

FIFTY YEARS AND FORWARD

A HISTORY OF THE WYCKOFF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

1921 - 1972

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Wyckoff was a place name long before it became a township. Since 1771 it was the core name of Franklin Township, and had its own identity as a place of "high ground," a true early American village. So it was not strange that the villagers thought of themselves as residents of Wyckoff.

As a part of this scene, during the early years of this twentieth century, there was a group of women who were named the Women's Work Committee. They were literate, educated and articulate, and in January of 1921 in a meeting with a Miss Sarah Askew of Trenton, the group was informed about "books and libraries"; about the formation of "Public Library Associations" in rural communities. Sarah Askew was the librarian of the Public Library Commission of the State of New Jersey.

Apparently Miss Askew was very convincing and highly informative. Following her presentation, the women of the Work group passed a resolution to form a Public Library Association in Wyckoff. While the active committee spearheaded this effort, an early public meeting was called, and from the record of that day we find an even distribution of both men and women, combining their efforts in behalf of the new organization.

Many old-time names appear in the early minutes, and are repeated for many succeeding years.

The guiding catalyst here was Mrs. Thomas Rambaut, ably assisted by Virginia C. Hubbard and Mrs. F. J. Lockwood. The original meeting took place on January 25, 1921, and as early as February 7, 1921, an organization meeting was held at which Mrs. Rambaut presided as chairman, and Mrs. Hubbard took notes as secretary for the meeting. A constitution and a set of by-laws was ready, presented and these guide-lines for the future were adopted. This efficient speed must be noted, for it represents the sincere desire and urgency with which the group got down to business and maintained the early momentum of the founders.

Captain Itzen, whose name was familiar for many later years, was chairman of the organization committee, and had submitted the Constitution and BY-laws for acceptance. It is not clear who prepared the documents but the committee was made up of Cap Itzen, J. M. B. Frost, and Jack Ward.

Following the formal organization meeting, the election of officers followed. The first to head the new association were: Mrs. Rambaut, president; Mrs. George Hubbard, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Franklin Lockwood, vice president. A drive for membership was immediately begun and all who were to join before February 23, 1921, would be designated "Charter Members." The name formally adopted was "Wyckoff Public Library Association." The first meeting of the trustees as designated occurred on February 9th.

Through the years that follow, the meeting of the trustees was planned to occur once a month, while the whole association membership was to meet annually, in May.

The early minutes disclose that some of the monthly meetings were not held, due to a consensus that, at intervals, a meeting was not required to transact necessary business.

On April 1, 1921, it is recorded that the association was formally incorporated, and that all members, trustees, and officers previously registered as such, became members of the incorporated association. The record lists 228 names of villagers, which shows a phenomenal interest of the townspeople in this adventure into literacy. The official incorporators are listed as Margaret Rambaut, Jennie Arthur Lockwood, Virginia C. Hubbard, John D. Beveridge, and Peter Walker.

The main objective of these pioneers was to obtain good reading for the entire village. As time passed, it was the women who had sponsored the project, who also continued to carry on the week to week operations of the library.

It was at this April meeting that an offer, made by Peter Van Houten, to lease his small building to the library, was accepted. This was on Railroad Avenue, (now Main Street) and this became the first home of the new library.

The next serious activity was to ~~raise~~ raise funds for books and operations, as well as to pay for the now recurring monthly rent.

To observe how volatile was this group of library friends, the trustees decided that two formal dances be held each year; one as a May dance, another in the Fall, for Hallwe'len.

Early in the proceedings, a publicity committee was established by selecting twelve persons, each representing a specific activity and section of town. It was decided also, that library hours would be initially set for Wednesday and Saturday of each week, from 3 P. M. to 9 P. M.

Let's look at the twelve who enthusiastically furthered the advance of the library at this time. They were:

George A. Hubbard; Joseph Ruddick; Grace Zabriskie; Edmund Cook; Charles Pulis; Herman Elomburg; Paul Van Ness; Franklin Lockwood; Mrs. James Hollyer; Virginia C. Hubbard; and William (famous Bill) Scott. These names were to appear and reappear in Township affairs for many years to come.

From a perusal of the minutes of 1921, it is apparent that the committees and individuals accomplished their assignments. Memberships were solicited and paid for at the established rate of \$1.00; it was emphasized always that the library was free to any resident who wished to use it.

On March 18, 1921, it was reported to the trustees that the building was being readied for library functions, and would be available in four weeks. The rental was \$15.00 per month. Mr. Van Houten would also be responsible for starting the fire in the winter, ahead of time, to warm up the room. The building was specially painted inside and out, a new floor was installed, and a chimney added. This Main Street location thus became the official address of the Library Association, as stipulated in the Certificate of Incorporation.

The year 1921 was one of experimentation and was given over to establishing "The Library" as a town entity.

The actual operations were conducted for this period by the interested trustees and friends. At the final meeting for 1921, there was reported to be a balance in the treasurer's account of \$235.14.

This final meeting also produced a motion, passed, to engage the services of one Miss Bergen, at the rate of \$6.00 per week, to take entire charge of the library for the first three months of 1922.

Meetings were sometimes postponed or even cancelled by storms that prevented easy travel on the then unplowed country roads. And so it was that both regular meetings for January and February of 1922 were delayed. However, later in February, the trustees met to conduct necessary official business.

Miss Bergen offered to serve during January and February without pay, to save the Board \$48.00 in expense, but her offer was accepted for four weeks only, and Miss Bergen continued to serve as librarian for the three months.

On May 8th, 1922, the first annual meeting of the Wyckoff Public Library Association was held at the chapel of the Reformed Church. This was an important milestone in the life of the Association. The report by Margaret Rambaut, the first of many to follow, was a review of the year, from that early January day in 1921 up to the meeting date in 1922. This report covered five and one half pages of single-spaced typewritten sheets. This is indicative of the energy and devotion Mrs. Rambaut and her colleagues gave to this venture. The Library's first year of life was a great happening for the town.

A few statistics will serve to indicate what these accomplishments were and how they were achieved.

Mrs. Rambaut pointed out that on January 25, 1921, twenty-five persons braved high winds and intense cold to meet at the Reformed Church chapel; that these interested persons represented the several town organizations such as: the Township Committee; the Reformed Church; the Board of Education; the Board of Health; the Building and Loan Association; the American Legion; the League of Women Voters; the Junior Order of American Mechanic (sic); the Daughters of America; all members of the Women's Work Committee; and other interested persons.

Mrs. Rambaut notes, "Of the twelve men asked to serve on these committees, only one declined, and he had a very good excuse."

Two members were added to the circulation committee during the year. They were Mrs. M. B. Frost and Gisela Frederick. Of Miss Frederick, more later.

From the scope and wide ranging activities noted in this first annual report, it is very evident that the group who so devotedly had furthered the birth and first year of life of the new association, had wholeheartedly given much time, energy and thoughtfulness to the project and its needs. These activities covered items from door mats, to book shelves, to books. The report shows that after May, 1921, interested volunteers of both sexes performed the necessary tasks to set up a proper functioning library.

So it was that on May 14th, 1921, at 3 o'clock of a Saturday afternoon, the doors were opened with 250 volumes loaned by the State, 200 volumes given by the State, and 600 volumes secured through the Zachary Maser Post of the American Legion and residents and friends of the trustees and the community.

Among those who served as volunteer librarians during the first year we find many familiar names. There are listed Mrs. Ennis, Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Harold Waller, Mrs. Bergen, Mrs. H. B. Frost, the Misses Katharine Frost, Beatrice Bergen, Marie Holbyer, and Gisela Frederick. The trustees also served from time to time, as emergencies arose. And so it was that Beatrice Bergen served officially as librarian for the first three months of 1922. She did all the chores that had to be done with accessions, often taking work home to finish the job. The Women's Club of Wyckoff, established just now in 1922, had shown a great interest in aiding the library with both money, and gifts and services.

It should be noted here that this service to the library has continued through all the years to the present time and still continues. The Wyckoff Women's Club has never lost its interest in our library.

During the first year the total circulation appears to have been 3,791 books recorded as going out. At the end of this period 1900 books had been received from all sources of which 1,785 had been catalogued.

Mrs. Rambaut, in her first report also noted that the Wyckoff Public Library was one of 26 new libraries established in the State of New Jersey during the year 1921. In her remarks she stated what her concepts were for a library, and the resolve that the Wyckoff Library should so function for the community.

It was a great first year. Success was achieved through the determined efforts of many sincere and responsible civic-minded individuals.

Throughout the years, the early leaders continued to lead. Virginia Hubbard compiled the minutes of many meetings, from which much of this detail is derived. Mrs. Rambaut continued as president of the association, and Mrs. Lockwood was ever on hand as vice-president, putting together the details of efficient operation that was ongoing.

Behind the scenes, we are happy to note that a succession of interested males were on hand to assist. From time to time the names of these gentlemen appear, noting their functions and responsibilities. Mostly they helped raise funds. Fund raising events were well organized dances, twice each year, and always socially and financially successful. This record tells us that there was a happy, enthusiastic group willing to work, and to play as well, for the benefit of the library.

The annual reports made to the May meetings of each succeeding year give us many details of interest. During the second full year of the library's life statistics show that all areas of activity were improved. More books, more members, and higher circulation. During 1922 several persons performed as librarian. Lillian Jackson served in the early part of that year, while Mrs. Jackson was librarian later in the season. After December 1st, 1922, Miss Gisela Frederick became the

regular paid librarian. Help was received from the State Library Service, and Miss Askew and a Miss McKinstry spent some time at the library, educating and assisting the volunteers in the operation of their work.

By amendment to the Association's constitution, the Board of Trustees was increased to five in number from the original three, in order to obtain a broader support and redistribute responsibilities. In addition to the three officers, the added trustees were James B. Bergen, and John Ackerson. This was accomplished at the annual meeting of May 14, 1923.

Fund raising events during the year included a cake sale, a card party, and several organized dances. The usual drive for memberships continued to which a nominal number of villagers responded.

At the end of 1923, a New Year's Eve party was an interesting social event. There was a four piece orchestra which cost \$20.00, chairs were hired and refreshments were served. It was a success socially and financially; funds in excess of \$37.00 were returned to the treasurer as gain.

At an early meeting in 1924, the office of secretary-treasurer was separated into two parts so that two individuals would serve in those positions instead of one. This, then, made the Board of Trustees, four officers and one additional board member. There was during 1924, an ongoing discussion of the need to buy a plot of land upon which ultimately the Board planned to build its own building. This discussion was to continue for the next thirty-five years.

Gisela Frederick, meanwhile, continued to serve as librarian. A rental collection was established in July 1923, and new books bought or donated as they were published, were rented out at the rate of two cents per day for seven days loan. Some of these new Accessions were donated by Mr. Bergen, Mrs. Rambaut, and by Gisela Frederick. Eleven volumes were purchased. Monies received from the rentals was used to buy additional books.

It is to be noted, that throughout the records, there is evidence of interest by local villagers of support for the library's operation. For instance, coal was donated by Mr. Woodbury to make available heat during the winter months. The Women's Club continued to serve by supplying some funds, as well as volunteers, to the library from time to time.

