

CHAPTER V

CONTINUED PROGRESS AFTER WORLD WAR II

A series of tabloids prepared from new books at the library began to appear in the Laurens Sun on August 16, 1945, in the hopes that the reading public would become acquainted with some of the new and better books. This continued for about three months and was dropped after the issue of November 8, 1945.

The American Library Association published its list of best books as early as 1945. Twenty-one of the fifty outstanding books of 1945 were available at the Laurens Public Library, it was announced in the Laurens Sun of February 28, 1946.

Mrs. Edna G. Coffin received her second Grade B Certificate in 1946, a certificate issued by the Iowa Library Association, in recognition of her preparation and experience.⁶⁰ In a personal interview with Mrs. Coffin on June 9, 1964, she stated that the certificate was issued after she had worked under a trained librarian for a time, and was the highest certificate issued except to graduates of library schools. She also said that the certificate was valid for five years.

In 1946 the library board decided to place valuable papers, such as insurance papers, in the vault at the Laurens State Bank to protect them and have a place to store them.⁶¹

The original story period for children lasted for a short time, but when the story period was started again in 1946, it was to continue to the present day. The purpose of the story hour, from three to four o'clock on Saturday afternoons, was to introduce children to books and to become acquainted with the library rules and regulations.⁶² The same issue of the Laurens Sun also stated that Mrs. Blaine Gildea was in charge of the first program sponsored by the Child Welfare Department of the Laurens Woman's Progressive Club.

Thirty dollars per month was the librarian's new salary beginning in June of 1946, raised from its former \$27.50 per month.⁶³

Through an error by the Laurens City Council in 1944, a balance of nine hundred dollars was reported which resulted in a tax cut for the Library Fund, according to the minutes of the meeting of the board on June 8, 1946. These minutes indicated that the error was reported to the county auditor and to the council, and request was made for the full tax amount in the future.

National Book Week was again observed in November of 1946, with a special desire to urge the parents to become acquainted with the library, and pointed out to the public that “the library is yours, why not use it?”⁶⁴

The library board asked the grade teachers for lists of books which they recommended for vacation reading, and six of the teachers responded to the request.⁶⁵

The Laurens Public Library owned bound copies of the Pocahontas County Sun back to 1884, and the Laurens Sun from 1917. They were placed in a still cabinet in the office of the Laurens Sun where they reside today.⁶⁶

The Christian Scientists began renting the library for church services in January of 1948, for which they paid one dollar per meeting, did the janitorial work, and furnished the heat.⁶⁷

The old copies of the Congressional Record which were stored in the library for a number of years were given to Buena Vista College, at Storm Lake, Iowa.⁶⁸ In a personal interview with Mrs. Edna Coffin on June 9, 1964, she stated that the back issues of the Congressional Record were not being used at the library, so it was decided to give them to an institution which would have some use for them.

Mrs. Edna Coffin's salary was again raised in 1948, when her wages were changed from thirty to thirty-five dollars per month, according to the minutes of the board of April 1, 1948.

The Laurens Sun of July 29, 1948, indicated that the library board planned to redecorate the library in 1948, and improve the heating system in 1949, to be accomplished with money in the treasury.

In 1949 the library board began to pay with-holding tax on Mrs. Coffin's salary, and change the terms of office for the President, Vice-President and Secretary of its organization to two years instead of one.⁶⁹

Two decisions were reached at the meeting of trustees on June 12, 1949, according to the minutes. Mrs. Edna G. Coffin's salary was raised to forty dollars per month, and non-resident borrower's fees were set at two dollars per year per family. In an article in the Laurens Sun on June 16, 1949, the following statement was made concerning the non-resident fee:

The library is supported by taxes paid by residents of the town of Laurens, and it seems only fair that non-residents should pay this fee to assist in meeting the general expenses and for the privilege of borrowing books. An entire family is entitled to borrow books on the one registration card, and several books may be taken out at one time.

Insurance coverage was again raised on both the building and the contents in 1949, the coverage on the building to \$8,000 and the coverage on the contents to \$6,000.⁷⁰

In 1950, the Christian Scientists who were using the library for church services, donated the tile for a new floor in the basement in the building according to the minutes of the board on January 14, 1950.

