

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS BUILD THEIR OWN LIBRARY



These are only a part of the 1,000 pupils of Champaign junior high school who have "built" their own library. The program was started last year with the co-operation of all departments of the school and is

being continued this semester. This plan of library expansion will be discussed at the November meeting of the state High School association at the University.

(Courier Staff Photo.)

501 Books Bought, Donated

Industrial Arts Students Build Shelves for Library In Champaign Junior High School.

When the state high school conference opens Nov. 4 to 6 at the university one of the topics to be discussed is the library program that has been launched in Champaign junior high school.

The program has received favorable comment from educators because it has achieved one of the primary objectives of a school library—more pupils are reading more books.

Last year, the 1,000 pupils of the school said, "We want more books." The demand resulted in the student council taking the initiative in a campaign to build a bigger and better school library.

As a result of this campaign when school closed in June, the library inventory showed that: 73 books had been purchased for the library by pupils of various home rooms; five books purchased from proceeds of the school operetta; 52 books purchased with the pupil carnival funds; 70 books purchased by the P-T. A.; 244 books purchased by the school board, and 57 books purchased by interested persons of the community.

With the 501 new books it was necessary to have more book shelves. Pupils of the Industrial arts classes of the school built new shelves. Pupil artists in the school, under the direction of Miss Helen Shaw, contributed their ideas to designing a bookplate to commemor-

ate the founding of the junior high school library. The final steel cut was made from a pupil's drawing, that of Bonnie Dayton.

This year, pupils in the Industrial Arts courses are building more library shelves for the expanding book collection. Cork bulletin boards are being constructed for the library's Current News Corner. The next step in the program is the establishing of a library picture collection.

Two pupil staffs assist Miss Sylvia Hunt, librarian, in the clerical work of the library.

Members of the pupil staff are: Rose Allen, Barbara Atkinson, Harriet Hines, Jeannette Lee, Jeanne McGuire, Marian Northcott, Evelyn Porter, Marian Sims, Jeanne Starkey, Norma Jean Stephens, Anna Sticher, Ardith Strong, Jane Van Brundt, Ada Jean Wiles, James Ayers, Charles Bair, William Bash, Robert Berry, Royal Brown, William Burton, Warren Diener, Paul Foil, Neale Fromm, Dean Herriott, Thomas Hollingsed, C. B. Hood, Jack Howell, Finnis Jolly, Wendel Kent, Richard Knudsen, Glenn Mann, Lewis Myers, Robert Piersol, James Torrence, William Werstler.

Each period of the school day finds three staff members at work behind the charging desk. Here they check attendance, charge books in and out, shelve the returning books and notify the fellow pupils of overdues.