During 1923, an emphasis was placed upon securing more and better children's books. Children became consistent borrowers and the need to serve them became more apparent as time passed. A committee, of which John Ackerson was chairman, arranged the series of social, fund raising events during the year. All of these seemed to be successful and enjoyable occasions. Four such affairs netted the library treasury the sum of \$416.47 during 1923. This, from a "Cake Sale", card party, Hallowe'en Dance and a New Year's Eve social and dance. The "BIG EVENT" was the Hallowe'en Dance, rated as being "probably the most successful dance Wyckoff ever had." It was

well attended and we must surmise that the 1923 Wyckoff villagers did indeed like to dance; not only the young, but a fun-loving older adult group as well.

At the 1924 meeting, the current officers were re-elected, with one change. Mrs. Hubbard was now the secretary only, and James Bergen became the Treasurer.

The annual report for 1923 disclosed that the librarian, Miss Frederick, was paid \$298.50 during the year for her services, and an additional \$10.00 for expenses to a convention in Atlantic City in respect to library operations.

The records further disclose that there was no diminution of effort on the part of the Board, nor did their enthusiasm for the project waver. Routine isn't easy. It means persistent effort to accomplish the every day, every week chores that must be done to keep going. This was done, faithfully. The results are at hand to support that conclusion. Books were regularly added to the growing collection, and just as regularly books were removed and discarded for a variety of reasons.

During these four years, 2502 books were taken in. Shelf space being at a premium, only well circulated books could be kept available for the public. Only 90 books were actually purchased by the library board, including the rental collection. All others were donated by residents of the community, which speaks well for the citizens and the organizations' support of their fledgling library. It is also an unspoken commentary upon the continuing efforts of a small but devoted group comprising the Library Association.

March of 1925 marked a new high for circulation when the number of books borrowed reached 607. Since circulars had been sent out to the public, by way of newspapers and through children of the Franklin Township school, it was agreed that "it pays to advertise" a library function. It must be remembered that during these years, Wyckoff was still a place name, a part of Franklin Township. But a change was soon to come about.

The fifth annual report was once more given by library president, Mrs. Hambaut, on May 10, 1926. It had been a good year, with 303 volumes listed as accessions. Of these 237 were gifts from friends of the library. The names of donors are many; familiar names reappear and new names come into view, a happening that seems to occur every year. There was, for instance, a donation of forty books by an unknown donor. These titles are not separately stated, as to type or field, fiction or non-fiction. A decrease in total circulation was explained by the fact that the library was closed for a month due to an epidemic of contagious disease among the young people; specifically scarlet fever and measles.

A Children's Book Week was celebrated in November, 1925, and a total of 31 new books for children were added to the collection. This was from a contribution by John Mackenzie of Franklin Lakes, and other contributions made at the library.

Gisela Frederick continued to be the paid librarian, with occasional substitutions by Mrs. Haas.

Mrs. Rambaut made a point in a current report, that what the library needed was not more books, but more readers. To that end, a continuing effort was made to reach old members for renewals of their memberships and to contact all new people coming into town, as such information became available.

The report for the sixth annual meeting, held in May, 1927, discloses growth and progress. The entire collection was greater in numbers. During this year, the whole collection of the Wyckoff Reformed Church Sunday School library and of the Sicomac Community Club, was presented to the library. While these books were not all suitable, most of the gift books were placed upon the shelves for public use. Borrowers and total circulation both reached new highs in library history.

Each year the members and trustees managed to operate a successful library. Each year events were continued which raised funds for the treasury, and new volunteers came into the picture. The old nucleus was ever present and Gisela Frederick continued her faithful service as librarian, often making gifts of books and money to her library.

Throughout the records of the annual meetings, a recurring theme turns up. The Library should have its own location and building. A building fund was early established but it did not grow to any substantial amount during the first seven years. Recurring mention is made of the plan to purchase a plot. Each time it was not done for various reasons, mostly financial.

There was a consensus among the trustees, however, that land should be bought. The business-men and bankers in town thought it a good idea to have an expanded library on its own land and in its own building. Among several offers recorded was one from the Wyckoff Reformed Church of a lot adjoining the parsonage, (on Wyckoff Avenue where the A & P is presently located) 65 feet wide and 175 feet deep. The price for this plot in May, 1927 was quoted at \$1800.00. Other sites were discussed, some nearer to the schoolhouse. (Meaning the Washington School).

In a report, not often in writing, in 1927, Miss Frederick remarks among other items, that some borrowers "were astonished that we had 'Elmer Gantry' on the shelves. We are very liberal in our selections, and many borrowers straightway left their names on the list for 'Elmer', since it was on the rental shelf. The two most read books for this year have been 'Sorrel and Son' and 'Drag'."

Miss Frederick also told the story that many borrowers wanted books given by Mr. Ackerson, and would take a book if the gift plate carried his name. Such was his reputation, that if Mr. Ackerson had made the gift, it was forthwith supposed to be a 'good book'. Miss Frederick reports other human interest episodes from time to time, proving that her tenure as librarian was not without encounters both humorous, friendly, and sometimes annoying.

On June 8, 1927, a resolution appears in the record, that the trustees recommend to the Association that the Reformed Church plot offered earlier, be purchased. Apparently further thoughts prevailed, for at a meeting held in July, 1927 Mr. Ackerson moved that the Church Consistory be relieved of the option to sell, since the Library Board could not see its way clear to complete the transaction. The plans to find a home of its own once more was delayed.

Even available operational funds were up and ~~down~~, sometimes rather low. The treasury was rejuvenated by a determined drive, and from special gifts from interested, civic-minded library friends.

Progress was always evident, with a gentle but definite upward curve appearing in the regularly reported statistics. Gisela Frederick continued to perform faithfully as chief librarian, with volunteer assistance from board members and friends of the library.

At the May, 1928 meeting of the whole association, Mrs. Rambaut announced her desire to retire after having conducted successfully, the affairs of her beloved library for the first seven years of its infant life. She expressed her regret at finding it necessary to leave the Board, but disclosed that new duties in another national organization would require more time than she had available. The Board members were truly sorry to part company with this gracious founding member.

Thus a new regime was begun in 1928, and John Ackerson became the president of the Association. James B. Bergen, who was earlier an active member, was now the treasurer, while Mrs. Hubbard became vice-president. Clarence J. Ward, a new name in the lists, was elected to be secretary, and Grace L. Russell, of Russell Farms, came on the Board as a new trustee.

Gisela Frederick, the constant librarian, continued to relate tales from her experiences at the book desk. She sometimes found notes within the book pages, forgotten by the lender, but expressive of the humanities of children in their daily lives.

During that seventh year, the paying members (at \$1.00) were down to only 148 persons. It became necessary that a strong effort to re-enlist the old friends into active participation be made promptly.

The lack of shelf space, and other clear space, was an ongoing fact of life; a fact that continually brought up the problem of land and building acquisition. This hope was expressed again by Mrs. Rambaut in her final report. It was her great hope that such an event should have come to fruition and since it had not, that most surely it would be an item of first consideration in the immediate future.

In 1926, what was left of Franklin Township after the secession earlier of Spikertown, (Wortendyke) to Midland Park, and the creation of the Borough of Franklin Lakes out of the northern and western part of the Township, became the Township of Wyckoff. Franklin Township had ceased to exist.

All names and loyalties now belonged to Wyckoff in its own right, as an official political entity.

And now Wyckoff could be distinguished by its own place names, such as Sicomac, on the west, East Wyckoff, and Wyckoff center. The various places had each developed its own local civic groups, fire companies, social clubs, etc. The library was the center of interest for all of Wyckoff, and it was now "The Wyckoff Public Library." It was nevertheless, a privately operated, volunteer association and had to secure funds in whatever manner open to the group, if it was to continue to serve the public need. This the group did, never failing, always finding new interested children and adults to function in the necessary operations. The library prospered, but slowly. It was finally agreed that at least \$100.00 per year be expended for new books; such books to be acquired by selection of a book committee, together with the librarian, and the president of the association.

The annual spring dances and the Halloween dances were being continued, as were the card parties organized by friends of the library. Thus funds were supplied, never in great amounts, but regularly, to conduct an efficient library service to all the villagers. The Wyckoff Women's Club must be given recognition and appreciation for its continuing aid efforts. Miss Fredorick must be cited, too, for her consistently friendly attitudes to her job, and to the patrons of the library.

It is interesting that during the second ten-year life of the Wyckoff Library Association, men had assumed greater responsibilities. The early years seem to have been dominated by the original 'Women's Work Committee' and the founding members. When Mrs. Rambaut left the board of trustees, men appeared on the scene and continued thereafter to assist in the management and operations of the library.

This was a good omen, and indicative of the interest that the whole community had in the library's functions; that it should not have been exclusively a civic endeavor of just willing female members of the village.

The names of James B. Bergen and John Ackerson appear and reappear. Funds were never plentiful and there was never a time when the board could relax and coast. Funds were raised through new ventures continuously planned and carried out. The card parties and dances continued, and regular solicitation for old and new members occurred every fall season. While the nominal membership fee was only \$1.00, which conferred voting rights, many contributed much more than the minimum, and it was from these larger contributions that the library was able to keep a supply of new books on the shelves.

There was a point of time in April 1936, when the board had a firm offer for a plot at the corner of Highland and Everett Avenues, reported at an initial price of \$1800.00 and for cash, it could be had for only \$1500.00. The building fund at this date had something less than \$300. as a balance; the board members pledged at this meeting sums for this need, and at the close of the meeting the fund showed a potential of \$982.00. ~~2000.00~~

It was decided to approach certain townspeople for subscriptions for the purpose of acquiring this desirable corner. The members of the board agreed to work on this idea at once.

At this moment of time, Frances Frederick, sister of Gisela, had dressed a beautiful, antique doll, and she proposed that 15 persons contribute to an immediate drawing for the doll. This was done; Mr. Ackerson won the doll, and the building fund balance rose to \$1002.00.

The ingenuity and enthusiasm of this group of volunteers, to make a better library for Wyckoff, must be stressed. All these efforts were truly a labor of love. It is of interest to note that the June 1936 meeting of the Board celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Wyckoff Library.

Concurrently, Miss Frederick reluctantly reported that the library was in the 'doldrums' and that the reader circulation had fallen off greatly. In trying to account for this, she remarked that it perhaps was due to 'George and Gracie' on the radio; a similar observation, then currently attributed to Sinclair Lewis, in a piece written for the Yale Literary magazine. Lewis said that it seemed one could say that books do not sell anymore. Whereas a novel some years back (of 1936) would sell 50,000 copies, now they only sell 10,000. He attributed this not only to the Depression, but to the movies, the automobile, the road-house, bridge, and most of all, to the radio. These then, were the enemies of book reading. Strange, isn't it, that later we were to lament the advent of television as a destroyer of reading and conversation.

A seeming lack of public interest in the project, caused the acquisition of land to be pushed again to the background. So during 1936, the land deal was deferred.

At the 1937 meeting, concluding the sixteenth year of the library's life, we note that the annual Halloween dances have passed into limbo. This was done so that all the patrons' contributions, at \$5.00, could be used for library needs, and none diverted to expenses of conducting a dance. The Wyckoff Women's Club and Grace Russell continued to be generous contributors, in addition to a group of patrons who faithfully contributed \$5.00 per year. The regular memberships were still at \$1.00; books could be borrowed by anyone applying for a library card, with no fees attached to that privilege.