For four years and two months the basement of the library was used by the Reserve Corps of the United States Army. According to a lease with the Army, the library received fifty dollars per month for that period of time, with the stipulation that they would alter the smaller room in the basement at the expense of the Army. The basement rooms were used by this organization of the first and third Thursday evenings of each month.⁷¹

Officers were re-elected at the meeting of the board on February 16, 1950, as reported in the minutes. At that same meeting the improvements of the past year were discussed. Those improvements included the painting of the building interior, the installation of a new furnace and new lighting fixtures, and a new tile floor in the basement.

In order to treat all organizations that used the library building in a similar manner, the trustees, according to the minutes of the meeting on March 11, 1950, placed the Woman's Club on the same basis as other groups concerning rental payment.

Another raise in Mrs. Coffin's salary came about as a result of the meeting of the board on January 10, 1951, according to the minutes. Her salary was raised to sixty dollars per month.

In 1951, the trustees initiated a book survey of the subscribers to the Laurens Sun to find out what types of books they wished to be added to the library. A coupon for the survey was provided in the newspaper asking patrons to recommend types of books for purchase.⁷²

The library board designated a committee in 1951 to destroy old books in the library.⁷³

According to an article in the Laurens Sun on September 6, 1951, the library was closed for a week to construct new steps onto the library building, and also to repair the sidewalk leading to the building.

The board at its meeting of September 15, 1951, as recorded in the minutes, decided to place the books in the International Mind Alcove on the regular shelves if they were circulated quite often, and to discard the ones with poor circulation.

A library fund was established at the library in 1952 as indicated by the following information:

A library fund was established for the benefit of the Laurens Public Library as a memorial to the late Karl M. Hakes, former Laurens resident He was well known as a pianist, teacher, and music critic, and had maintained piano studios for more than 30 years in Chicago. The fund will be used for the purchase of books on music. Selection will be made by John Suter of Chicago, friend and former student of Mr. Hakes. Four books, two for adults and two for children have already been added to the library through the memorial fund.

The issues of the Congressional Record which had accumulated since the old issues were given to a college were given to the Drake University Law School in 1952.⁷⁴

According to the minutes of the trustees of May 10, 1952, Mrs. Edna G. Coffin's salary was raised to \$800, retroactive in January of 1952. The minutes of the board on May 16, 1952, indicated that the trustees decided to rent the library building to the Latter Day Saints Church of Laurens for \$2.50 per meeting. A month later the charge went down to one dollar per meeting so that it was the same amount that the Christian Scientists were paying, and the extra money paid in advance for rent was returned.⁷⁵

The new bookshelves were ordered according to the minutes of the board on September 16, 1952. The cost of the shelves was \$590.68, which was revealed in the report of the treasurer at the meeting of November 8, 1952.

An editorial written in observance of National Book Week appeared in the Laurens Sun on November 20, 1952. This editorial gave the following comments about the library:

This is National Book Week, a good time to drop in at the Laurens Public Library, and find out just what the library has to offer residents of the Laurens Community. If you haven't been there you'll have a pleasant surprise. Whether you are old or young it's time to meet new friends and have some fun. So visit the Laurens Public Library today in observance of National Book Week.

Correspondence with the State Librarian Opal Lanner resulted in some suggestions as to how to dispose of out-dated books, and a suggestion to place the letter "J" after the number for children's books.⁷⁶

A long-standing policy was amended at the meeting of the trustees on April 14, 1953, according to information given in the minutes. It was decided that books no longer had to be

held until a meeting of the board if one member had seen the addition to the library. It had been the policy to display all new books at regular meetings before they were placed in the library.

According to minutes of the board on June 9, 1953, Mrs. Edna Coffin was permitted to hire help in the library whenever she needed it.

The roof of the library was reshingled by Jim Holmes at a cost of \$387.54 according to the report of the treasurer at the regular meeting of the trustees on July 22, 1953.

Gifts of sixty dollars were given to Mrs. Edna Coffin from the general fund according to the minutes of the board of January 12, 1954, December 14, 1954, and December 11, 1956. In a personal interview with Mrs. A. Miles Olson, the secretary of the trustees since 1951, statement was made that the extra money paid to Mrs. Coffin on those dates was for the extra time that she spend working at the library. She also stated at that time that Mrs. Coffin had never asked for any extra money for the extra time that she spent working at the library.

