

# Local Library Program Growing In Popularity

Cocke Countians can be thankful to the Newport Business Women's Club for their interest in culture in promoting a library program for the county.

For several years, members of the club maintained a library for the public's use. The Cocke County Library Board was organized on Aug. 12, 1943, and an agreement was made with the members of the BWC to take over the sponsorship of the BWC Library, valued at \$3,000 at that time.

The late M. O. Allen was the first chairman. The late T. S. Ellison was elected vice chairman and Miss Louise Seehorn named secretary and treasurer.

The library program, with the main library being located in the Memorial Building, is supported by the county, city and state. The library has increased considerably in value since 1943. The main library contains reference books, biographies, fiction and a large selection of children's books and magazines.

In addition to the library here in Newport, a number of neighborhood book stations, which are visited regularly by the regional bookmobile, are

maintained under the program.

The Parrottsville library, the only community library with its own librarian, has a new home, thanks to members of the Parrottsville Ruritan Club. Mrs. B. S. Ellison is librarian there. The library, which has been in the vo-ag building at the school there is being moved to the Davis building, which has been remodeled and redecorated.

The library at the Memorial Building is open from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. six days a week, with Miss Lou Morrel and Mrs. Charles Seehorn as librarians.

Ike Selser is the present chairman. Other officers are Mrs. Charles S. Runnion, Jr., vice chairman, and James McSween, secretary-treasurer.

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