scribed on the fly leaf with a dedication to the soldier and the name of the donor. This custom of books as memorials, inaugurated over twenty years ago, has been productive of many additions to the Warrenton Library. The Memorial Collection now numbers over a thousand volumes, carefully selected for their permanent value. The plan is publicized in the library’s weekly column in a local newspaper. Recently the idea has been adopted in other neighboring towns in the Granville County Library at Oxford, the Granville Colored Library, and the Edgecombe Public Library at Tarboro. The Thomas Hackney Braswell Memorial Library at Rocky Mount has over 3,000 memorial volumes.

Fire destroyed the Caldwell County Library at Lenoir on December 18th and badly damaged the interior of the County Agricultural Building in which it was housed.

The family of Evelyn Boyd, assistant in the Charlotte Public Library, 1932-39, and acting director of Schools Service Department of Enoch Pratt Free Library, 1939-40, is establishing the Evelyn Boyd Memorial Library in the Christian Church of Winterville, the home of her brother, R. E. Boyd. Winterville has a small branch library from Greenville. The memorial library will consist mainly of children’s books, the classics, church books and other serious reading for adults. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Boyd have had school library experience; they will be in charge of the collection and circulate books on Sunday mornings.

The Middle Button, character of Katherine Worth’s book by that name and beloved by teen-age girls, died on December 5, 1944, at the age of 86.

Maggie MacBryde Walthal, the real Middle Button, lived near Fayetteville in an old home which burned recently. She did not attend medical school nor become a physician but was head of the music department at Agnes Scott College for a time and, after her marriage, went as a missionary to China where she worked for twenty years.

Katherine Worth, born in Wilmington, is claimed as a North Carolina author although as Mrs. Walter Clyde Curry she now lives in Tennessee.

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