In October of 1954 the library board recommended a budget of \$3,200 for expenses, and an additional \$2,500 for library improvements; however, the Laurens City Council approved \$3,600.⁷⁷

People who were seeking to read books mentioned in materials of their organization were informed that “most of the books on the Farm Bureau list, the Woman’s Club list and the ‘best seller’ list, may be found in the Laurens Public Library it was announced this week.”⁷⁸

Preparations for an addition to the library building were started in March of 1955. “The library board saw the need for additional space, which was housing 5,688 books in April of 1955, and began planning for an addition,” stated Mrs. Edna Coffin in a personal interview in Des Moines on June 9, 1964.

Three of the members of the board and the librarian attended a Northwest Iowa District meeting in Spencer, Iowa, on May 10, as reported in the Laurens Sun on May 12, 1955.

An auditor from the State reported a balance of \$1,637.89 in the Library Fund of Laurens. This was later added to the budget of \$3,600 approved earlier by the Laurens City Council.⁷⁹

Insurance was again raised on the building to \$12,000 coverage for fire and windstorm damage, according to the minutes of the board of June 28, 1955.

A contract was given to Stanley Clark for the new addition to the library with a cost of materials and labor not to exceed \$2,550, a contract which included neither plumbing nor wiring.⁸⁰ Its future use was announced in an article in the Laurens Sun on October 13, 1955, as follows: "The addition will be used primarily for a workroom and children's room. It will also make it possible to install an inside stairway to the basement, and to put in a lavatory upstairs and to install a water heater." According to the same article, the cost of the addition was paid for from funds on hand so that a bond issue was not needed, and completion was to be expected in December.

Books from the public library were used for a book fair sponsored by the Woman's Progressive Club in November of 1955. Several hundred books were on display for two days with the emphasis placed upon children's books. It was held in connection with National Children's Book Week.⁸¹

Six new children's chairs were purchased by the Woman's Progressive Club, and a large round table was purchased by the Laurens Lions Club and presented to the library, according to the minutes of the board of March 13, 1956. Another addition to the library in 1956 was a shelf of approximately one hundred books on religion, presented by the Rosary

Society of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Additional religious books were presented from that date onward.⁸²

In December of 1956 the library board went to the library at Havelock, Iowa, and met with a representative from the Iowa State Traveling Library who explained the Federal Library Services Bill.⁸³

The Public Library Statistical Report of December 31, 1956, submitted to the Iowa Library Commission, indicated that the levy was 1,129 mills for the year, and that a total of 11,725 books were circulated. Withdrawn books totaled 186 which gave the library 6,160 volumes at the end of the year.

In January the Christian Scientists, who were still using the basement of the library for church services, decided to paint and decorate the library at their own expense.⁸⁴

The fee for non-residents who borrowed books was changed from two dollars per year per family to fifty cents per year per family, according to the minutes of the meeting of trustees of February 12, 1957.

New hours and opening days were announced in an article in the Laurens Sun on February 21, 1957, as follows:

Effective March 1, the library will be open from 3 to 5:30 P.M. and from 7 to 9 P.M. Monday through Friday, and from 2 to 5 P.M. and from 7 to 9 P.M. on Saturday. At the present time it is open only Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

"Mrs. Coffin worked for three days each week and I worked the other three," stated Mrs. Lulu Cook in a personal interview at the library on June 8, 1964.

Insurance coverage on the building was raised to \$16,000 and was raised to \$6,000 on the contents, according to the minutes of the trustees of March 12, 1957.

The library board agreed, as recorded in the minutes of April 9, 1957, to pay the expenses of the assistant librarian, Mrs. Lulu Cook, to attend the library workshop at the University of Iowa at Iowa City. When she returned from the workshop, Mrs. Lulu Cook

was quoted in the Laurens Sun of June 13, 1957, saying that “such books as The Day Christ Died, and Day of Infamy, which were displayed as being new books at the workshop are already on the Laurens Public Library shelves”

Standards for the library board were first originated in July of 1957, according to its minutes of July 9, 1957. The standards set the basic pay for the librarian at \$1,300 for fifty weeks of work, stated six days as a sick-leave plan, changed the library hours from 2 to 5 P.M. on Saturday afternoons to 2:30 to 5 P.M., set extra help pay at 78 cents per hour, and set a policy wherein the librarian would receive extra pay for janitorial work at the discretion of the Building Committee.

