Queen Anne's County Free Library to Grow

This last week I made a trip to Sudlersville to see their Memorial Lirary an dto talk to Mrs. W. T. Roe, who has charge of that branch. The building they use is absolutely charming. If you can imagine walking into a lovely old church, with its great high ceiling, and the sunlightt filtering through beautiful stained windows, you will have some idea of the atmosphere Sudlersville cherishes for its students and readers. Such a setting must be conductive to reverence and repose in the pursuit of knowledge.

The Sudlersville Memorial library has an interesting history. About ten years ago the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, merged its congregation with the Calvary Methodist Church, and this church was leased to the town as a memorial for those people who subscribed funds to prepare it for a library.

Before this time Sudlersville had been served by the Emma Chance Memorial Library .This had been established by Mr. Albert Chance, a man of prominence in the district, who was living at the time in Philadelphia. After his wife's death he gave his extensive library to Sudlersville in memory of Mrs. Chance. The Emma Chance Memorial Library was operated for several years under the auspices of the ladies Community Club.

The Library came into the County Library system when the State Library system was established, thus broadening the scope and benefits it was able to gie its patrons.

Bonds for setting up the equipment of the library were subscribed to by local citizens in memory of their loved ones, so that the citizens of the village have a particular loe for their library. It is a part of them and their tra- I think I have neer heard a autiful story of the incep- ary ch was

tory of Queen Anne's County by Mr. Frederick Emory? Mr. Emory started his work in 1872. It covers the period from Claiborne's landing on Kent Island in 1629 to 1886. This history of the County means a great deal to the history of the whole estate ,and Claiborne's rebellion was a most important historical event. The books full of lore, as well as being a priceless historical record. Mr. Emory rode in a horse and buggy over the whole state. He went to every hamlet, to the Hall of records, through old Church records, and the court records, finding out political situations and local proceedings. The book is excellently indexed.

Copies of this book are for sale at the Centreville Library. Seventy-five per cent of the price of all copies soll is put aside under a generous planto defray the cost of the County Bookmobile. Mr. Houghton made possible the publication of this history, and he and Mr. Frederick Foster of the Maryland Historical Society conceived this method of benefiting the County Library. Every book you buy helps to enlarge service throughout the whole county.

I should have mentioned sooner that the hours when the Sudlersville Memorial Library is open to the public are:

Tuesday—1 to 4
Thursday—9 to 12
Saturday—1 to 3

This week Mrs. Victor Gillespie of Sudlersville, who was to bring flowers to the library from the Garden Club, was unable to come because of illness, so she sent down some beautiful greens which Mrs. E. S. Valiant, Jr., arranged. The sun shines through the green leaves on the window sills with an interesting effect. There is also a beatuiful lry arrangement for the charging desk.

The new book for the week is:"Art Treasures of the Louvre" with over one hundred illustrations in full and faithful color.

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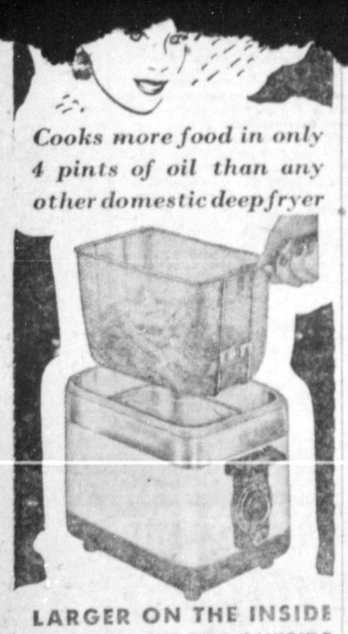
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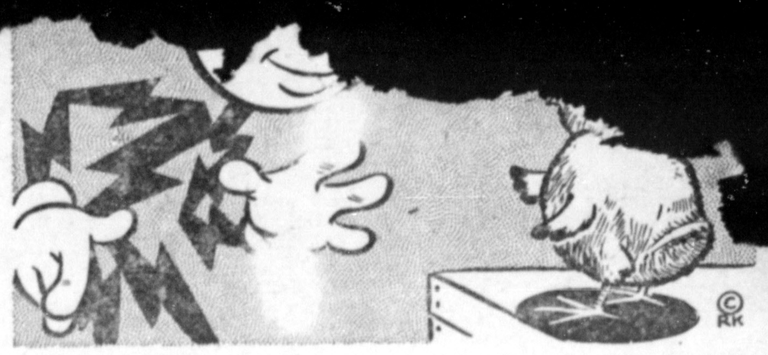

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