

1972

Annual Report of The Altamont Free Library

The board of trustees of the Altamont Free Library met 12 times during 1972. There were 10 regular and two special meetings.

The members of the board and the years their terms expire are: Mrs. D. Wright Westfall, Mrs. Augusts Elgie and O. H. Day, 1974; Mrs. Alton Farnsworth, Mrs. Ellsworth Chesebro and Luther Warner, 1973; Mrs. Edward Heins, John Cole and Roger Keenholts, 1975.

Officers for 1972 were: President, Mrs. Westfall; vice-president, Mrs. Farnsworth; secretary, Mr. Keenholts; treasurer, Mrs. Heins.

Standing committees included: Books, Mrs. Frederick Field, Mrs. Paul Cudney, Mrs. Paul Krauss, Mrs. Chesebro, Mrs. Farnsworth, Mr. Keenholts and the librarian, Mrs. Alton Painter; publicity, Mrs. Painter and Mr. Day; administration and finance, Mrs. Westfall, Mrs. Heins and Mr. Cole; property, Mr. Keenholts; historical materials, Mr. Keenholts.

As of Dec. 31, 1972, there were 8,551 volumes, 41 periodicals and 501 phonograph records available to 1,320 registered borrowers. Readers are kept up to date on new books through a regular listing published in the library news column in the Altamont Enterprise.

The financial report shows receipts of \$24,002.10 and disbursements of \$18,963.62.

In May of 1972 the board accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Ellen Poczik as assistant librarian, and Mrs. Ethel Martin was appointed to the post.

During 1972 the library was the recipient of several gift books, a revolving dictionary stand and a

cash gift of \$222.75 from the Helderberg Women's Club. In August the board decided to increase the library's hours following the opening of the new library in The Bank. The new hours are: Monday, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.; Wednesday, 10 a. m. to 12 noon and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.; Friday, 2 to 9 p. m.; Saturday, 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

In January the board received and unanimously accepted an offer from the National Commercial Bank to include quarters for the library in the new bank building. Since the library's founding in 1916 by the Colony Club, the goal and aspiration of each board had been for a true home for the library, and now that dream is realized. Such a move required much planning and preparation. Members of the board undertook specific aspects of the project. The number of compliments and congratulations which the board has received indicate the success of the project's completion. The board is most grateful to all those citizens who helped in the move. A special note of thanks is extended to the librarian and assistant librarian for all the extra hours of pre-move packing and planning, without which the move could not have been so readily accomplished.

The board is proud of the library facilities and strives to improve them continually. It is grateful to the village of Altamont and the Town of Guilderland for their financial aid, and to Upper Hudson Library Federation and community residents who all contribute to the growth and vitality of the library's role in the community. This year the board is especially happy to express its appreciation to The Bank for its interest and support.

Roger W. Keenholts, Sec.
Mrs. Edward Heins, Treas.