

# Friends of Kentucky Libraries

NEWSLETTER  
May 1967

## Report on New Members - April

During the month, fourteen new members were added. Among them are Woman's Clubs, a Jaycee Club, a Business and Professional Woman's Club, members of a county library board and several librarians. Every individual, every group membership is valuable. We welcome our new members of this month as well as all the others who have joined during this first annual membership campaign.

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## Enclosure

The enclosed sheet, "The Library Comes to You" by Bettie Connor, Woman's editor of the Kentucky Farmer, a reprint from that magazine, though not current, will no doubt be new to many of our members. We hope that our new members who do not have much background on the bookmobile program will be particularly interested.

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## News about Library Planning In Kentucky

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| 1. <u>Edmonson</u> County | The necessary tax to provide a permanent program has been passed.               |
| 2. <u>Pulaski</u> County  | The tax has been passed and accepted by the Fiscal Court.                       |
| 3. <u>Marion</u> County   | The tax has been passed. Building plans have not yet been made.                 |
| 4. <u>Hancock</u> County  | The tax has been passed. The Catholic parish has donated land for the building. |
| 5. <u>Bourbon</u> County  | The tax has been passed but it has not yet been accepted by the Fiscal Court.   |
| 6. <u>Metcalf</u> County  | The petition has not been accepted by the Fiscal Court.                         |
| 7. <u>Leslie</u> County   | The tax has been passed and has been accepted by the Fiscal Court.              |

Congratulations on this much progress and may great success follow!

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## News Item -- Television Program - WAVE

WAVE-TV Station (Louisville) is now filming a program in Morgan and Lawrence Counties on library and bookmobile services. The film is to be used on television. Watch for it!

- - REMINDER - - -

HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE NATCHER ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RETENTION OF FUNDS FOR TITLE I AND II OF THE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES ACT?

Kentucky cannot afford to be cut a penny. We need every cent of the \$677,000 to keep expanding library services expanding - as can easily be seen from the item, above.

Anthology of Poetry by Kentucky Poets - Fall, 1967

The 1967 anthology of Contemporary Kentucky Poetry has set its publication date for early fall - hopefully in September. Similar in format to the 1964 anthology, the new volume will contain poems written by poets in all sections of Kentucky. The editors report that they are impressed with the quality of the poems. Price of the book will be \$4.00 inclusive of sales tax and postage. Orders are already being received. Send a check with your order, mention the number of copies you desire. Address: Contemporary Kentucky Poetry, 110 South Maple Street, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701.

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Wolfe County's New Library. April 25 Opening

The new Demonstration Library opened at Campton, amid great excitement. In a street filled with bus loads of school children, green-costumed girl scouts lining the street, boy scouts marching, all citizens crowded together, the Governor spoke of what this new library will mean to the entire community and paid tribute to all who made it possible.

Following his speech and talks by community leaders, the people of Campton and Wolfe County made their first visit to the library. They saw tastefully decorated rooms, over 6,000 books, many in bright plastic jackets, framed masterpieces on the wall (to be taken out later on a library card) and records of classical and popular music. Members of the local Woman's Club served as hospitality committee. They had baked many dozens of cookies which were served with punch to the hundreds who streamed through the building. Over 300 books were circulated this first day, incredible as it seems that work could go forward during such a terrific crush and celebration. Community pride was everywhere evident! Congratulations, Wolfe County and Campton! *(We pay the rent for this library.)*

\* Friends of Kentucky Libraries were represented by three members. A gift of a leather-bound registration book was presented to the library by this organization. The book was duly signed by the Governor and all visitors.

The Governor received many gifts, among them a volume of poetry ("Blessed Be the Damned", a recent publication) by Mr. William M. Reid, Poet in Residence, Lees Junior College, Jackson, Kentucky.

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News Item - The New York Times has announced the publication of a LARGE TYPE WEEKLY designed for persons with eye difficulties. This is a 28 page tabloid-sized edition for the "virtually handicapped" citizen, exceptional child, etc. For more information, write: The New York Times, New York City 10036. (Rates: 52 issues - \$29.00.)

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New Opportunity for Service

Among the more than 22,000,000 persons in the United States who have physical or mental limitations, 2,000,000 physically handicapped persons cannot handle or read ordinary books or magazines. Two million more are almost homebound. It is obvious that they need special library materials and services if the library is to help them in a program of reading. Title IV (B) of the Library Services and Construction Act has provided federal funds for this year - but for planning only. This is a bare start on an important phase of library service.

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