

of the Woonasquett Branch of the American Red Cross has met at the Library. The Citizens Council in the Public Schools of Smithfield has met here twice. And, as part of the Ford Foundation's project in adult education, a discussion group on "Issues in Education" has been meeting here every Monday night for a period of ten weeks. The securing of a piano for the Town Study, as noted above, now makes the giving of recitals and chamber music not only a possibility but a reality.

Thus, during its first six months, the new Library has assumed its rightful responsibilities. It now stands established, and equipped to develop as a lively factor in the advancement and cultural growth of the community.

In addition, the use of the building for purposes of their own was granted for a nominal fee to The Cranford Club; the Applebloecom Garden Club; and the Rainbow Choraliers - thus establishing the Library as a possible meeting-place for groups of varied interests.

As a third point of importance the year 1956-57 is memorable in that in the present month the Library enters upon the 75<sup>th</sup> year of its founding. In commemorating this anniversary a series of lectures, concerts, and art shows are planned for the coming months. The celebration, in fact, was opened last Sunday by an illustrated lecture on "Rhode Island's Heritage" given by Mr. Clifford P. Monahan, Director of the Rhode Island Historical Society. He spoke especially of the houses and public buildings of the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries that are still standing in and around Providence today. His talk was followed by a brief but delightful piano recital given by Mrs. Kay K. Moore and comprising selections from music played in America during those early days.

Respectfully submitted,  
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