The patrons and members were also borrowers. The year ending May 1937 was not a good one for library use or growth. The income from fines and rentals was considerably diminished, precluding the availability of new books being added to the shelves. A thought expressed by Miss Frederick may have had validity. It was that "our readers had read all the books available," and new ones had to be secured in order to increase the circulation figures.

No action had been taken as to land acquisition since the report of a year earlier. In fact the balance of the 'fund' was now reported at \$880.00, below an earlier reported figure. This suggests that the pledges spontaneously made when it seemed evident that the Board would indeed buy a plot, were held in abeyance until such a purchase became a fact.

Year after year, new names appear on the lists as donors of books and money gifts for books. The Wyckoff citizens appeared interested in supplying books to their library. A statistic recorded in 1937 may be interesting as well. For the year ending May, 1937 the librarian was paid the sum of \$315.00; the rent cost was \$168.00; janitor fees \$36.00; supplies for the library \$7.05; coal and wood, \$17.94. Not a very great budget as we now look back!

The acquisition of land continued to be discussed, but as we know, it never got beyond that point, for at least twenty years to the future. There is no indication in the records as to the thinking of the Board, nor why exactly they never came to terms and completed a transaction that had so often been discussed.

Now for the first time, at a meeting in June, 1938, it was brought out that if and when a new municipal building were to be built, a wing for the library would be added. It is also interesting to note that the allowance for a library wing would be \$800.00 as part of a total estimated cost for such a building of \$20,000.00. In retrospect, it is a far cry from what ultimately, in the 1960's, the Township finally accomplished with its present municipal complex.

In the spring of 1939, after almost eighteen years of library operations with very limited funds, the first mention appears in the record whereby the Board thinks it is time to ask the Township committee for an annual contribution by way of a budgeted item. The amount suggested is \$500.00 up to \$1,000.00. At the annual meeting in June, 1938, the building fund had increased to a balance of \$1148.

Discussions about library expansion and new building plans appear in the record, but no decisions were made. The reports to the meeting disclose that a recent dip in new members and borrowers has now turned into an upward movement. Amounts received from rentals show a decided increase, making it possible to buy a number of new books during the year.

It was at the June 9, 1939 meeting of the Association that John Ackerson makes the following observation in his report.

"I would say that I have enjoyed my more than fifteen years of service on the Board of Trustees of the Library, and for the past eleven years as its president. I am retiring now as President of the library and also as a trustee, and I wish to extend to the new president and to the Board of Trustees, the assurance of my interest in the Library....."

And so it was that a faithful male member of the Board retired. It is remarkable that there are persons who will give faithfully that much time to one great effort. It did help to keep the library alive and to ultimately have it grow to what it was to be in 1972.

In September of this year (1939), for the first time there was not enough money in the bank account to pay the ongoing costs of library operation. It was agreed, therefore, that \$300.00 be borrowed from the building fund account, to tide over the current needs of library expense.

Mr. Ackerson, having resigned, and not being persuaded to carry on, it was decided to instal Mrs. E. O. Lockwood as the new president. A month later, Mrs. Rambaut, founder and first president, returned to the board to act as vice-president.

This was a very happy event for the Board members; Mrs. Rambaut had been absent from the group for almost ten years.

In 1940 the need to have new library quarters was acute, but the realization that the Library could not manage a new building project was also admitted. The library was too overcrowded, too small for further expansion and finally the solution to the problem, one growing for years, was to rent larger quarters as soon as possible. Also in 1940, it was agreed to amend the constitution and by-laws so as to increase the Board by adding two new members.

During the year 1940, Gisela Frederick became ill and was unable to continue as librarian. Several substitutes were hired from month to month, the most frequent person being Sigrid Lambert. When it became known that the position had to be filled permanently, there were several applicants for the job; after much interviewing and discussion, Mrs. Lambert was hired to become the new librarian. This was made final at the November, 1940, meeting.

Gisela Frederick, who had served since the beginning of library operations in 1921, had died in September of 1940, from a lingering illness. She is to be remembered as a devoted person who gave much of her time, energy, money, and care to the Library, during her long tenure. She had been commended year after year for her friendly and most helpful attitudes to the library patrons. There was no year that passed during which she had failed to present the library with a book or books. This is to be remarked on since her compensation was never great in terms of money. She loved what she was doing.

Thus a new era in the life of the Wyckoff Public Library began in 1941. Sigrid Lambert, a long time friend of Gisela Frederick, had assisted her as substitute through the years. By reason of education, training, and practice, Mrs. Lambert was a logical successor to the position. The rate of compensation was the same as the previous year. Mrs. Lambert began her first full year as librarian in January 1941. She was to be the Wyckoff librarian for the next sixteen years.

Among the early reports by Mrs. Lambert, there appears a resume of the years past, as to total circulation, numbers of borrowers, and present number of books available on the shelves of the library. That total appears as 5900.

At the twentieth annual meeting, in May 1941, the officers elected were: Mrs. Frank G. Lockwood, president; Thomas Graham, vice president; Arthur Smith, treasurer; and Mrs. John Rock, secretary. Additional trustees were, first, the old faithful Dr. Bergen, who had been on the scene for almost the entire life of the library; George Gallant, who appears for the first time, and Mrs. James (Willa) Busson. Willa Busson was to remain on the library scene for more than twenty-five years to the future, as we will discover. This was now an active board of both old and proven friends of the library, and new actively interested individuals who will also prove their worth.

At this time a serious financial problem has arisen; the library for the first time in its history, had operated at a deficit during the year 1940-1941.

It was decided that a budget be formulated and realistic dollar numbers be adopted for the future operations.

In a recent interview with Sigrid Lambert (1972) she commented upon the impossible conditions of crowding and lack of space which developed at the original library quarters. Apparently there was barely space to sit, or even move about, because of the pressure of books needing shelf space. Mrs. Lambert states that early in 1941, the entire "S" section of the book collection, the largest alphabetical section, was removed from the shelves and placed upon the floor, directly behind her desk.

This condition continued to worsen through the year. The Board finally made a decision that was long overdue. There had been procrastination about new quarters, mostly due to a lack of funds. But a change had to be made, funds or no, and finally in October, 1941, the Board rented a store on Franklin Avenue, formerly occupied by Sebastian Gaeta, as new library quarters.

The landlord of this location was William Sterling; he agreed to a two year rental at the rate of \$240.00 per year. The move was finally made in early November, 1941. Now the library took on a new life. It was a good move, almost tripling the space. Books could now be displayed advantageously for better public consumption.

At this time, a concerted effort was again made to have the Township Committee agree to budget funds for assistance to the library. The responses from the townspeople to enlist new members was not encouraging.

Only 87 individuals had paid \$1.00 as membership fee during 1940. Patrons had contributed a total of \$136.00 during the same period. It was apparent that a sustained drive was needed to create new interest in memberships, so that more citizens would be reading members, as well as supporters of the library concepts.

It is significant that for twenty years, a small group, volunteers who were constantly on the job throughout the entire period, kept the library alive. It did not die!

The original group and most of those who followed in library activities, must be congratulated, and commended for their leadership in the face of financial hardship. The Township Committee finally began to help in a small way. The day of the municipal library was still far ahead.

During 1942, life at the library became more cheerful. The township sent in, to the treasurer, its first contribution of \$100.00 of a proposed yearly amount of \$300.00. This came in during the month of March, and was intended to pay the rent for library space. The future payments for the year were to be made in \$25.00 instalments.

Other ways and means to raise funds for the library continued. There had been dances in the past, but they had gone down with the times. Card parties, bake sales, and regular contributions from a generous Women's Club continued to aid the library, and financial affairs generally began to look up.

Early in 1942, amendments to the constitution were proposed, then adopted at the annual May meeting of the Association. This change effected a staggered term of office for the officers and trustees, so that all would not come up for re-election at the same time. Now the president, treasurer, and one trustee were elected for two years, and the vice-president, secretary and two trustees were elected for one year. Thereafter each office would be elected for a succeeding two year term to the future.

James B. Bergen had now retired from the Board after nineteen years of faithful service. New names began to appear in the official line-up. Mrs. Lockwood, long a board member, continued for a new two year term as president; Arthur Smith became vice-president; Willa Busson, who had been a volunteer worker and board member, became the official secretary; George Gallant was now the treasurer. Mrs. Rock, Thomas Graham, and C. W. Merritt were the additional trustees. So the twenty-second year of the Wyckoff Public Library Association began.

New quarters had done wonders for the whole organization. Funds from the Township for operations made a great difference in the financial struggle, and better space had indeed induced increased readership, more members and patrons, and more books to offer to the membership and reading public.

At this time the librarian was receiving \$22.00 per month compensation. The rent for the new space on Franklin Avenue was \$20.00 per month, and a janitor was being paid \$4.00. These were the more or less fixed expenses that must be met.

Variable expenses were the acquisition of new books, printing and supplies, and now, insurance. The mood of the group was at a more optimistic level.

The time to celebrate the first anniversary of the move into new quarters coincided with the fact that the library was to achieve its majority, being now twenty-one years of age. A cake sale celebrating both anniversaries was planned for November 7, 1942. This was to be a money raising event, to be held at the library. Curiously, no further mention is made of this event in subsequent records.

Library operations, as reported at the annual meeting of the Association on May 10, 1943, includes a notice of the twenty-second anniversary of the Library's founding. At this period of time, we find that "food sales" are not available for fund raising due to the rationing in effect during the war. Gasoline rationing is also noted as a factor in decreasing the amount of traffic in the library. The "war" had its effect even here, as to what were the best times for library facilities to be open to the public.

Expenses continued to rise, but concurrently contributions from the Women's Club continued, and the now-annual contribution from the Township of \$300.00, was sufficient to pay the rent.

New officers for the 1943-1944 year indicate a changing board and new faces.

Robert Sharpe, Mrs. Sebastian Gaeta, Mrs. Beatrice Glasgow were new members of the Board. Mrs. Bussom was re-elected; these were for two year terms. Mrs. Lockwood continued as president; Mrs. Bussom became the vice-president and Bob Sharpe was elected secretary. Those who retired from the Board at this time were Mr. Smith, who had been ill, Mr. Graham, and Mrs. Rock. George Gallant and Mr. Merritt continued on the Board. Sigid Lambert was reappointed as librarian.

The librarian reports indicate that there were new highs in all areas of library functions. This included circulation, new book acquisitions, and borrowing members.

Later in 1943, it was necessary to seek a renewal of the lease with Mr. Sterling. So it was reported, at the November 1943 meeting that a two year renewal lease had been signed.

Library hours were expanded to include Friday evenings, from November, 1943, on. To compensate Mrs. Lambert for the additional hours of work, her salary was raised to \$30.00 per month. In December, 1943, a resolution was recorded, requesting the Township Committee to increase the Township's allotment to the library to \$500.00 per year. The financial pinch was being felt and the need for more hours, more books and other operational increases was constant. Early in 1944, a rack for religious pamphlets was installed in the library, following a request by the Reverend Fergus Fitzsimmons for such action.

