An additional $500 was raised for renovation, and on Aug. 27, 1940, the library opened in its own home.

The annual report for the year which ended June 30, 1945, is indicative of the growth during the past five years. Although WPA aid was discontinued in 1943, two library clerks are employed and the library is open 48 hours each week. It is open every day except Sunday from 1 to 9 P.M. The book collection on June 30 totaled 4,805; the number of borrowers, 2,028; and the circulation, 21,518, for the year preceding.

The library has received one bequest—the private library of the late Mrs. Nellie Brenizer, a Smithfield native who died in Washington, D. C., in 1943. This bequest added 800 volumes to the book collection.

A memorial gift from relatives of the late Sheriff K. L. Rose is a $300 charging desk.

The library has fostered the increasingly popular idea of sending memorial books to the library instead of sending floral offerings for deceased friends. Since January 1, 1945, one hundred and seven such books have been given to the library.

Out of the library sentiment generated in the Smithfield Library—together with similar work in other Johnston County towns—has come a county-wide library system. In 1941, a county appropriation supplemented by State Aid provided a trained librarian, a bookmobile, and the nucleus of a growing book collection which serves 104 book stations in rural Johnston County. The Smithfield Library operates as a branch of the county system.

The Southeastern Library Association has announced a meeting for 1946. The place and dates will be determined later.

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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Following close on the heels of Guy R. Lyle’s work on college library administration comes Louis R. Wilson and Maurice F. Tauber’s The University Library; its Organization, Administration and Functions (University of Chicago Press, $5.00) by another North Carolina librarian, Dean Wilson, and his former student, Maurice F. Tauber. Both books grew out of library school courses, summarizing the authors’ experience, the appropriate professional literature, and a considerable amount of personal investigation. Recording what is known about academic library administration up to now, they offer a point of departure for new developments.

The University Library is encyclopedic. A glance at the authors’ names, the table of contents, the bibliographies and the index will make a university librarian exclaim, “This is it!” Starting from general principles of management and instruction, the book explores all university library activities. The opening and closing chapters contribute to the philosophy of librarianship. Other sections investigate the past and future of cooperation, library resources, mechanical appliances, and our stock-in-trade, the book or what it is about to become.

Librarians employed in universities will use Wilson and Tauber to obtain practical guidance, to justify budget requests, to recruit promising students by demonstrating the scope and variety of university library service, and to reinforce their faith in the meaning and value of their work.