

Rains Also Came...

200 Help Dedicate Library

The rains came, but so did more than 200 people, Sunday afternoon, when the Livonia Library Commission officially dedicated the Alfred Noble Branch Library at 32901 Plymouth road, east of Farmington.

That the building and its 35,000 volumes had been in use since April didn't dampen the enthusiasm of those who dedicated a steady rain and slippery roads to participate in the program. Staff prayers for fair weather weren't answered, but City Librarian Stanley Brien and commission president Joseph H. Jenkin were grateful for those who heard the program and shared the refreshments at the open house.

Mayor Harvey W. Moeke and Council President Peter A. Ventura showed up and

speeches about city accomplishments and the further needs for the library patrons. Also there were other representatives of the city administration, visiting librarians, the members of the local library commission, the architect, educators, and Miss Genevieve Casey, an associate professor in the Wayne State University library school and former state librarian at Lansing.

MISS CASEY was the principal speaker. She analyzed the community's growth and its cultural needs, emphasized the library role in public life—and the future needs of Livonia libraries, which now have only 10,000 books for 103,000 residents. Brien and the commission now are aiming at one book per capita, hope eventually to

have three or four—and a new main library near the center of the city.

Dominic Paris, a Livonia historian, refreshed the memories of the audience with the story of Alfred Noble, a Livonia resident and engineer of Civil War days and for whom the \$445,000 branch library is named.

There was music by the Franklin High School Orchestra of 30 members, directed by Roy Ernst.

There were also a flag presentation to President Jenkin by the VFW post 3941, and a flag given by Jenkin to Brien for the library. Post commander Lewis Brunning gave the gift from the post.

There were clergymen present to offer prayers—the Rev. Fr. Andrew Forish, of St. Michael's Catholic Church; the Rev. W.F. Whittidge, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, and Rabbi David J. Jell, of Temple Beth-El.

... WITH THE NOBLE and Carl Sandburg Branch Library, at 30100 Seven Mile Road, serving the community, the commission, in addition to centering attention on increasing the volumes on the shelves, expects to concentrate on getting money for a main library and add culture to the Civic Center near Farmington and Five Mile Roads.

Librarian Brien now operates the two branches, with a staff of 25 assistants, aides and pages, on an annual budget of \$174,000 with only \$28,000 earmarked for new books and periodicals during the next year.

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men in service

Army Private John R. Anderson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Anderson, 13205 Turner, Detroit, has arrived in Korea and has been assigned as a military policeman in Battery F, 4th Battalion of the 39th Artillery near Incheon.

Pvt. Anderson's wife, Janet Louise, lives at 3641 Grandon, Livonia.

Army Private Michael J. Aversa, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Agostino Aversa, 16719 Riverside Drive, Livonia, has completed a four-week administration course at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

He was trained in the preparation of military records and forms. Instruction was also given in fundamentals of the Army filing system, typing and operation of office machines.

Robert E. Thompson, 19, son of Mrs. Margaret C. Ramsell, 25-145 Princeton, Dearborn Heights, Mich., has been promoted to Army specialist four while serving as an automatic rifleman in Company B, 1st Battalion of the 4th Armored Division's 54th Infantry near Bamberg, Germany.

Spec. Thompson attended Cody High School, Detroit. His father, William H. Thompson, lives at 9100 Beatrice, Livonia.

Army Pvt. Gerald Major Jr., 18, son of Mrs. JoAnne Schloss, 15719 Ingram, Livonia, completed a field communications crewman course Dec. 8 at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

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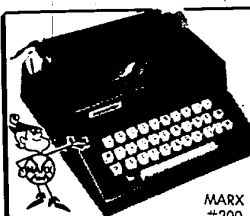
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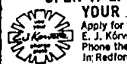
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