An article in the Laurens Sun on November 28, 1957, invited the public to an open house at the library on December 5, stating that the purpose of the open house “will be to show and explain to the public facilities available,” but actually, an article in the Laurens Sun of December 12, explained an additional purpose for the open house as follows:

Nearly 260 registered guest and over 350' guest by mail' attended the library open house and tribute to Mrs. Edna Coffin, Laurens librarian for the past 43 years last Thursday. About 20 organizations combined efforts for the open house.

Mrs. Edna G. Coffin tendered her formal resignation on December 10, 1957.⁸⁵ Two day later, the following editorial appeared in the Laurens Sun, in part, as follows:

Chief value of a library lies in its use. Two or three generation of Laurens residents, together with thousands of persons who have gone out to other places throughout the world, have used the facilities of this one under Mrs. Coffin's guiding hand.

The library will continue to operate after Mrs. Coffin's retirement. She expects it to go on without her. But her contribution to the library's history has had a lasting effect upon its future, upon the community, and upon the lives of thousands of persons who have had the benefits of good reading.

Mrs. Lulu B. Cook summarized her thoughts about Mrs. Coffin when she said; “Mrs. Coffin was always progressive in her thinking.”⁸⁶

Book selection personnel for the library were decided upon, according to the minutes of the board of January 13, 1958, with Mrs. Sarah Runeberg to order the fiction, and Mrs. Frances Hakes to select the non-fiction. At that same meeting, Mrs. Lulu Cook was named as librarian and Mrs. Cecil Bartley was named as assistant librarian.

National Library Week was observed in 1958, according to an article in the Laurens Sun on March 13, 1958, with a display of books placed in the Southworth building from the collections of individuals in the community and from the Laurens Public Library.

A project to set aside a Woman's Club memorial bookshelf for its past and deceased members, to be donated by members of the Woman's Club, was announced in April. The project plans called for all past members of the club to be recognized by November.⁸⁷

Two fine-free days were initiated in May of 1958, to enable the patrons who had long overdue books to return them without charge or penalty.⁸⁸ In an article in the Laurens Sun on May 15, 1958, it was indicated that fifty-six, long-overdue books had been returned during the two fine-free days at the public library.

In September of 1958 the trustees decided to raise Mrs. Cecil Bartley's salary to ninety cents per hour, effective November 1, 1958.⁸⁹

A new feature for the observance of National Book Week was started in 1958 when pupils from the Laurens Community School were invited to visit the library, according to an article in the Laurens Sun on October 30, 1958. Twenty books on the Woman's Club memorial bookshelf were also featured as a part of the activities according to the article. The Woman's Club memorial shelf and books were formally presented to the library in

November with thirty-two books represented. More books were to be added later according to the article in the Laurens Sun of November 20, 1958.

Extensive records were kept daily since 1927 by the librarians. The statistics of January 1959, included circulation of magazines and books by type, county and city registrations, books purchased and donated, number of callers and visitors, number of reference questions asked amount of fines, of books mended, and the number of books withdrawn.⁹⁰

The library board, according to its minutes of January 14, 1959, decided to purchase \$2,214 worth of furniture, including bookshelves, periodical racks, chairs, a table and four armchairs.

Circulation during the year of 1958 jumped to an all-time high of 21, 250 books, according to an article in the Laurens Sun on January 22, 1959.

A decision of the trustees recorded in the minutes of February 17, 1959, raised Mrs. Cook's salary to \$1,350 per year.

Revampment of the Laurens Public Library got started in February of 1959 when the children's reading area was moved into the new addition of the building. Mary Marquis, then Iowa State Library area representative, assisted the library officials in formulating the plans which called for new shelving in the main room of the library, added space for magazines, and a lounge and study area for adults and older students.⁹¹

Four hundred dollars worth of reference books, donated to the Laurens Public Library through the Federal Library Services Act, began arriving in March of 1959, with the last shipment obtained in January of 1960.⁹²

Insurance coverage on the contents in the library was increased to \$10,000, according to the minutes of the trustees of March 10, 1959. That made a total insurance coverage of \$25,000 on the building and contents.

