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VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN. January 12 has been set as the beginning of an intensive Victory Book Campaign to collect reading matter for soldiers, sailors and marines to supplement the library services provided by the Government. The goal is 10 million books for USO houses, army day rooms, ships, naval bases, camps and cantonments. The American Library Association, the American Red Cross and the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc., are joint sponsors of the VBC. The USO and ARC have provided the necessary funds to carry on the campaign and the A.L.A. and librarians are expected to provide the professional skill. Althea Warren, librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, has been given a leave of absence from her library to direct the campaign from an office in the USO headquarters in New York City.

Plans are under way for carrying on the campaign in Nebraska. The Nebraska State Library Association and the Nebraska Public Library Commission are joint sponsors and have appointed Anna V. Jennings, Lincoln, to act as state supervisor. The executive committee consists of Miss Jennings; Mrs. Naomi Ellsworth, president of the Nebraska State Library Association, Fairbury; Nellie M. Carey, executive secretary of the Nebraska Public Library Commission, Lincoln; Clara B. Johnson, supervisor, state-wide W.P.A. Public Library Project, Lincoln; Elsie Fitzgerald, executive secretary, Red Cross, Lincoln; K. B. Carey, representing the USO, Lincoln.

The state has been divided into thirteen regions corresponding to the division set up for the Nebraska Advisory Defense Committee. The following are the regions and the regional chairman for the Book Campaign:

Region 1. Dr. Robert F. Lane, librarian, Omaha Municipal University, chairman. Counties: Douglas, Cass, Sarpy, Washington.

Region 2. Mrs. Anna D. Johnson, librarian, Madison Public Library, chairman. Counties: Boyd, Holt, Knox, Antelope, Pierce, Madison, Platte, Boone, Stanton.

Region 3. Yale Kessler, assistant librarian, Wayne State Teachers College, chairman. Counties: Cedar, Dixon, Dakota, Thurston, Wayne, Cuming, Burt.

Region 4. Alma Wickman, librarian, Scottsbluff Public Library, chairman. Counties: Scottsbluff, Banner, Kimball, Morrill, Cheyenne, Garden, Deuel, Box Butte, Grant.

Region 5. Mrs. Chester Hugo, assistant librarian, Gothenburg Public Library, chairman. Counties: Lincoln, Dawson, Logan, Thomas, Hooper, Perkins, Keith, McPherson, Arthur.

Region 6. Julia DeYoung, director school libraries, Kearney, chairman. Counties: Custer, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Buffalo, Valley, Sherman, Wheeler, Greeley, Howard, Hall, Hamilton, Merrick, Nance.

Region 7. Mildred Palmer, librarian, Fremont Public Library, chairman. Counties: Dodge, Saunders, Butler, Polk, Colfax.

Region 8. Chairman to be announced. Counties: Cherry, Sheridan, Keyapaha, Brown, Rock, Sioux, Dawes.

Region 9. Millicent Slaby, librarian, McCook Public Library, chairman. Counties: Frontier, Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Red Willow, Gosper, Furnas.

Region 10. H. A. Sieving, librarian, Hastings College, chairman. Counties: Phelps, Harlan, Kearney, Adams, Webster, Clay, Nuckolls, Franklin.

Region 11. Madge Evans, librarian, Beatrice Public Library, chairman. Counties: Gage, Jefferson, Saline, Fillmore, York, Thayer.

Region 12. Magnus K. Kristoffersen, librarian, Lincoln City Library, chairman. Counties: Lancaster, Seward, Otoe.

Region 13. Eloise Ebert, librarian, Falls City Public Library, chairman. Counties: Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha, Richardson.

A number of national organizations have been invited to become cooperating agencies in the book campaign and information will be sent out from their headquarters to the local groups. It is expected that many of these organizations will give valuable assistance. Local librarians will no doubt contact all organizations represented in their communities.

Convenient places will be designated as receiving centers in each community, and may be libraries, schools, stores, gasoline stations, etc. Librarians can assist in collecting and sorting books. Only books in good condition which will be of interest to men in service should be kept for this purpose. Other books can be saved for use in crowded industrial areas or for English libraries destroyed by bombs and some can be sold for old paper. Unbound back numbers of magazines are not being asked for in this campaign, but if contributed can be sold for old paper.

Liaison librarians have been appointed to assist the corps area librarians in securing books needed which are not immediately available in the camps, and in cooperating with the corps area Commanding Officers and librarians in any way desired. Miss Carey has received notice of her appointment as the liaison librarian for the Seventh Corps Area which includes the following states: Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.