At the annual meeting of May, 1944, Mrs. Lockwood retired from the presidency, and became an honorary trustee.

The officers for the new term, as ~~expected~~^{selected}, were: Robert Sharpe, president; George Gallant, treasurer; Mrs. Edward Mowerson, secretary; and Henry Fairhurst as a new trustee. Also at this meeting it was decided to name the supervising principal of the Wyckoff School System as a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees.

The library now had almost 5600 books in the collection. As in preceding years, some books were removed and donated to needy institutions, while four hundred new volumes were acquired by donation. Sixty-seven books were purchased.

Each succeeding annual report discloses advances and changes in one or more areas of operation. A book-receiving box was installed in the police station, next door, for the use of patrons who could not return books during the library's open hours. Financially, things continued to improve. More funds were needed because of increased services, activities and other costs; more solicitations were made and funds were received. The Township Committee agreed to raise its commitment to \$450.00. Mrs. Lambert was now in the fifth year of her tenure as librarian and had accomplished needed improvements in all areas of library service. The book collection grew, and rental books were added as new publications became available. War time restrictions sometimes caused a slow-down in deliveries of books and materials. An encyclopedia set provided by the local P. T. A. proved useful and was a popular addition to the library services.

The roster of names of the trustees rolls on. Old names gradually disappear, as new names come into view. It is a process that will inexorably go on. Mrs. Lambert will continue to be on the job for some time. Names that reoccur in this era: Betty Mowerson, Willa Bussom, George Gallant, Katherine Gaeta, Mary Hollyer Riggs, Thomas Graham, and Robert Sharpe.

At this time Mrs. John (Ruth) Burghardt appeared on the scene, to continue faithfully on the Board for many years. Virginia Hubbard, one of the faithful in the past, continued to assist the librarian as a volunteer associate in the functions of the library. In the fall of 1945, \$100.00 was voted for the purchase of new children's books, in anticipation of Children's Book Week in November.

A change in the by-laws had created a new date for the Association's annual meeting, so that in 1946, on January 10, the first earlier meeting was called. At this time, financial conditions were definitely improving over the early nineteen-forties. The Township Committee was now giving more interested attention to library affairs. The town population was slowly increasing, to accelerate at a faster rate shortly.

George Gallant, currently the treasurer, boldly suggested that the Board request the Township Committee to budget the sum of \$1050.00 for 1947. Among other developments, Mrs. Lambert was now attending regular Board meetings to maintain closer liaison between the Board and the working operations.

To get some idea of the public preferences in reading, a letter was sent to the many Wyckoff civic clubs and organizations, asking the members to so indicate their desires. The responses were to be used as a guide for the book committee, for the acquisition of new material. During 1946, it was reported that 375 new books were acquired, as well as a set of the American Encyclopedia. A subscription to the National Geographic was also ordered. Progress!

George Gallant completed his tenure as treasurer at this time. He had accomplished much for the library, through increased budgeted contributions from the Township; and effort that was needed and very much appreciated by the friends of the Library. During 1946 the Township paid over to the Library treasurer the amount of \$750.00

Sigrid Lambert continued on the job with the faithful assistance of Betty Mowerson, Ruth Burghardt, Mary Rigg, and Willa Dussom.

During 1947, Bob Sharpe continued as president, and Ruth Burghardt was now the secretary. Betty Mowerson moved into the Book Committee, a job she was to do well and for a long time to come. New books became more easily available and accessions increased; new titles appeared almost every month. The library was growing.

Miss Ethel Brown, of the New Jersey Public and School Library Services, came to a Board meeting to guide, advise and assist the Board in their library functions. This was an aid in knowledgeable weeding-out of old titles, classifying non-fiction, and book selection for young and old readers.

January, 1948 brought the adoption of another revision of the Constitution and By-laws of the Association. Among the specific changes was an article that stated:

"The business affairs of the Association shall be managed and directed by a Board of Trustees consisting of the officers of the Association and three additional trustees, who shall be elected by the members of the Association to serve for two years, but may not serve more than two successive terms. The Trustees shall elect their own officers, namely President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer, for a period of one year."

So it came about that new faces had to appear on the Board, inasmuch as each, after serving the maximum of four years, (two successive terms) had to leave the Board. It was possible that after a year away, a former trustee could be returned and continue to serve for two or four more years. This did occur, as we shall see.

During 1947, Mrs. E. O. Lunde appeared on the scene. An experimental children's story hour was programmed for Saturday mornings. It became very popular for young children, especially because Mrs. Lunde was an excellent reader and a fine storyteller. The program served a dual purpose. It both entertained and informed our young readers; it also introduced them to our library and its functions and attributes.

The children now knew the where and why of a no longer mysterious place, the library. Mrs. Lunde was assisted by Sigrid Lambert, and the faithful Ruth Burghardt, Betty Howerson, and Mary Rigg.

The story hour had its own difficulties; during the early period of 1948 both bad weather and a rash of contagious diseases came together to discourage the weekly meetings. Temporarily, the children's hour was suspended.

As water flowing upon and over the shore, so do the names of interested persons, trustees, officers, and volunteers, come into and go out of our history. The old roll away, the new appear, and always for a time do some of both carry on. Volunteers! All of these posters must be considered volunteers.

The use of reference works increased, slowly but surely in volume, indicating that another need was now being fulfilled.

Throughout this period, the library was still located in store quarters rented from William Sterling. At intervals, problems with space arose, heating problems had to be faced, and occasionally the rent was increased. It was to be a long time before the library was to get new and permanent quarters. The library was growing, not in space, but as an entity, a living force in the township. More useful books, more response to public needs, followed. The volunteers never retreated. Progress was in the wind; sometimes more slowly, occasionally a bit swifter. Group spirit flowed from one year to the next, infectionally, enthusiastically, sincerely.

Observing the ebb and flow of personalities, 1949 discloses this roster:

Thomas Graham, president; Ruth Burghardt, vice-president; Gertrude Gilson, secretary; Frank Lawton, treasurer; and trustees Robert Sharpe, Anna Kivet, and Helen Buddick. Volunteers, often directed by Betty Mowerson, flowed from the now recognized Library Guild.

Reference usage continued to increase, with more and more students finding the library, to get answers to almost unanswerable questions. Often the librarian took time and effort to secure answers from outside sources, when the source at hand proved inadequate. Among those other sources were the Ridgewood N. J. library, always very helpful, and the New Jersey State Library at Trenton.

The Township, during 1948, had increased its contribution to the library to the sum of \$900.00. This was less than 50% of the total income to the Board. The amount allotted to the purchase of books appears to be about 35% of the budget.

The Library Guild must be recognised here as an auxiliary group of volunteers, always in the background, but always effective for years as the real volunteer support of all library activities. Never formal, it was coalesced by the quiet but persuasive efforts of Betty Mowerson, Willa Bussom, and friends. The Guild proved to be the most prolific small group of workers for a project in which each sincerely believed. Almost unknown, never in the public notice, but pervasively present, these volunteers merit the highest praise and constant commendation for their efforts in promoting the Wyckoff Free Public Library.

Many of the women who came to serve on the Board of Trustees, were "graduates" from the Guild. During 1950 Willa Busson, as Board secretary, worked effectively with Mrs. Mowerson, Helen Ruddick, Ann Kivot and Gertrude Gilson. Thomas E. Graham left the Board at the annual meeting in January, 1950. In his report he reflects upon his ten years with the library and the work of the Board. Items of progress noted were: the new location of the library to better serve the community; the revision of the constitution to broaden community participation; the firm establishment of the Library Guild as a true auxiliary; and the increasing amounts of dollars contributed by the Township to the work of the library.

Mr. Graham also expressed the hope that the library would soon occupy a new home in the municipal building. This in 1950 was again a new hope; he referred to the old fire-house-municipal building on Morse avenue, which later was destroyed by fire. That hope was never fulfilled, nor was a later idea that a wing would be added to a new municipal building for the housing of the public library.

It is apparent from the continuing reports, that the library services increased in activity and scope, with the passage of time. This was a natural concomitant of both familiarity and increasing population in the township.

So it was that 1950 was a year of increasing public awareness, patron activity and loyal Board and Guild activity. Improvements were made in and around the store-front premises on Franklin Avenue; the rent was increased upon renewal of the

lease for a two year period. The Township was requested to increase its budgeted amount to the library operations. But the moving plans to new quarters in the old municipal building failed to come about.

Library functions ~~were~~ taken over by the Guild during periods of the librarian's vacation, or illness. Housekeeping chores and work sessions with books and cataloguing were continuing efforts of the Guild. Interested women were persuaded that the library was a worthy cause for their volunteer work time. And so it goes!

Robert Sharpe became the president of the Board in 1951. Gertrude Gilson, vice-president, Frank Lawton, treasurer, and Willa Busson, secretary, completed the Board for this year. Ann Kivet, Helen Ruddick, and Betty Howerson were the additional Board members. At this period also, we find Archie Hay in regular appearance at meetings. Mr. Hay, supervising principal of the Wyckoff schools, was now an honorary member of the Board.

Greater activity in all areas of operation produced greater financial needs. Public cooperation was continually being sought and expanded, with an annual letter requesting funds. Mostly the response to these letters was nominal, with slightly rising amounts as more persons became familiar with the library's needs.

Nineteen hundred and fifty-two; more new persons on the Library Board. For the first time Grace Chewing appears on the roster of names. Grace had long been active with the Library Guild group, and so with some experience with the workings of the library, she came to be active in its official operations. John Pickema also was elected to the trustees group at this time. This was the beginning of a tenure that was to span ten years. Others now elected to the Board were two with experience, Betty Mowerson and Ruth Burghardt.

For the new term, Gertrude Gilson became president, succeeding Robert Sharpe, who now became the vice-president. John Pickema took over as treasurer, and Ruth Burghardt became the new secretary. The remaining members of the 1952 board consisted of Helen Ruddick, Grace Chewing and Betty Mowerson. Willa Busson now represented the Library Guild as liaison to the board.

During this year, the idea that the Township would build a new municipal building with space for a library, was introduced at intervals. It was seen, even then, that the whole subject was very doubtful of near realization. So the year came to an end, progressing as to library services and activities, but no nearer to having new quarters; an ever present thought amongst the faithful for many past years.

The statistics in the 1952 report shows new highs in all library activity, covering total collection, circulation, and number of borrowers. Progress was constant, and the faithful were delighted. Mrs. Lambert continued in her quiet, efficient

handling of the desk, and the reference questions. It was during this year that the library quarters, still in Mr. Sterling's store, were redecorated. A new oil burner was installed for easier heating. The Guild had contributed more time to keep the library open one additional afternoon. The Guild had also been able to furnish the library with a new large cooling fan for summer comfort.

Additional civic interest was indicated when the Wyckoff Community Club announced plans for a library fund. Another earlier civic participation was made through the auspices of the Lions Club, which had established a special fund for library needs, through the use of profits from the annual Christmas tree sales effort.

We refer to the Library Guild repeatedly, because in fact the Guild performed an enormous volunteer service to library operations. The young women comprising the Guild must be recognized for the untiring, valuable services continuously performed year after year.