Revampment of the library started in February of 1959, was completed in April of 1959, according to an article in the Laurens Sun of April 30, 1959, which also stated the following:

Recognizing the need for changes, the library board decided to rearrange and refurbish the library to meet present-day requirements and also anticipated needs. Because of budget limitations, however, it was impossible to do this in one reorganization project. It was for this reason that the board adopted the plan of spreading the improvements and cost over a period of time.

The Superintendent of Schools of Storm Lake, Iowa, spoke to the board on coordinating school and public libraries, the Christian Church was allowed to use the library basement free of charge for Bible School, and Mrs. Cook was to be reimbursed for attending the workshop in Iowa City, counting that week as one of her vacation weeks.⁹³

Seven books were placed in the library by the Laurens Garden Club in May of 1959, and it was planned to present more books from time to time, covering different phases of gardening, horticulture, nature appreciation, landscape design, and flower arrangement.⁹⁴

Mr. J.H. Halterman, Superintendent of the Laurens Community School and a member of the library board, suggested that the visits by the grade school students during National Book Week be spaced through a month rather than through one week.⁹⁵ It was announced in the Laurens Sun on October 29, 1959, that the school students would tour the library during the first two weeks in November.

“Mrs. Lulu Cook requested that her salary be reduced \$25.00 for 1960 because of the limit on the income that she could receive and still receive her pension.”⁹⁶

A collection of books about the State of Iowa was started in May of 1960, according to a personal interview with Mrs. Cook on June 10, 1964.

Librarians from surrounding communities attended one-day workshop at the Laurens Public Library on June 24, 1960, which was conducted by Mary Marquis, the Northwest Iowa State Library area representative.⁹⁷

The Child Welfare Department of the Laurens Woman's Progressive Club honored four girls for their participation in the story hour program the past summer. Two of the girls were honored for having read the most books during the summer program, and the other two girls were honored for having attended every meeting for the ten-week period.⁹⁸

A new charging desk and card catalog were ordered in September, according to the minutes of the board of September 7, 1960.

A special meeting of the library board and the trustees of Swan Lake Township was held on September 21, 1960. According to the minutes of that meeting, a contract was signed in which a portion of tax monies of the township would be allocated for the Laurens Public Library. The contract provided Swan Lake Township residents with all library services in lieu of paying a non-residence fee.

Five different sources in October of 1960 donated books to the library, the J.L. Galloway family, Mrs. W.J. Allen, the Laurens Woman's Progressive Club, the Laurens Woman's Club, and the Laurens Wa Tan Ye Club.⁹⁹

For the second year in a row, Mrs. Lulu Cook informed the board, according to the minutes of January 19, 1961, that the maximum amount that she could accept as salary was \$1,380 for the year.

It was decided that the library would begin having a collection of records from the Iowa State Traveling Library if the Woman's Progressive Club would order and be responsible for the records.¹⁰⁰ The minutes of the board on April 11, 1961, indicated that thirty records had been ordered and would be distributed just as books were.

In April of 1961, the Laurens Young Woman's Christian Association commenced to take books to shut-ins and people in the elder citizen's home, and called it the "Basket of Books" program. Mrs. Lulu Cook, in a personal interview on June 10, 1964, stated that the program was, and still is, a very successful operation.

A large gift of approximately one thousand books and shelving from the Fred C. Gilchrist estate was given to the library by Mrs. Ella Gilchrist in September.¹⁰¹

The minutes of the board of September 12, 1961, indicated that the total attendance for the ten-week session of the story hour in 1961 was 536.

Insurance coverage was raised on the contents of the Laurens Public Library on March 13, 1962, according to the minutes of the trustees of that date, and the hours for the children's section, which had been placed in one of the basement rooms in March with Mrs. Theone Harris in charge, was given.

In September of 1962, Mrs. Lulu Cook requested one extra day of vacation which was granted, but she had to pay the helper who took her place for that day.¹⁰²

Mrs. Sarah Runeberg presented a list of book needs to her fellow members of the board on November 13, 1962, according to the minutes of that date. The board decided at that meeting to buy an unabridged dictionary, have fifty-two books rebound, and re replace fifty-two old books.

To help the children's department of the library, the Woman's Progressive Club donated twenty-five children's books, with special bindings, to place in the children's section in the basement.¹⁰³

Total volumes in the library at the end of 1962 were 8,750, and circulation for the year was 31,116. That information was supplied from a statistical report sent to the United States Office of Education in 1962.

