

Goal Set Five Years Ago *News-Herald*
4/7/71

WPCC Library Gets Its 20,001st Book

Tuesday was a red letter day in the history of the Western Piedmont Community College library as the 20,001st book was acquired. No particular plans were made for the occasion and it was purely a matter of chance

that the book was "Eighty-Five Days: The Last Campaign of Robert Kennedy" by Jules Witcover.

Number one on the accession list was the first volume of an encyclopedia, demonstrating the growth of the library from a basic reference collection to an up - to - date collection running the gamut of the widely ranging interests of faculty and students.

It has been just over five years since the charter staff of the college set as its minimum goal the 20,000 volumes recommended by the American Library Association for junior college libraries.

Thousands and thousands of bits of paper, orders, invoices and cards have flowed through the workroom since January 1966.

It has taken the combined labor of faculty, library staff and work-study students to sift out, order and process these volumes.

"I would particularly like to commend the many faculty, past and present, who have taken such a great interest in building the collection," said Mrs. Peggy Fulk, director of Learning Resources. "Another, and frequently overlooked, group which has contributed immeasurably are the several dozen work-study students who over the years have done much of the detail work. Without their help, we could not have reached our goal. Of course the job is not finished. The collection must be kept alive and growing in response to the needs of the college community."

The physical setting of the library has also changed over the years. It has moved from one small office to improvised quarters in several classrooms at Central School, then to the new campus. This library was expanded only last summer. The rapidly growing student body demands more space and more service from the library staff.

See WPCC page 8A

WPCC

(Continued from page 1)
New services are offered as time and money allow.

How large will the library eventually become? The question is difficult to answer, Mrs. Fulk said. New curricula demand more books. Books for the new dental assisting program to open in the fall are now being ordered, and a constant up-dating of the collection is carried on to meet the needs of students and faculty, she added.

"We must also thank the many individuals and organizations in the community who have contributed money and books to the library. We deeply appreciate their interest and support" said Mrs. Fulk.