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NOT MUCH ROOM—DeWitt's librarians aren't untidy housekeepers, as this picture may suggest. It's just that there isn't enough room in the small room, and Mrs. Faye Hanson, librarian, must stack magazines on desks and chairs, and sometimes the floor. But relief is in sight, as soon as the addition is completed on the Memorial Building, the library will have larger quarters. (State Journal Photo)



Stacks Near Ceiling

Library Space to Grow

DEWITT—The DeWitt Public Library probably could claim the record for having the most books per cubic feet.

But Mrs. Faye Hanson, librarian, and Mrs. Margaret Roberts, her assistant, are not boasting about the overcrowded situation. Their dilemma increases as new volumes come in and must be stacked closer to the ceiling or on the floor.

Fortunately, relief is in sight.

The library now is housed in a 25 by 30 foot room in the Memorial Community Building, where a two-story addition is under construction.

When the project is completed this spring, the books and magazines will be moved to the original structure, which will give the library about four times as much floor space.

The library was established in 1934 by the DeWitt Civic Club with Mrs. P. J. Carris as the first librarian. It had three locations before it moved into the present building.

Two years ago, it became a district library and now serves all of DeWitt Township. The 1960 census for the township was 7,726, but this figure has almost doubled since because of the

great number of new homes built in this area.

Library circulation has grown from 500 volumes the first year to 29,500 the past year.

Funds are supplied by the city, township, federal government and penal fines. By joining the Central Michigan Library System last year, the library became eligible for federal aid. This aid consists mainly of books and technical services.

DeWitt Public Library is governed by a board composed of two members from the city and two from the township. They are Mrs. Rex Archer, president; Mrs. Leonard Wellington, vice president; Mrs. Lawrence Keck, secretary, and Kenneth Weaver, treasurer. The board meets the first Tuesday of every month.

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Sanitary Sewer Line Extension Sought

DeWitt Seeks Treatment Plant Operator

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DEWITT — DeWitt is looking for a sanitary sewage treatment plant operator, city council was told Tuesday night.

Councilmen were informed the town is without a licensed operator and interviews are now being conducted to find a replacement for the former operator. Meanwhile, motors at the sewage plant are being repaired and the plant is temporarily out of service.

State Health Department officials are aware of the temporary shutdown, council was assured, and the plant will return to service within a few days.

During the 3¼-hour session, council also heard a request for the extension of the sanitary sewer line on Webb Road, and discussed use of the fire department tank truck to fill swimming pools.

Frank Rose asked that the sewer line be extended on Webb Road to the city limits to serve properties in that area. The request was taken under consideration until a study can be made to determine the cost. Council told Rose he will probably have his answer in 30 days.

The question about using the fire department tank truck to fill swimming pools was referred to the police and fire board, but not until the issue was discussed at length.

Councilman Allen White objected to use of the tanker, stating that fire equipment should not be tied up for long periods when it might be needed in an emergency. It was pointed out that the increasing number of swimming pools could possibly keep the tanker busy, if residents used that source of water.

Councilmen White also asked

that the city ordinance prohibiting parking on all streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. be enforced. He said residents are ignoring the law and that it should be enforced, particularly during times when snow must be removed.

Arthur Newman, assistant fire chief, submitted the new constitution of the City Firemen's Association and it was given to Atty. Nile Vermillion for study.

DIRECTOR SUGGESTED

Newman also suggested that Police Director Charles Anderson be named civil defense director for the city and radio operator for fire calls. The matter was given to the police and fire board for study.

The State Health Department advised the city the Victor Township dump be closed within a short time. Council has a contract to use the privately

owned dump until May 1, when a new site must be found.

V. J. Oliver, executive director of the Michigan Metropolitan Development Society, asked that DeWitt join the group. He explained the agency's purpose is for industrial development and plant location, and that it covers Lansing, East Lansing and the six surrounding townships.

Councilman Lloyd Berkimer asked that the request be studied.