Library Progress In Georgia

The first library building to be erected in Georgia in 1933 has been started at Quitman to house the Brooks County Library, which for many years has been seeking new quarters, having long since outgrown its present location. A fund of $5,000, raised locally by the Library Board and organizations, has been supplemented by a loan of $5,000 obtained through the County Commissioners from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This is the first library in the state to receive aid through this fund, which can be used only for “work relief to create employment.” In this case it is being used to pay for labor, all building materials being bought by the local fund on hand.

The first new public library in Georgia for 1933 is the Dooly County Library recently started at Vienna under the direction of Miss Emily Woodard, former president of the Georgia Press Association. A small brick building, formerly used as a gasoline filling station has been presented to the County Commissioners by Mr. Wiley Moore, to be converted into a library building and books are being contributed by local friends. Interest of the entire community has been aroused and all are helping. A high school teacher-librarian, who has had a summer course in library science is giving her services to organize the book collection, under the direction of the Library Commission and books will be loaned from the Commission to supplement the local collection. The library is open twice a week with a volunteer librarian in charge, Mrs. C. H. Turton.

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