

Library Held 'Inadequate' By Panelists

Orlando's public library facilities were called "inadequate" during a panel discussion at last night's annual meeting of Friends of the Library.

Possible remedies mentioned were a new building or re-vamping of the present Albertson Public Library building.

Panel members were City Commr. Wilbur H. Strickland; C. DeWitt Miller, president of the library board of trustees; Miss Clara Wendel, library director; Mrs. Ruth Smith, Sentinel book editor and columnist; and Mrs. Helen Thompson, Pinecastle Air Force Base library director, moderator.

NEW OFFICERS

New officers elected unanimously last night are Mrs. Parker Enright, president; Dr. A. B. Sias, vice-president; Mrs. Joseph S. Guernsey, treasurer; and Mrs. Frank Temple, re-elected secretary.

Mrs. Thompson said the basic problem facing the library is that of all libraries: "How can we continue enlargement of services?" and "How can key people co-operate to do this?"

On these questions Miller said: "We have to crawl before we can walk. Our building at present is inadequate. But this is only one phase; others include establishment of branches of the library. We have branches but need more. We need a new building or this one revamped. We have been treated very generously by the city, but our plans at the moment are nebulous. We shall depend upon friends of the library for advice and counsel."

SPACE NEEDED

Miss Wendel said the library has had full co-operation in the past from the library board, "But we need more space. Orlando is growing and the library is very eager to

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Central Florida Women

By RUTH SMITH

November is "Know Your Library Month" and the great General Federation of Women's club to learn about local libraries and help them — slogan for the month is "Know and Grow."

The annual meeting of Friends of the Library was held last night — if you weren't there, you should have been—you would have learned many things about our very fine library here.

grow with it."

Mrs. Smith said she believes new branches of the library should be established in new sections of the city "as I can't think of anything that gives more pleasure or profit than the library."

Commr. Strickland suggested the possibility and asked for opinions on a new main area, converting the present Central Ave. library as a branch.

MOVE REJECTED

Miss Wendel said she believed it better to keep the main library in the center of the city's business district, in which she was supported by Mrs. Smith. Miller replied that moving from the present building would mean the loss of a building suited only for its present purpose and value at more than \$100,000.

Also mentioned was the library's 1955 budget, not yet settled by the commission, but cut from a requested \$120,000 to \$105,000, according to Miss Wendel. Other panel members urged Commr. Strickland to seek a larger appropriation.

The meeting was held in the library.

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One of the books of the well-known author, Mr. Callahan, containing words and dozens of graphs and words is a study of regions. The speaker of the University of Florida morning

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Library Service Meet Scheduled

A panel discussion on meeting the problems of continuous growth and development of Orlando's library services and facilities will highlight the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library association here tomorrow night.

Members of the panel will include City Commr. Wilbur H. Strickland; C. DeWitt Miller, president of the library board of trustees; Mrs. Ruth Smith, Sentinel-Star book columnist; and Miss Clara E. Wendel, library director.

The meeting will be held in the downstairs assembly room of the Albertson Public Library, 156 E. Central Ave., at 8 p.m., according to announcement of Harold P. Danforth, president of the Friends.