More first-time members appeared on the Board in 1953. There were Charles Duursma, Mrs. S. P. Jaslow, and Mrs. Tracy Burnham. These three replaced Mrs. Gilson, Robert Sharpe, and Helen Buddick, who had now retired from the group. They had served the Library Board long and well, as was true of their predecessors. It had been a labor of love for a project close to their hearts.

The composition of the 1953 board was: Ruth Burghardt, president; Betty Mowerson, vice president; John Piekema, treasurer; and Muriel Jaslow, secretary. Other members were Charles Duursma, Grace Chearning and Tracy Burnham.

During the year, the Lions Club continued their annual subscription to the Junior Literary Guild, a service for young people, ~~which~~ had been the Lions' pet project for several years. There was renewed discussion about making the library a municipal operation, should the new municipal building become a reality; the idea that the library would have a wing for itself in that new building has been extant for a long time.

Mrs. Eustham had resigned early in the year, and Mrs. Authur Smith was appointed to take her place. Betty Mowerson was once more bringing in leading suggestions for progress and improvements. Her report to the Township urged that the Committee consider taking over the library as ~~a~~ municipal operation. This was the beginning of a long effort in this direction. The Township during 1953, contributed \$1650.00 to the library budget. These contributions have grown larger as both services and expenses have increased with expanded operations.

And finally, during the year, the Board was to learn that the plans for the new municipal building would not include space for a library.

Beginning with her tenure on the board, Grace Cheeming began to write a newsy column for the Wyckoff News, about library activities, questions and programs. It was good, a labor of love; it was continued, sometimes with substitutes as writers, through 1963.

Charles Duursema, an able professor at the Newark College of Engineering, now became the president of the Trustees in 1954.

Ruth Burghardt, continuing on the Board, became vice-president; Muriel Joslow, secretary, and John Pickema, treasurer, completed the roster of officers. Willa Hanson returned to the Board as a trustee to replace Mrs. Mowerson, who had to step down because of the two-team rule. She, nevertheless continued her library interests through the Guild.

Grace Channing remained on the Board as did Betty Smith. Through Grace Channing's column "Easy Reading" the library received much attention and publicity in the local press. ~~than~~ ~~ever before~~. During the year there were a total of thirty-five columns, an editorial, and two front page stories about the library. The guild contributed about 260 hours in library service during the hours when Mrs. Lambert was not on duty.

At an early meeting in 1954, the Library Board of Trustees met in joint session with the representatives of the Township Committee and public members; the idea of including a wing in a new Municipal building was definitely scrapped. Cost was given as the reason, the Township having decided to go on a "Pay-as-you-go" basis. The thought was projected that after the new town-hall was completed, and with the assistance of the library board and public groups, that funds could be raised to add a wing later. This never happened.

Discussion of the problem followed and plans were developed for a fund-raising effort throughout the Township. The need was great, for Mrs. Lambert's report indicated that in only four years the circulation of books had increased by 70%.

Members of the Board now began to present the building program ideas to various local clubs and civic organizations. Mostly the response was favorable, the consensus being that a new library was a very necessary addition to our town. Plans for a responsible fund drive had to be developed.

There is no point in delineating the responses. The reactions to plans for fund raising ranged from very enthusiastic to cool; the broad response showed that the great majority of the townspeople would support the need for a better library, even though it would not yet be municipal. How the people supported it with their dollars remains to be seen.

A Library Survey committee was now formed, having representatives from each interested town or civic club. This group of citizens formulated a plan for raising the necessary funds for either adding a wing to the municipal building, later, or to build a separate new building to house the expanding library.

Finally, on December 7, 1954, with John Pickens presiding, a meeting of the Library Survey Committee was held at the library. There were present representatives of the following:

The entire Board of the Library; Mrs. Evelyn Ayer of Fire Company #1 Auxiliary; Edward Howerson for the Lions Club; Mrs. Platt for the Senior Women's Club; James Farney, Jr. for the Village Players; Robert Knibber for the Wyckoff Male Chorus; George Hollawell for the local F. T. A.; Jean Monahan for the Garden Club; William Grenhalgh for the Chamber of Commerce;

Wesley Fach for the J. C.'S; Richard Savage for the Democratic club; and Ernest Mueller for the Y.M.C.A.

This was the beginning of great ideas. The committee organized itself after much discussion. James B. Ramsey, Jr. was elected chairman of the Survey Committee, and the group began to devote its efforts to the problem-solving at hand. How to secure new, larger quarters for the Wyckoff Library? To wing it or not to wing it? Costs? Who will own the building? Methods of raising funds needed for the project!

A special group of the larger committee was selected to meet with the Township Committee.

In January, 1955, James Ramsey was added to the Board of the Library. John Piekema became the president and Muriel Jaslow took the job of treasurer. Others on the Board were Ruth Burghardt as secretary, Charles Duursma, Grace Chowning, and Willa Buason, who became Vice president.

The plans and the drive for building fund dollars progressed during this year. Mr. Piekema presented ideas of lists both of fund solicitors and possible large donors, and methods to effect required results. It was to be a year of some progress.

During the year the passing of two of the Library founders occurred: Mrs. George Hubbard and Mrs. Frank Lockwood's. Passing was noted and appropriate resolutions were drawn to record the death of two of our original trustees.

During this period John Pickens had approached the Hayden Foundation in New York City, with the view that a grant could be secured for the purposes of building a new Wyckoff library building. The final reply, unfortunately, was negative, stipulating that this type of contribution was beyond the Foundation's sphere of philanthropies. The Hayden managers suggested that the Board apply to the Carnegie Foundation for assistance. This was followed up by Mrs. Lambert; the final word was negative.

Also during 1955, Robert Sharpe passed away. Bob Sharpe has long been a member of the Board and his efforts for the library were appreciated and so noted by the trustees.

Now too, came an offer from the Samuel Braen organization, of the old parsonage building situated at the corner of Wyckoff Avenue at Clinton. Mr. Braen was about to build a store for the A & P company, and the house was to be demolished. The township thereupon offered the use of the plot at Clinton and Morse Avenues, (once the site of the old municipal building) to the library board, if it was possible to move the dwelling to that location. The only cost here was to be the cost of moving the house along Clinton Avenue for two blocks.

This was another great idea that died aborning; after careful examination of the old dwelling, it was determined that structurally it would not do for a library. The upper floor, while suitable for living, could never hold the weight of the many books, papers, shelving, and people required by a library. The offer was rejected with regrets and thanks, to Mr. Braen.

The next idea was that the Township would reserve the same Morse Avenue corner for the Library Board, so that it might sometime build a new and separate building at that location. It was a busy year for the Board, with many ideas, incomplete plans and much indecision by the several involved groups.

At the end of 1955, by rule of the by-laws, Ruth Burghardt, Grace Chowning, and John Pickema had to leave the board membership. Willa Busson's term also expired but she was eligible for a second one year term. Thus did the complexion of the Board of Trustees change for 1956.

James B. Ramsey, Jr. became the president for 1956, ably assisted by Willa Busson as vice-president, and Mariel Jaslow once more assuming the position of treasurer. Russell Burghardt, a professional librarian at the then City College, in New York, became the Board secretary. The remaining Board members were Mary-belle Jacobs, Charles Daursema, and Kenneth MacDonald, Jr.

About this time, the super-committee was to be re-activated. A new funds' campaign for the building project was begun, and renamed the Memorial Fund. The goal was to be \$25,000.00.

In a letter dated May 14, 1957, Sigrid Lambert tendered her resignation as librarian. She was to conclude her career with the Wyckoff Library as of June 7. This was done, she said, for "personal reasons." After much concerned discussion and interviewing of applicants, the Board decided to appoint Grace Chowning to the librarian position. Mrs. Chowning assumed her new duties on July 1, 1957. The interim period had been ably filled in by volunteers from the faithful Library Guild.

While Mrs. Lambert's tenure of almost seventeen years officially terminated at this time, she was available for sometimes needed assistance at the library, and appeared on the scene many times in the future years.

In the spring of 1957, another matter of importance came into the picture. A property, a piece of vacant land on Morse Avenue owned by Virginia MacDonald, jointly with George Gallant and Mrs. Gallant, was offered to the library board. The MacDonald ownership was to be a gift to the library while the Gallant share was to be purchased. This plot on Morse Avenue would become the separate site for the new library building, independent from the site of the proposed new municipal building.

Because they did not wish to be involved in the purchase of property and the building of a new library, two new members, Mr. Cannon and Mr. Adams, resigned from the trusteeship of July 10. The board canvassed for replacements and finally Mrs. Nowerson was persuaded to return to the fold, and later Carmine Iatrocchia also was appointed to the Board of Trustees.

A special meeting of the whole Association was called in July, 1957 to accomplish the land transaction and so the trustees were empowered to complete the purchase of the Morse Avenue plot. The value of this was given as \$9500.00.

From this point on, events began to move more swiftly. The Memorial Fund previously accumulated by the prior-committee, was now combined with the original building fund, and there was approximately \$7500.00 at hand.

In anticipation of the Horse Avenue land acquisition, a building committee had been appointed earlier in 1957, to further the project. Committee members were Ruth Burghardt, Russel Burghardt, Sigrid Lambert, and Betty Howerson. In March, at the suggestion of William Evans, of the Township Committee, a joint meeting was held with Township representatives, to discuss the entire building project. The Township now agreed to cooperate fully with the efforts toward a new library building.

The land was acquired and the building committee invited a number of architects to submit plans and ideas for the proposed building. Late in the year, C. Frederick Darlot, architect of Wyckoff, and Franklin Lakes, was chosen to plan the project.

It was a busy year of change and progress. The space needs which over the years had been a constant concern, now appeared to be resolved. The building would become a reality.

In November, 1957, the Township had given its permission to proceed with the project. An ordinance (number 526) was passed on May 20, 1958, by which \$30,000 was appropriated to the library project. The intent was that when the building was completed, title to the land and building would be transferred to the Township.

Finally the contract was awarded to the low bidder, Latrecchia, Inc., in the amount of \$40,576. The Township's participation at this point was to be \$30,000, the balance to be supplied by the trustees' building fund and friends of the library.

Carmine Latrecchia resigned from the Board earlier in 1958, and John Piekema returned as a Board member by request. The Township now was to have a greater part in the management of the Library's affairs; this was provided by the appointment by the Town Council, of two additional trustees for a one year term. The Association trustees may now serve for not more than three successive terms of two years each. This change provided for more continuity on the Board and allowed for Township representation as well.

For 1959, the Library Board was made up as follows:

James B. Ramsey, president; Russell Burghardt, vice president; John Piekema, treasurer; Mary-Belle Jacobs, secretary; and Betty McCool, Ruth Burghardt and Kenneth MacDonald, Jr. The newly appointed township liaison members were Wesley Fach and Mrs. D. F. Cromwell.

Functioning now as librarians were Grace Chening, director, assisted by Mrs. Mowerson and Mrs. Bussom. It was a good team and times promised to be busy with building and growing.

Let's see what happened in 1959.

The new building on H^urs^e Avenue, begun in 1958, progressed satisfactorily and its form and interiors had taken shape by late winter. Finally the moving date was set for March 21st, on Saturday.

