

WAVELAND LIBRARY OPENS + several other items (all researched & typed by kbz)

Source: Waveland Independent Waveland, Montgomery County, Indiana March 5, 1915

Waveland Library Opens The trustees have definitely decided to open the library to the public on Saturday, April 17. State Librarian, Demarehus Brown, of Indianapolis and Supt. Hines of the Crawfordsville schools will be the speakers. The details of the program have not been arranged, excepting that the exercises will occupy the afternoon and evening. No money from the tax levy will be available for the purchase of books before July 1. To enable the library to open at the earlier date, donations of books are being asked. So far there has been a generous response. Requests have been sent to the graduates of the Academy and the HS and the responses have been encouraging. Judge McIntyre will give a valuable Encyclopaedia of American and English Law in 30 volumes, with other books and a subscription to The Youth's Companion; Sylvester McIntyre has promised a number of books; the 15 members of the Current Events Club will each give ten books; the Coterie and REG Club will give ten dollars worth of books. The Priscilla Club will be remembered, gave ten dollars to start the movement for the library. Mrs. Herman Schweitzer and Miss C. Bertha Schweitzer will provide the latest edition of Webster's Dictionary. Other gifts will be noted from time to time. Every home should be represented in the library by one or more volumes-not necessarily new books but in good condition. Each gift will be inscribed with the name of the donor. Those intending to make gifts should deliver them in the next two weeks, so that the books may be properly labeled and arranged. The gift over which the trustees congratulate themselves most highly is one that comes from a son of Waveland, who has gone out from our little town and made a name for himself in two worlds; the artist TC Steele.

The two letters below are self-explanatory. "I regret that I have been so long in answering your letter of Jan.. 30. In reply I will say that I will be very glad indeed to respond favorably to the request for a picture for the Library of my home town. I feel gratified that I should be thought of in this connection. I am glad to know too that Waveland is to be so well provided for in this building. As I understand from your letter the building is to be dedicated about the first of April. I should be glad if you would let me know soon about the wall space you have available and also the color of the wall if it has been tinted or decorated. I should like to send you something important in size if you have sufficient wall space to hang it, say a picture, including from about 40 x 50 in. in size or 40 x 60. Please give my regards to your board of trustees, which contains names familiar to me, of those I knew in my boyhood days in Waveland. " "I am sending you today a picture entitled, "In Harvest Time," a Brown County view, painted last summer, which I hope will be found interesting to my old Waveland friends. It might be well to try it upon different walls of the library for the best light, though I am included to think above the mantle will be found the most suitable place. I congratulate the people of Waveland upon having such a library and am sure it will prove the town's most valuable possession!" - typed by kbz