

So to view the picture as a whole a total of 25 counties out of Nebraska's 93, over one fourth, are practically blacked out. They have little or no local public library service available. A state aid appropriation for library improvement would help relieve this condition.

State aid for public libraries is based on two tenents: that public libraries are educational agencies, and that the state has a concern for the education of all its citizens. State aid administered by the state library extension agency has demonstrated its value in many states in spreading library service widely, particularly in rural areas, and in raising the quality of public library service.

A program of state aid for public library development in Nebraska would help to solve the problem of equalizing library opportunity for all its citizens. The question is how shall we set about accomplishing it?

BOOKS BY MAIL. The little booklet enclosed, "Books by Mail," is to invite you to make more frequent use of the services of the Nebraska Public Library Commission and to pass the information along to your friends.

Librarians and community leaders of Nebraska wishing to have a number of copies of "Books by Mail" to distribute in their locality may write to the Library Commission for a supply. It follows that the more people who know about the Library Commission the greater its service can be.

HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL MEETINGS. The Library Commission was represented on the programs of the seven district meetings of the state farm women's council held during the first two weeks in June. Rural delegates, club officers and leaders met to outline a plan for Home Demonstration Project work for the coming year with guidance by Miss Mary-Ellen Brown, state leader, and by other state and national agricultural extension specialists. A total of about 800 women came to discuss together better family living and home making.

In a talk, "Books by Mail," the place of books in the home was revealed through excerpts read from letters from library borrowers and a definition of Library Commission services was given.

LIBRARY FIELD VISITS. While making the trips to the Council meetings your executive secretary called at several public libraries.

At Alliance I visited Mrs. Edna Cole, the librarian, and enjoyed seeing their new library addition. Mrs. Cole is cooperating in the Library War Bond Campaign for the Seventh War Loan Drive by exhibiting posters and information materials.

The Chase County Agricultural Agent, Mr. John R. Reynolds, invited Mrs. Norma Heebner, librarian of the Imperial Public Library, and Mrs. Nothnagel, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Hoffmeister and Mrs.