The old library was to be closed for a week prior to that date to prepare for the changeover. After the actual move was accomplished, the new library was to remain closed for another week, to permit staff and volunteers to arrange the books and catalogues, and set up an efficient operation.

The Wyckoff Jaycees assisted in the actual moving of the books and furniture. New furniture had been received and installed. The entire Board now worked as a committee of the whole and cooperated in the work of transfer and settling in.

The first Board meeting was held in the Horse Avenue building on the evening of March 17, 1959, at which time all final moving plans were completed.

On April 4, 1959, at 2 P. M., the new Library was officially dedicated to the town. Later the Township was to appropriate an additional \$2,000. to complete their share of the costs. The new building and contents were now valued at approximately \$52,000.

Primary donors of the additional costs were the MacDonald family, Mr. and Mrs. George Gallant, the Taranto family, and many others who had contributed to the original drive by the super-committee a few years earlier.

The new home now spurred great activity and interest in the library. Mrs. ~~Shewning~~ ^{Chewning} reported in July that June had been the month of greatest activity in the library's history. The library's patrons had responded to the new facilities with enthusiasm and appreciation.

In January, 1960, the annual report by Mrs. Chewning disclosed many significant facts. All services and hours had been increased; circulation was up 52%, and there were more new members to use more available new books. The book budget and many gift donations increased the shelf inventory by 1145 volumes. Gifts were made, as before, by the Lions Club and the Wyckoff ^{Women's} ~~Women's~~ Club.

Two new Board members for 1960 were Dorothy Ackerson and Ruth White, both of whom were faithful volunteers with the Library Guild. They replaced Mary-Belle Jacobs and Kenneth Mac Donald. Russel Burghardt became the president; James Ramsey remained on the Board as vice president.

Activities during the year continued to expand and the Township made more funds available for operational costs.

In 1961, Ruth White became the Board secretary, Cynthia Lommernan joined the group, and Charles Duursema, a former faithful Board member, returned to action. James Ramsey and Betty McCool retired from the Board; Mr. Ramsey was later to become a member of the Township Committee. Mrs. McCool joined the working staff of librarians. The library growth was constant.

The limitations set up by the by-laws created some changes in 1962. John Pickema became the president of the Board, and Ruth White continued on as secretary. The Township committee appointed a new representative to join Wesly Pach; this was David Amorman, of Prentice-Hall. These two then were the liaison members.

The library was becoming more the place it was intended to be: a source for reference work and research, and not only a place for past-time reading.

In May of 1962, the president brought up the matter of acquiring a full-time professional librarian, to take up the pressure of continuing growth. The existing part-time arrangements were proving less than satisfactory as the work volume continued to rise.

This was the beginning of an idea that was to come to full bloom later and ultimately create new problems. In June a future-operations committee was formed, comprised of Piekema, Amerman, Fach, and Mrs. Jacobs. A study to be made would cover the legal status of the library vis-a-vis the Township; "where are we going, as we grow, and what may we expect in the next five years....."

All this would eventually lead to the creation of a municipally-operated library, with complete municipal responsibility.

At the close of 1962, John Piekema retired from the Board, continuing to be a friend of the library.

The Library Board trustees, all volunteers, a fact for forty-two years, functioned faithfully through 1963. With the appointment of a full-time librarian in June, activities were again on the upswing.

Miss Katherine Tully had been selected for the position as library director, from a number of applicants, and she began a reorganization of functions among the staff. Mrs. Chewning was now the assistant librarian, and Willa Bussom and Betty Mowerson continued as senior staff assistants. Other personnel were on hand as part-time workers.

Miss Tully's requirements for function and personnel were more stringent, aiming to make the library more effective in the town's life.

Some of the recommendations led the Board to think more diligently about the need to have the library become municipally operated. This trend gathered momentum and in December, 1963, a committee was appointed to develop basic reasons for the turn-over. Inquiries were made to neighboring towns which during the recent past had turned their volunteer libraries over to a municipal function. This was in preparation for a referendum for Wyckoff citizens to vote upon sometime between the then present and 1968.

Miss Tully's first report made to the Board in January 1964, for her first seven month's tenure, was most voluminous. This was probably the most comprehensive report given to a Wyckoff Library Board in its forty-two years of life.

The statistical section of the report showed gains in every aspect of the Library's operations. This included, necessarily, the costs as well, which at this point had reached a new high of better than \$20,000.

During 1964, a year that should have shown progress based upon reasonable expectations, gave instead a time of ruffled waters.

Grace Chewing, long time librarian, and currently assistant to Miss Tully, resigned her position as of March 3. In April a special meeting of the Board, with senior personnel and Miss Tully, discussed the reasons for the seeming discord. There were, apparently, unresolved differences, for in late April the resignations of Mrs. Bussom and Mrs. Mowerson, were tendered, to be effective as of July first, next.

It now became insistently necessary to find replacements for these long term, experienced librarians.

In May, a letter of resignation was tendered by Miss Tully, library director, to be effective June 6. This tender was refused by the Board, which then gave Miss Tully a vote of confidence. Later, however, at Miss Tully's continued insistence, her desire to terminate her employment was accepted, with regret.

Now the problem of staffing the library was multiplied. The remaining personnel were all part-time persons, and none were librarians in a professional category. The need for a director was urgent; the Board set about to solve this unexpected dilemma.

A determined outreach by the several Board members found a solution in the person of Donald Yott. Mr. Yott was a librarian in the Pompton Lakes School system. He agreed to take on the Wyckoff position as a part-time temporary assignment.

This was first stipulated to be through the summer of 1964. The few months, as we have seen through hind-sight, turned out to be eight years.

Donald Yott took hold of a difficult situation, turned it around, secured competent additional part-time staff and developed a praiseworthy staff in a short period of time, during his initial efforts.

Some library hours were curtailed temporarily under emergency conditions, but the library carried on. Part-time assistance became the rule, with Mrs. Loyka, Mrs. Woodruff, and Eva Hopf at hand in these crucial months.

Willa Busson, Betty Mowerson, and Grace Chowning had now left the scene. Miss Tully had departed in June, and Donald Yott had assumed the "temporary directorship" as of June 19th. A new experience for the Wyckoff Free Public Library had begun.

At the beginning of summer, Mr. Yott reported to the Board that his staff was now adequate to "our needs."

During this year of change and review, the active library board faced with the 1964 problems were:

Wesley Fach, president; James Quackonbrush, vice president; Louise Nelson, treasurer; Ruth White, secretary; and Marilyn Simons, Cynthia Lemmoman, Harold P. Shafer; and for the Township, William Beahan and David Amerman.

In the fall, Mr. Yott continued as director and Mrs. McClelland had become the children's librarian. The trustees, working through board member changes, and a complete turnover in library staff, continued to do an amazing job of good administration throughout the year. The library kept going ahead in spite of the seeming difficulties.

Now 1965 loomed up for budget considerations and a demand for more efficient procedures. The Township continued to keep in touch through the liaison members. The usual annual fall fund drive letter went out to the public on time and in good order. The responses were good.

The activity in the children's section was increasing due to innovations, and new interesting displays and books.

There was a change in this section, when in August, Mrs. Rita Reilly assumed the position of children's librarian, succeeding Mrs. McClelland, who had resigned.

During 1965, a photo-copier was installed, giving great assistance to the staff and to library patrons, in the area of reference work.

It was quite evident that through the efforts of the aroused Board and a very active Donald Yott, that the Wyckoff Library was once more on the move to expand services for all segments of the library's patrons. Hours of availability rose from 32 to 51 hours per week, during the course of the year.

In 1966, Donald Marione joined the Board as the Township representative. This was the beginning of an effort by Mr. Marione which led to the completion of the new municipal library.

David Amerman became a regular Board member, elected from the Association and staff changes became inevitable as part-time workers resigned for various reasons.

There was a spectacular increase in the number of volumes accessioned during 1966, so that the Wyckoff Library came more nearly to achieve the standard set by the State Library Association. The total book inventory now approached 19000. Half of the town's residents were registered borrowers and users; a total of more than 7,500 persons.

During this year, the effort for a new library building reached a discussion stage. The general thought was to create a building of about 12,000 square feet and parking for more than fifty cars. The new library was finally to house over 50,000 volumes, and a target date of 1968 was planned. All this when

accomplished would then become a municipally-operated library. Donald Marione, as Township committeeman, carried on with the initial plans for the new project. It was largely his enthusiasm and drive that made the plan possible, acceptable and finally accomplished.

Mr. Yott's continued enthusiasm and diligent planning gave the whole library operation a definite lift through these several years.

And throughout these years of change and progress, the Wyckoff Women's Club, the Lions Club, and the JayCees continued to contribute both funds, freely donated, and program assistance in and for the library.

The Wyckoff Library had taken hold of its Township, and the citizen-users showed their appreciation and regard for the expanded operations and increased inventory of books.

Going into 1967, the Library Board and the Township continued joint planning for the ultimate Wyckoff Library.

New names appear from time to time on the roster of the Board. In 1966, Ruth Meery, and in 1967, Dorothy Coleman were added to the group. Cynthia Lemmerman's tenure had come to an end at the close of 1966. Ruth White, one of the faithful of the 1960's, returned in 1967. David Amerman continued to be very active. Donald Yott pursued his winning ways. The staff was fairly constant and it is of interest to us that Sigrid Lambert, librarian of the earlier years, came on again as a part-time senior desk attendant. Mrs. Lambert's interest in "her" library never faltered.

Statistics are never impelling reading, but it must be recorded that the book collection finally reached the standards of proper library operation, with the total of more than 26,000 volumes. It was a long looked-for, finally-achieved goal, and gave satisfaction to the Board and to Mr. Yott and the staff. It was also a year of looking forward to "going municipal"; moving to a new and larger facility.

As early as December 1967, the Township Committee had passed the first of several ordinances, authorizing the construction of a new building on municipally owned property.

Early in 1968, a further ordinance was passed to authorize a bond issue in the amount of \$214,500, for the purpose of funding the cost of a new library. Additional funds had previously been budgeted in 1967, and a Federal grant, "Aid To Public Libraries", had been allotted in the sum of \$59,969. The total cost at the inception of the planning was to be \$350,000.

In March of 1969 an ordinance amending the earlier ordinance was passed authorizing an additional \$100,000 to fund the library building. The permitted bond issue was increased to \$264,500 and the total cost of the building was now projected to be \$450,000. John Osborne, of Wyckoff, had been designated earlier in the proceedings, as the official architect responsible for the planning and erection of the building.

This, then, was the Township's action in planning, acquiring, and operating a new library facility for Wyckoff.

David Amerman and Donald Marione had guided this planning and development through the channels of legal requirements, via the Township Committee, and to the necessary referendum to be voted upon by the citizens.

It was a very orderly transition from a library under the auspices of the original Wyckoff Public Library Association, to a municipally owned and operated township facility.

During the transition period, Donald Yott remained on the job as director, while still maintaining his position with the Pompton Lakes School system.

Contracts for the new building were finally awarded in March, 1969. Plans had been developed and approved; the groundbreaking ceremonies were held on April 12, 1969.

