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## Modern Service Offered By County Rural Library

### Opening of New Branch Anticipated

The expanding Yakima county rural library held an open house yesterday at its headquarters in the new Grange building, on East A street near Second street.

County Librarian Carol Trimble and her assistants told visitors of the operation of the new library system, which now has branches in five communities and soon will open a branch in a sixth community, Nile. Branch libraries already are operating at Terrace Heights, Tietonview, Union Gap, Wiley City and Zillah.

#### Maintenance Explained

The system, which has been built up "from scratch" within the last year, is maintained by the rural county library district, a governmental unit resembling a school district, which was voted into existence in November, 1944. The district was formed according to procedures provided for only a few years ago by the state legislature. The district is permitted to levy a two mill property tax in order to raise funds for maintenance of the system.

A library board, of which George M. Martin of Yakima is chairman, is the governing body for the system. Other board members are Mrs. Charles Morrison, Buena, vice chairman; Jasper Johnson, Union Gap, secretary; Mrs. Myron Woodhouse, Wiley City, and Mrs. Jasper McDonald, Wapato.

#### Book Needs Served

The system works in close cooperation with the Yakima city library, so that residents of the rural communities may obtain books from the city library by mail, through the rural system. Persons registered in the rural system also may obtain books from the city library directly, when they are in town.

The headquarters staff prepared 1300 new books during May for addition to the branch outlets, Miss Trimble revealed. Plans are being made for "bookmobile," an auto which will keep volumes at the different branches circulating in order to provide rural patrons with more reading variety. The bookmobile service is not expected until next spring, Miss Trimble said.

#### Mailing Service Provided

One of the services provided by the system is a mailing service, by which patrons may obtain books which the branch office in their community may not have on hand. The librarian at the branch takes requests from the rural patrons, communicates the request to the headquarters and if the book is available at headquarters or at the city library, it will be mailed to the patron. The only cost to the patron is the payment of postage, Miss Trimble explained.

The local librarians and hours at the branches are: Terrace Heights, Miss Alle Miller, Monday 2-5, 7-9, and Friday 12:30-5; Tietonview, Mrs. J. A. Scogin, Tuesday 2-8; Union Gap, Mrs. D. A. Brown, Monday and Thursday 3-5, 7-9; Wiley City, Miss Mildred Schreiber, Miss Helen Carlson and Mrs. Foster, Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30-6; Zillah, Mrs. George Meade, Monday and Wednesday, 3-5, 7-9, and Saturday, 3-5. The hours planned for the Nile branch are Wednesday, 7-9, and Saturday, 3-5, 7-9.