According to the minutes of January 8, 1963, the board discussed goals for 1963, and the number one goal was for the improvement of the outside of the library building.

The area librarian for the Iowa State Traveling Library from Mason City made a list of what she termed "necessary books" for the library; the board, according to its minutes of March 12, 1963, ordered most of the books that she had listed.

Mrs. Lulu Cook asked the board in April to go to the workshop in Iowa City. The board decided to set the workshop expenditures in the budget and send the librarian every three years, with the amount pro-rated over that period of time.¹⁰⁴ It is recorded in the minutes of the board on May 14, 1963, that the board agreed to pay Mrs. Cook's expenses for the workshop in 1963 because she could not be given a salary increase and keep her pension. Mrs. Cook brought autographed books by Iowa authors to the Laurens Public Library from her workshop trip.¹⁰⁵ Mrs. Cook, according to the minutes of the trustees, attended the workshops in Iowa City in 1957, 1958, 1959, and 1963. In a personal interview with Mrs. Theone Harris on June 6, 1964, she stated that "Mrs. Cook always comes back from the workshops in Iowa City charged with enthusiasm."

Ray Davis was paid \$341.00 in September for painting the exterior of the library building, according to the minutes of the board of September 10, 1963.

At the final board meeting of 1963, the board was notified that the budget for \$6,455.00 was passed, but that the Swan Lake levy would be deducted from the total.¹⁰⁶

- ⁶⁰Article in the Laurens Sun, March 4,1946.
- ⁶¹Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, April 12,1946.
- ⁶²Article in the Laurens Sun, May 23,1946.
- ⁶³Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, June 8, 1946.
- ⁶⁴Article in the Laurens Sun, November 14,1946.
- ⁶⁵Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, May 10,1947.
- ⁶⁶Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, September 13, 1947.
- ⁶⁷Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, January 10,1948.
- ⁶⁸Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, March 13, 1948.
- ⁶⁹Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, April 9,1949.
- ⁷⁰Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, August 13, 1949.
- ⁷¹Article in the Laurens Sun, January 26, 1950.
- ⁷²Article in the Laurens Sun, February 15, 1951.
- ⁷³Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, May 12, 1951.
- ⁷⁴Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, April 12, 1952.
- ⁷⁵Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, July 15, 1952.
- ⁷⁶Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, March 10, 1953.
- ⁷⁷Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, October 12, 1954.
- ⁷⁸Article in the Laurens Sun, January 20, 1955.
- ⁷⁹Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, May 23,1955.
- ⁸⁰Contract between the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees and Stanley Clark, November 8, 1955.
- ⁸¹Article in the Laurens Sun, November 17, 1955.
- ⁸²Article in the Laurens Sun, May 17, 1956.
- ⁸³Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, December 11, 1956.

- ⁸⁴Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, January 8, 1957.
- ⁸⁵Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, December 10, 1957.
- ⁸⁶Personal interview with Mrs. Lulu B. Cook, June 8, 1964, with permission to quote.
- ⁸⁷Article in the Laurens Sun, April 3, 1958.
- ⁸⁸Article in the Laurens Sun, May 1, 1958.
- ⁸⁹Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, September 9, 1958.
- ⁹⁰Statistical record of the Laurens Public Library, January, 1959.
- ⁹¹Article in the Laurens Sun, February 26, 1959.
- ⁹²Personal interview with Mrs. Lulu B. Cook, June 8, 1964, with permission to quote.
- ⁹³Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, May 12, 1959.
- ⁹⁴Article in the Laurens Sun, May 14, 1959.
- ⁹⁵Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, October 13, 1959.
- ⁹⁶Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, February 2, 1960.
- ⁹⁷Article in the Laurens Sun, June 24, 1960.
- ⁹⁸Article in the Laurens Sun, August 11, 1960.
- ⁹⁹Article in the Laurens Sun, October 27, 1960.
- ¹⁰⁰Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, March 15, 1961.
- ¹⁰¹Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, September 12, 1961.
- ¹⁰²Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, September 11, 1962.
- ¹⁰³Article in the Laurens Sun, November 15, 1962.
- ¹⁰⁴Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, April 9, 1963.
- ¹⁰⁵Article in the Laurens Sun, June 13, 1963.
- ¹⁰⁶Minutes of the Laurens Public Library Board of Trustees, December 10, 1963.