Also during this period, the Morse Avenue building continued to be very active, more crowded with books, shelves, and tables. There were more staff and patrons. The busyness emphasised the growing needs for larger quarters with every passing week.

It was frustrating, therefor, to have the starting dates and the progress of the new building delayed time after time due to technical requirements, a steel strike, and other events beyond the control of the Board. The completion of the new library, expected in 1969, was not achieved.

Finally, the new Wyckoff Memorial Library was dedicated on October 25, 1970. The Board of Trustees at this time were:

David P. Amerman, president; Mrs. John R. Mader, secretary; Dale E. Wiltrout, treasurer; Donald P. Ma Marione; Mrs. Arthur L. Troast; James Ten Kate, Mayor; Dr. H. T. Shafer, Superintendent of Schools.

The Township Committee at this moment of dedication were:

James Ten Kate, Mayor; Donald Marione; John A. Spizziri; John C. Vander Plaats; Alexander Patterson, Jr.

Donald Yott was library director, assisted by Mrs. Eva hopf, administrative assistant; Louis Nelson, reference librarian; Ruth Summersgill, Children's librarian; Margaret Loyka, senior desk attendant; Sigrid Lambert, former librarian, desk attendant.

And so from January, 1921, to October, 1970, a span of almost fifty years, Wyckoff has had a functional library..... for most of those years small but growing, for most of those years managed, manned, and staffed by volunteers, faithfully done and without compensation, except for the psychic compensation of having served a growing need to the township.

Let us give recognition to all the early library enthusiasts as well as to those of the past ten years, for keeping alive in Wyckoff, a good library; for bringing it to the state of excellence we have in 1972.

The continued and continuing efforts of the townspeople, organizations and volunteer associates cannot be overlooked.

Donations continued to arrive for furnishings for the new project. The ever present help from the Women's Clubs, the Lions Club, The James Talcott Fund, and all the personal contributions from many individuals have all made this facility the great success it is.

When the moving had been accomplished in 1970, there were other new facilities made available to the library patrons. The Wyckoff library joined the North Bergen Federation of Public Libraries. This entitled all Wyckoff card-holders to borrow material from any Federation member library. These were then at Allendale, Fairlawn, Franklin Lakes, Glen Rock, Ho-Ho-Kus, Oakland, Ramsey, Ridgewood, Upper Saddle River, and ~~Wood~~Woodwick.

Wyckoff patrons at once had access to more than 400,000 volumes, periodicals, and records, films and paintings; other services also became available to Federation members. It was indeed another new era in library services.

In the spring of 1971, through the initiative of Katherine Troast, Board Member, the "Friends of the Wyckoff Library," an auxiliary organization, was established. The intent of the new group was to give background support to the library's operations; to institute "in building" programs of interest to the community. While the initial response to Mrs. Troast's invitation to create the "Friends" was enthusiastic, the real task fell once more to a small group of interested friends of the library. The "Friends" functioned well in its first year of life. The first president was this writer, succeeded in the second season by Ann Hinchcliff, ably assisted by Alice Gleason. The "Friends" had a good part in

the establishment of the "James Monroe Room" now being completed in the lower level of the library building. Funds raised by activities of the group were contributed to the "Monroe Fund." Joseph Coughlan, an active "Friend", sponsored and created the "Buy A Brick" campaign. Sufficient impetus for a general fund drive and assistance by the Township appropriation, has brought the "James Monroe Memorial Room" to near completion. This was also a work of love and devotion by volunteers; it will give to the town a new and efficient meeting place for many desirable town events.

When the new library was finally functional in late 1970, Donald Yott continued in his enthusiastic efforts to make every facility available to library patrons.

These new functions induced increased patronage. Circulation and reference work was increased. Paintings were made available to borrowers, as were records. Music could be audited in the library on new playing and listening equipment.

It was becoming very busy; too busy for part-time staffers. So it was that as of June 30, 1972, Donald Yott resigned his directorship; another era in the long history of Wycliff's library had closed. From 1964 to 1972, Donald Yott had aided and contrived to build an increasingly helpful and efficient library.

The future of the Wyckoff Memorial Library was now to be placed under the supervision of a full-time professional librarian. This is the place to end this story.

Mrs. Susan Heinzleman was appointed to the position of librarian at the Wyckoff Library on August 21, 1972.

A new era begins.

It is fifty years and forward.

APPENDIX

The following pages show transcripts of plaques
installed originally in the Morse Avenue
Library as Memorials.

These plaques were transferred to the new
Memorial Library in 1970, as
recognition of these
original donors.

The following pages thereafter show the succession
of ordinances made by the Township
Committee, creating and funding
the Wyckoff Memorial
Library!

PLAQUE

DEDICATED TO
KENNETH W. MACDONALD
THROUGH THE WISH OF
HIS MANY FRIENDS
TO CREATE A LIVING MEMORIAL
CAME THE INSPIRATION FOR THE
WYCKOFF MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PLAQUE

IN MEMORY OF
GEORGE H. GALLANT
HENRIETTA S. GALLANT

GIFT OF

MR. & MRS. GEORGE S. GALLANT

PLAQUE

MEMORY OF THOMAS TARANTO
Shelving in this wing

PRESENTED BY

MRS. THOMAS S. TARANTO

MR. & MRS. THEODORE TARANTO

MR. & MRS. THOMAS TARANTO

MR. & MRS. ARNOLD TARANTO

MR. & MRS. MONROE TARANTO

MR. & MRS. ROBERT ROGERS

MR. & MRS. NORMAN TARANTO

PLAQUE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MR. & MRS. FREDERICK W. VAN BLARCOM

GIFT OF

MR. & MRS. ROBERT J. LETTERMAN

Acknowledgements

The source of much of these recollections are the continuing minutes of the meetings of the many Boards of Trustees from 1921 to 1970.

From recollections and data secured by interviews with:

Sigrid Lambert- Wyckoff- Librarian from 1940 to 1957;
Grace Chearning- Wyckoff- early volunteer, enthusiast,
and librarian from 1957 to 1962;

David Amerman- Board member and president in the
transient years;

Willa Busson, volunteer, board member and library
assistant for many years, at her home in
Southern Pines, N. C.;

Cynthia Lemmerman- volunteer and board member through
trying times, at her Wyckoff home;

Ruth White, volunteer, board member and secretary
to the Board through transient years, at
her home in Brewster, Cape Cod, Mass.;

Members of the Library staff in 1972;

and a number of Wyckoff citizens and volunteers of
the "old" library boards;

Our grateful appreciation is given to all who cooperated
with the writer in assembling necessary data for
this history.

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
ORDINANCE No. 326**

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING AND THE LAND ON WHICH SAME IS TO BE ERECTED AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of the Township of Wyckoff in the County of Bergen as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is hereby authorized to acquire the lands and building about to be erected thereon by the Wyckoff Public Library Association, a private corporation, and to be kept open as a Public Library, free to the use of the public, at such reasonable hours as meets the approval of the Township Committee.

SECTION 2. The sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose as hereinabove expressed in Section 1, of which the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars is hereby appropriated and allocated from an appropriation made in the Township Budget for the year 1958, and therein designated "Capital Improvements—Library Building", as a down payment thereon.

SECTION 3. For the temporary financing of said acquisition and to meet the cost of same, the Township Committee is hereby authorized to borrow money in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars and to issue from time to time temporary notes therefor, not exceeding said amount to be issued for periods not exceeding one year, which may be renewed from time to time for periods not exceeding one year, but such notes, including renewals, shall mature and be paid not more than two years from the date of the original notes, which shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6% per annum as the Township Committee may hereinafter by resolution

determine. Said notes shall be designated as bond anticipation notes and each note shall contain a recital that it is issued in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and the purpose or purposes for which said note or notes are issued.

SECTION 4. It is determined and declared that the maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the purpose above stated is Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars and that the estimated amount to be raised from all sources is Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars that the maximum rate of interest to be paid on said bonds or notes is 6 per centum per annum; that the period of usefulness of said improvement is twenty-five (25) years at least; that the supplemental debts statement as required by Rev. of 1937 40:1-13 has been duly filed with the Clerk, that said statement shows that the gross debt as defined in 40:1-76 is increased by this Ordinance by Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars, and that the obligation authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by Rev. Stat. of 1937 in Article 1 of Title 40 thereof and all amendments and supplements thereto.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after publication thereof after final passage.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, Bergen County, New Jersey held on the date of May 6, 1958 and was passed on final reading and approved at a regular meeting of the said Committee, held at the Municipal Building, Wyckoff, N. J. on the day of May 20, 1958.

WILLIAM W. EVANS, JR.
Chairman, Township Committee
ROGER VAN BLARCOM
THOMAS A. TARANTO
MARTIN EDSON
WILLIAM R. BENSON

Attest:
WILLIAM E. SCOTT
Township Clerk

Fyc. News May 8, 22, 1958

125—Fee \$33.75

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
ORDINANCE No. 361
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN
ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN OR-
DINANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION
OF A FREE PUBLIC LI-
BRARY BUILDING AND THE
LAND ON WHICH SAME IS TO
BE ERECTED AND APPROPRI-
ATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS
THEREFOR" ADOPTED MAY 20,
1958, BY WHICH ADDITIONAL
FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILD-
ING AND THE LAND ON WHICH
SAME HAS BEEN ERECT-
ED.

WHEREAS by Ordinance No. 326 as above entitled, duly adopted May 20, 1958, there was appropriated by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.) Dollars for the purpose of acquiring a free public library building and land, and

WHEREAS said library building has been completed and is ready for use and occupancy as a free public library, and

WHEREAS there are incidental expenses in connection with the acquisition thereof for legal and engineering services and insurance, and

WHEREAS it now appears that it would be in the best interests of the Township of Wyckoff to provide additional monies for the acquisition of said free public library building, the land on which it has been erected and the payment of expenses incidental thereto:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 1 of Ordinance No. 326 is hereby amended by the addition of the following clause, viz.:

"The Township Committee is further authorized to provide for engineering, legal and insurance expenses in connection with the acquisition of said free public library and land."

SECTION 2: Section 2 of Ordinance No. 326 is hereby amended by the addition of the following clause, viz.:

"An additional sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.) Dollars is hereby appropriated and allocated from an appropriation made in the Township Budget for the year 1959 and prior years and therein designated 'Capital Improvement Fund'."

SECTION 3: Section 4 of Ordinance

LEGAL NOTICE

ance No. 326 is hereby amended to read:

"It is determined and declared that the maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the purpose above stated is Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.) Dollars and that the estimated amount to be raised from all sources is Thirty-Two Thousand (\$32,000.) Dollars and that the maximum rate of interest to be paid on said bonds or notes is six (6%) per centum per annum that the period of usefulness of said improvement is twenty-five (25) years at least; that the supplemental debts statement as required by Rev. of 1937, 40:1-13 has been duly filed with the clerk and said statement shows that the gross debt as defined in 40:1-76 is increased by this Ordinance by Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.) Dollars, and that the obligation authorized by this Ordinance shall be within all debt limitations as prescribed by Rev. Stat. of 1937 in Article I of Title 40 thereof and all amendments and supplements thereto."

