Springs Library and I told her it would be all right. She's a Mormon. What should I do about it?

I suggested that I visit a club meeting and talk to the people - not pointedly about that, however.

Mrs. Webb made a poster of the book cover of the Matchlock Gun. Under a picture showing the statue of liberty, a battle ship, a submarine and an airplane with the caption "The Land of freedom" she had written "Our defense stamps and bonds help to keep this a land of the free."

Another right good poster was a pair of glasses - the lenses of which were American flags - and the caption, "Look through these glasses at everything you buy". Under it she had written, "Careful buying will help to win the war".

At her story hour Saturday she taught the kids to make crepe paper roses - her drawing card - and she checked out to the children eighteen books.

On a bulletin board she had posted the names of the leaders and runners-up in her reading contest.

RIVER FALLS

Sara Tollison is a darn good sponsor, and Mr. Wright - although he doesn't read - is just as interested in the library as she. Soon the man, who runs the meat market - which can be entered from the outside or through the store - is going to Mobile to work. Already Miss Tollison, Mr. Wright and Mrs. Davis are planning to move the library into the meat market. It's roomy; the walls are painted white; it's light - and a decided improvement over the now location.

They have an old tin National Biscuit rack, which they plan to make more substantial, paint white, and use for book shelves.

ROSE HILL

Fate was with me here. I reached Rose Hill before the library

was open, and chatted for forty-five minutes with Dr. Campbell.

I casually asked when he was going to start remodeling his offices, and he has no idea - labor, materials, etc. Then I said, "You're going to let the library be kept here until you do remodel?" And he said that he had told Miss Peek she could stay until then.

Judging from what he said, I decided it would be some time before they started to work - and that it was best to say no more about the library now, but just to try to build up good will.

We had a good time! He told me about how he started medicine, about the North, where he studied medicine (Nashville Tennessee) (I didn't tell him that I went to school there or that my home was in Tennessee) We discussed world affairs - that is, he did. I listened, and dropped a question now and then. He enjoyed it; so did I!

Miss Peek keeps a very neat library.

SAMSON

Mrs. McKinnon and Miss Oliver were cutting out stars and pasting them on the programs for the club meeting. I think they are called on for a lot of that.

At the top of a piece of poster paper they had an eagle under which was "Our pledge to the United States"; then a bust picture of Lincoln under which was written "Read Lincoln's Own Stories".

- On another poster they had a picture of flags of the United Nations, with the caption "Keep 'em flying".

They had an attractive music week poster, too.

They had our former "symphonies on fragrance" display with music books.

On one bulletin board were jackets from new books. On another were newspaper pictures of MacArthur and that V - Vegetables for Victory and What can you do for National Defense.

STRAUGHN

I wish I'd had films in my Kodak (was unable to get any in Opp this week) when I pulled up here. Children were moving like ants in and out of this little library. Those there when I arrived, went back to school and spread the news of new books. More boys and girls raced over.

Mrs. Tillman is a messy housekeeper - reminds me of me. I believe, though, she's a little worse than I.

She had up nothing new.