

belonging to the Town of Smithfield. Within the library there were special exhibitions of equipment and supplies lent by local merchants to demonstrate safety in driving, fire prevention, the use of oxygen apparatus, and the equipping of fallout shelters. Pictures of local fires and fire companies of the past, photographed by Mr. Edwood Kelly, were on view together with a collection of old prints of fire apparatus lent by Mr. Richard Harrington of Providence. Refreshments were served, with the members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Greenville Fire Company pouring.

On the other hand, the "literary intercourse" prescribed in the Act of Incorporation was well taken care of at the Christmas bell-ringing festival, by Professor Neil Schroeder's reading of "A Child's Christmas in Wales," by the British poet, Dylan Thomas; and on March 18th by an illustrated and timely talk on Africa given by Professor Marion Wright of Rhode Island College who had spent much time in traveling on that continent and in studying its people. Preliminary to a state-wide convention of the Trustees of Rhode Island Libraries to be held in Providence, our library in March invited the Trustees of the Libraries of Northwestern Rhode Island to an evening meeting and a showing of a film on the activities of New England Libraries, in which ours, incidentally, was well represented. And our activities of the year ended with an art show and tea on May 6th, at which paintings by Hope Smith of the Providence Art Club were on view, the occasion marking the celebration of the Library's 80th anniversary.

In addition to Association dues and contributions of money and time from its members, the library has received special gifts during the year from The Cranford Club, Mrs. Clinton E. Nickerson, Mrs. Austin T. Levy, Mrs. Donald C. Walker, Mrs. Mayo Hersey, Miss Jessie Valleau, Mrs. Walter Brown, and Miss Katharine Burlingame. A guest at the Art Show on May 6th, who had not visited the library before, subsequently sent a check for