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after publication thereof after final passage.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, Bergen County, New Jersey, held on the date of July 7, 1959 and was passed on final reading and approved at a regular meeting of the said Committee, held at the Municipal Building, Wyckoff, N. J. on the day of August 4, 1959.

WILLIAM R. BENSON
 Chairman, Township Committee
 ROGER VAN BLARCOM
 THOMAS A. TARANTO
 MARTIN EDSON
 WILLIAM W. EVANS, JR.

Attest:
 WILLIAM E. SCOTT
 Township Clerk

STATEMENT

The municipal bond ordinance published herewith has been finally passed and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced as provided in the local bond law has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

WILLIAM E. SCOTT
 Township Clerk

Wyckoff News July 23, Aug. 13, 1959
 151—Fee \$39.09

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, Bergen County, New Jersey, held on the 18th day of June, 1963, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held at its meeting room, Memorial Town Hall, at Wyckoff, New Jersey, on the 2nd day of July, 1963, at 8:30 o'clock P. M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

JACOB FLAKER,
Township Clerk

The Ordinance referred to is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 438

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF A SUPERVISOR OF THE LIBRARY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the efficient conduct of the affairs of the Township and in the public interest to provide for the employment of a supervisor of the library;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, Bergen County, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the office of Library Supervisor of the Township of Wyckoff. Said Library Supervisor shall be appointed annually by the Township Committee and shall oversee the use and application of the funds paid by the Township of Wyckoff to the Wyckoff Library Association to insure that the facilities of the Wyckoff Library Association shall be efficiently conducted and shall be kept open and free to the use of the public at such reasonable hours as meets the approval of the Township Committee and as required by law. The Library Supervisor shall perform such other duties as the Township Committee shall prescribe.

SECTION 2. The Library Supervisor shall devote full time to the above described employment, and the Library Supervisor shall be paid an annual salary of Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars subject to change by future salary ordinances of the Township of Wyckoff.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Wyckoff News, June 20, 1963

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, Bergen County, New Jersey held on the 5th day of December 1967, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held at its meeting room, Memorial Town Hall at Wyckoff, New Jersey, on the 19th day of December 1967, at 8:30 o'clock P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Township Clerk has posted a copy of said ordinance on the bulletin board in Memorial Town Hall and will make copies of the ordinance available to members of the general public who request copies of the ordinance.

JACOB FLAKER
Township Clerk

The ORDINANCE referred to is as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 547
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC
LIBRARY BUILDING AND APPROPRIATING CERTAIN NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, Bergen County, New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I. The Township Committee hereby authorizes construction on municipal property of a public library building and appurtenances in accordance with plans and specifications therefor prepared by John A. Osborne, Architect, which are on file in the Township Clerk's Office.

SECTION II. For partial financing of said improvement and all incidental work and expenses in connection therewith, there is hereby appropriated the sum of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred (\$60,500.00) Dollars. Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred (\$15,500.00) Dollars of said amount is hereby allocated and appropriated from an item contained in the Capital Improvement Section of the Township Budget for the year 1966 and therein designated as "Future Library Expansion" (as consolidated by resolution), and the balance of Forty-five thousand (\$45,000.00) Dollars is hereby allocated and appropriated from an item in the Capital Improvement Section of the Township Budget for the year 1967 and therein designated as "Future Library Expansion."

SECTION III. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.
News, Wyckoff, Dec. 7, 1967

83—Fee \$16.60

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF ORDINANCE NO. 553

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ERECTION OF A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF ON CERTAIN MUNICIPALLY OWNED LAND LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$350,000.00 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE SAME.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all of the members thereof affirmatively concurring), as follows:

SECTION 1. The erection of a library building described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement pursuant to N.J.S. 40:54-1 et. seq., and other applicable laws of the State of New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$350,000.00, said sum being inclusive of the sum of \$60,500 appropriated by Ordinance Number 547 adopted on December 19, 1967, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING AND APPROPRIATING CERTAIN NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR", and said sum also being inclusive of an appropriation of \$75,000 made in the capital improvement section of the Township budget for the year, 1968, and therein entitled "Future Library Expansion", said sum being inclusive of all appropriation heretofore made therefor and including said \$135,500 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a budget or budgets of the Township previously adopted. The Township of Wyckoff has applied to the Public and School Library Services Bureau of the Division of State Library in the Department of Education of the State of New Jersey for a construction grant, pursuant to Title II of the Library services and Construction Act (Public Law 89-511), and any monies or funds available for the erection of a library building as a result of such a grant shall be used to reduce the amount to be raised by bonds or notes.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose and to meet the part of said \$350,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Township, each to be known as "Library Erection Bond" are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$214,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$214,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the erection of a free public library building on Block 258 Lots 3 and 4 as shown on the 1968 Wyckoff Tax Map, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum

amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$214,500.

(c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$350,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of the said \$135,500 down payment for said purpose.

SECTION 4. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law and according to the reasonable life thereof, is forty (40) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk, and a complete executed original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Finance in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in said Law, is increased by this bond ordinance by \$214,500, and that the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Law.

(d) The aggregate amount not exceeding \$27,400.00 for items of expense permitted under Section 40A: 2-20 of said law has been included as a part of the estimated cost of said improvement or purpose.

SECTION 5. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment to the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 6. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage as provided by said Local Bond Law.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, Bergen County, New Jersey, held on the date of March 5, 1968 and was passed on final reading and approved at a regular meeting of the said Committee, held at the Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, N.J. on the day of March 19, 1968.

John C. Vander Plaats
Chairman, Township Committee
Martin Edson
James Ten Kate
Donald P. Marlene
John A. Spizziri

ATTEST
Jacob Flaker
Township Clerk

STATEMENT

The bond ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

JACOB FLAKER
Township Clerk

News, Wyckoff, March 21, 1968

225—Fee \$45.00

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, Bergen County, New Jersey held on the 13th day of August 1968, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held at its meeting room, Memorial Town Hall at Wyckoff, New Jersey, on the 3rd day of September 1968, at 8:30 o'clock P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Township Clerk has posted a copy of said ordinance on the bulletin board in Memorial Town Hall and will make copies of the ordinance available to members of the general public who request copies of the ordinance.

JACOB FLAKER
Township Clerk

The ORDINANCE referred to is as follows:

Ordinance No. 571

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
REPAIR OF THE TOWNSHIP LI-
BRARY AND APPROPRIATING
THE NECESSARY FUNDS THERE-
FOR.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, Bergen County, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is hereby authorized to repair the Wyckoff Public Library building, which repair work shall include, but not be limited to, roofing repairs and painting.

SECTION 2. For the purpose stated in Section 1 of this ordinance there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,400. Said \$1,400 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund contained in the Township budget for the year 1968 and prior years.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

News, Wyckoff, Aug. 15, 1968

62—Fee \$14.26

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF ORDINANCE NO. 580

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 553 ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ERECTION OF A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF ON CERTAIN MUNICIPALLY OWNED LAND LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$350,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE SAME," ADOPTED MARCH 19, 1968, WHEREBY AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000 IS APPROPRIATED TO FINANCE ERECTION OF SAID FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING AND AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SAID APPROPRIATION TO \$264,500.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Wyckoff Ordinance No. 553 heretofore adopted on March 19, 1968, entitled "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ERECTION OF A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF ON CERTAIN MUNICIPALLY OWNED LAND LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$350,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE SAME" is hereby amended and supplemented insofar as it is inconsistent with this ordinance and supplemented hereby.

Section 2. Pursuant to the applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey the improvement described in Section 5 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by the Township of Wyckoff, in the county of Bergen, New Jersey, for the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 5, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$450,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor including the sum of \$135,500 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a budget or budgets of the Township previously adopted, and including also the sum of \$60,500 appropriated by Wyckoff Ordinance No. 547 adopted on December 19, 1967, entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING AND APPROPRIATING CERTAIN NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR," and including also the sum of \$75,000 funds of the Township made available therefor by virtue of a provision in the capital improvement section of the budget of the Township heretofore adopted with respect to the year 1968 and therein designated "Future Library Expansion," and including also the sum of \$50,000 now available from the "Reserve for Capital Improvements" (proceeds from the sale of capital assets).

Section 3. For the financing of said improvement or purpose and to meet the part of said \$450,000 appropriation not provided for by application

hereunder of said down payment and other funds, negotiable bonds of the Township, each to be known as "Library Bond," are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$264,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$264,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Law. The maximum rate of interest which any of said obligations shall bear is six per centum (6%) per annum.

Section 4. In the event the moneys to be contributed by the United States Government are received by the Township prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 3 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of moneys so received; in the event the moneys to be contributed by the United States Government are received by the Township after the issuance of any of the bonds or notes authorized by Section 3 hereof, then such moneys shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on such bonds or notes issued.

Section 5. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the erection by the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Township of Wyckoff for the purpose of and use as a Free Public Library, of a new building, (which shall be of Class B construction as defined or referred to in Section 40A:2-22 of said Local Bond Law) on part of Block 258 Lots 3 and 4 as shown on the 1968 Wyckoff Tax Map, and all work or materials necessary for or incidental to said improvement, and all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor prepared by John A. Osborne, Architect, on file in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purposes is \$264,500.

(c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$450,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of said \$135,500 down payment for said purpose and the amount \$50,000 other funds of the Township referred to in Section 2 hereof.

(d) The estimated amount of the cost of the improvement or purpose described in this Section 5 to be contributed by the United States Government is \$59,989.

Section 6. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purpose described in Section 5 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property especially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose, within the limitations of said Local Bond Law and according to the reasonable life thereof, is thirty (30) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Finance, Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey,

and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in said Law is increased by this bond ordinance amending Ordinance No. 553 by \$50,000 (i.e., increased a total of \$264,500 by Ordinance No. 553 and this Ordinance) and that the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Law.

(d) The aggregate amount or not exceeding \$40,000 for items of expense permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Law has been included in the foregoing estimated cost of said improvement or purpose.

(e) Pursuant to due action of the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Township of Wyckoff, taken at its meeting held on January 29, 1969, the sum of \$450,000 was certified to this Township Committee as the amount necessary for the purpose described in paragraph (a) of Section 5 of this ordinance, all in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:54-25 and as more fully appears in the certificate made and delivered to this Township Committee; and said Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Township of Wyckoff is hereby empowered and authorized to expend for said purpose the said sum of \$450,000; and said Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Township of Wyckoff is hereby authorized to use and control as and for a site for the new library building referred to in said paragraph (a), the lands of the Township described in said paragraph (a), and this Township Committee does hereby concur in the use and control of said lands as aforesaid.

Section 7. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 8. Except as hereby supplemented and amended, Ordinance No. 553 shall continue to be in full force and effect, and this bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage as provided by said Local Bond Law.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, Bergen County, New Jersey, held on the date of February 4, 1969 and was passed on final reading and approved at a regular meeting of the said Committee, held at the Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, N.J. on the day of March 4, 1969.

John A. Spizziri, Sr.
Chairman, Township Committee
John C. Vander Plaats
James Ten Kate
Donald P. Marione
Alexander Patterson, Jr.

ATTEST
Kathryn Ten Kate
Acting Clerk

STATEMENT

The bond ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

Acting Township Clerk
KATHRYN TEN KATE
News, Wyckoff, March 6, 1969.

